



DANBY AREA NEWS

HAVING A STROKE? CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY!

Submitted by George Jakubson, Danby Volunteer Fire Company

F.A.S.T. is an easy way to remember the sudden signs of stroke. When you can spot the signs, you'll know that you need to call 9-1-1 for help right away. *F.A.S.T.* is:

F: Face Drooping - Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?

A: Arm Weakness - Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

S: Speech Difficulty - Is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like "The sky is blue." Is the sentence repeated correctly?

T: Time to call 9-1-1 - If someone shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and get the person to the hospital immediately. Check the time so you'll know when the first symptoms appeared.

Stroke treatment has come along way in recent years, but early recognition is key. Remember *F.A.S.T.*!

Interested in volunteering as an emergency responder? The Danby and West Danby Fire Departments are always looking for people. It's a great way to give back to the community, and training is provided. Call the fire stations and leave a message (Danby 607.272.8115 or West Danby 607.564.7303) and someone will get back to you. ❁

YOUTH GRANTS

Submitted by Julie Clougherty, DCC Youth Grant Coordinator

Do you have a child going to summer camp, or participating in another type of program during February or March? Financial assistance is available for Danby youth up to age 21, in the form of grants of up to \$100 per youth per year.

Grants are awarded quarterly for camps, lessons, after-school programs, and more. You can submit an application for February or March...right now. The deadline is March 15 for programs beginning (or with payment deadlines) in April through June.

Funding is provided by the United Way and the Town of Danby. Families who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch are especially encouraged to apply.

For more information and applications please contact [youthgrants@danbycc.org]. You can also find applications on the Town Hall bulletin board. ❁

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST SEASON CONTINUES!

Submitted by Marrell Cortright and George Jakubson

We saw many of you at January's breakfast, and hope to see even more during the *two* breakfasts in February. Visit the firehouses and enjoy a good meal with your family and friends, and it benefits our local Fire Fighters!

The West Danby Fire Department offers its *Sweethearts* event—complete with a drawing for a Valentine's gift basket—on February 14. Up on the hill, the Danby Volunteer Fire Company is offering the second of its stack of three events on February 8.

Pancakes, eggs, potatoes, and more will be available, made by the members of your fire department.

Two more events are planned for March!. ❁

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DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submitted by Ted Crane

Submission Guidelines: Before submitting an item for the Danby News, please have a look at the *Submission Guidelines*. You can request them by Email from the editor at [danbynews@tedcrane.com] or find them in their temporary location at [danby.org/DanbyNews]. 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*.

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

I'm pleased to write this month's Clerk's article on a rare Saturday morning in January. The sun is shining brightly through the windows of the Town Clerk's office while I work on tax collection and the recent meeting minutes. I have no illusion that the harsh cold of winter is over, but blue skies and sunshine sure do help us all get through the season.

Tax collection started with a crawl (perhaps due to January's cold and blowing snow) but gained pace as the month progressed. After February 2, we are no longer able to accept partial payments on tax bills, and a penalty of 1 percent per month is added to outstanding tax bills. For those who made an installment payment in January, remember that your second installment is paid to Tompkins County Division of Finance (125 East Court Street, Ithaca) and are due by July 1, 2015.



Sometimes, the business of local government (paid for by your tax dollars) can seem mysterious. The best way to learn about your Town government is to simply be involved. Even early in the year, there is much to be involved in, from making comments about the situation that took place around New Year on Hornbrook Road, to learning about a the potential business enterprises on Gunderman Road in the old Angelheart "Planned Development" zone.

Many of the avenues of public participation begin at the Town of Danby web site at [townofdanby.org]. Some news and pieces of important information are up front on the web site home page. Others take a bit of looking around. The new web site is continually being added to and improved, so please share your ideas with us. Here are a few specific ways to stay informed and involved with local government:

Contact Board members. All Town Board members and chairs of other official Boards and Committees have Email addresses dedicated to that purpose. These addresses were listed in the January Danby Area News. In general, an official's address begins with their first initial and last name and ends with "townofdanby.org. For instance, I can be reached at [pgoddard@townofdanby.org] and my deputy, Susan McLellan, at [smclellan@townofdanby.org].

Attend meetings. Meeting agendas are available through the Town Clerk's office and should be posted in the calendar section of the Town web site. Follow the link for "calendars" and click on the meeting in question. If you don't find what you need, contact the Board chair or the Town Clerk directly and we can forward what you need.

If you're unable to make it to meetings, read the minutes. For example, Town Board minutes area available by following the links to "Boards and Committees," then to "Town Board," and then to "documents." A similar path will be followed for the Planning Board, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Conservation Advisory Council. If you don't find what you need directly on the web site (it sometimes takes a while for documents to get added there), contact the Town Clerk's office directly at 607.277.4788. We can send you most anything you need.

From February through mid-May, the Town Clerk's office is open 10am-5pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 10am-Noon on Saturdays. As always, we are closed on Sundays and Thursdays.

Yes, chocolate. Questions? Call 607.277.4788 or send Email to [pgoddard@townofdanby.org].

Position Opening:
Zoning Board Secretary

Submitted by Joe Schwartz, BZA Chair

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 BZA 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 minutes. Minutes must be completed within two weeks of the meeting and sent to the Town Clerk and Code Officer.

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@townofdanby.org] or 607.277.4788.

DRINKING WATER SUPPLY SURVEY

Submitted by Steve Winkley, Rural Water Association

In order to help protect the availability and quality of our drinking water resources, the Town of Danby is working with the New York Rural Water Association (NYRWA) on a source water protection plan. The purpose of such a plan is to reduce or eliminate the potential risks to drinking water supplies. An initial step in the development of this plan is to collect information on the nature of water supply issues here in Danby.

As part of the effort to better understand water supply resources in Danby, NYRWA has created an online drinking water supply survey at [surveymonkey.com/s/DMCRWC6]. In addition, there is a link to this survey on the Town's web site [townofdanbyny.org].

Your help in our effort to protect the drinking water of Danby would be greatly appreciated. Our hope is that you can spend a few minutes and complete the water supply survey. Responses to this survey will be confidentially sent to NYRWA, a non-profit organization of small communities and rural water/wastewater systems in New York State. They hope to collect the responses to this survey by February 28, 2015. Thank you very much for your assistance.

If you have any questions, you may contact Pamela Goddard, [townclerk@townofdanbyny.org] or 607.277.4788), or me, 518.828.3155.x17. ❧



WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Extreme cold postponed work for two weeks but Moody & Associates began the work of repairing the leaking seal on the District's water pump on Monday, January 19. The repair process is taking advantage of the three days worth of water stored in new tank; while the repair work is done, water will be supplied from the tank.

There was a scare on Friday the 16th, when a line leak caused consumption to rise enough to reduce the three-day storage capacity. That leak was fixed and no others have showed up during the pump's down time.

As this article is being written, mid-repair, there's been a hiccup in the process. The well shaft had a smaller

diameter at the bottom than at the top, and the new pump wouldn't fit. Tod Sukontarak and Carl Seamon drove to Auburn to pick up a temporary pump that could fit in the shaft, and it will be down in the well while all the permanent parts are cleaned and inspected by Moody. Once that is done, Moody can supply any needed parts and then re-install everything back to normal...or better than normal.

As reported previously, the repair of the seal will be funded through the Infrastructure Grant; they allowed the Water District to extend the grant closing date for a few weeks.

[Tod was too busy to do the writing, but he provided the information for this report.—Ted] ❧



SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

Some important events you should be aware of:

The Town Board plans to set a date (perhaps February 9) for a public hearing to consider zoning changes that would allow a variety of new uses at the former Angelheart Designs/Flax barn on Gunderman Road. The present owner, JLF Holdings/David Hall, envisions use of the building and its addition for several kitchens to process local farm products, a community kitchen for short term lease by caterers and farmers, a business incubator, offices, clinics, auctions, and his own business, National Book Auctions.

The Planning Board has studied the proposal and has recommended its approval with conditions, including water testing to see if there is influence on neighboring wells once water usage reaches a certain point, limits on the number of employees, and limits on truck traffic.

I lead off this month's area news with the above hearing announcement because you need to be aware that the Town has several big ticket items before it. The Gunderman Road Project is first on our agenda.

It is important for a number of reasons, not only for the ones I outline here. I believe the Town has some responsibility in 'growing' local farm-to-table ventures and businesses. It is exciting to see some of these grass-roots enterprises take route in our community.

On the other hand, for the residents who live in proximity to the property covered by this proposal and who have historical water problems, sufficient controls must be put in place.

All of this takes longer than participants might desire but, I believe and as past experience has indicated, information and a public process are important. I look forward to hearing your input on this Project.

Another important item on the table for your attention and review is the culmination of the work we have been doing over the past few years on protecting the water in the town of Danby. For over a decade, Danby has been investigating its Aquifers and other water resources. Since 1989, the Town's Comprehensive Planning has stressed the vital importance of water.

A group of residents is working with Steven Winkley of the New York Rural Water Association on a draft-groundwater resource protection law, for public information and comment. That law will be part of our future Danby Source Water Protection Plan.

Right now, though, please help us. Just take a few minutes and fill out our Online Drinking Water Supply Survey by February 28. The survey is confidential. The survey can be found at [surveymonkey.com/s/DMCRWC6].

In closing, on a sad note, regarding the ongoing tragedy of a family from Hornbook Road. The Town is still involved in working to understand this incident. The Town Board followed up my request to the Sheriff's office for an "after-action" report with a resolution also requesting that report and the formation of an independent committee to review the Sheriff's report.

As always, if there is an issue the Town should address, please contact me, [supervisor@townofdanbyny.org]. ☘

CADY FAMILY RELIEF FUND

The Danby Federated Church is taking monetary donations toward a relief fund for the Cady family who tragically lost everything in early January.

Checks should be made payable to Danby Federated Church, 1859 Danby Road, Ithaca, New York 14850. Please write Cady Relief Fund in the memo section of the check. One hundred percent of all donations will go to the Cadys.

A special effort to collect donations was made during the DFC's monthly Chicken and Biscuit Dinner in January. About 170 people attended the dinner, many of them from out of town (like, Lansing and Trumansburg), far more than the usual count of about 110 people.

There is also a GoFundMe page on the web at [gofundme.com/j1aqu0]. ☘

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Code Enforcement Office • [code@townofdanbyny.org]

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

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Tue, 7pm

All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL, 2014 REPORT

Submitted by Joel Gagnon, Conservation Advisory Council

Conservation Easement Program

Looking back on our efforts this past year, the conservation easement program completely dominated our activity. When 2013 ended, we were in the final stages of completing our first easement, with Art and Donna Hanson, on a 25-acre parcel on Sandbank Road. This is located in a part of town on the border with Ithaca and consequently subject to fairly intense development pressure. It is also some of the best agricultural land in the town. To have the Hansons willing to cede their development rights was exceptionally valuable to the town. The property has since been sold to the adjacent landowner, who is in the initial stages of planting an orchard and creating a cidery. That easement finally closed in July, culminating in a formal signing ceremony consistent with its import to the town. With this being our first easement, there were a lot of procedures to work out. The town clerk and code enforcement offices were both supportive and of great assistance, and the help of the town's attorney Guy Krogh invaluable.

Two other easements occupied us rather well for the balance of the time, and served as rather intense "learning by doing" experiences for council members Jake Brenner and Matt Ulinski. Matt was chief negotiator for the easement offered by Erick Palmer and DeAnna DeMark for a 14.3-acre parcel at the corner of Marsh and Deputron Hollow roads, and Jake for an adjoining 42-acre parcel on the opposite side of Deputron Hollow Road that includes a considerable part of the upper reach of the gorge. This second parcel was offered by Ted Melchen. Both of these easements were influenced by and handled in conjunction with a proposal to extend the year-round maintenance portion of Marsh Road. The willingness of these property owners to place restrictive easements on their properties was somewhat contingent on the town's willingness to reclassify the road, and vice-versa, complicating negotiations. The Deputron Hollow area is still mostly rural and scenic, with the hollow itself recognized as a unique natural area.

Protecting more of it would be of considerable value to the town; we sought to make the easement donation a positive experience for the donors and hope we have succeeded. As of this writing, approvals are in place by all parties but a final closing is still to be effected.

The primary thrust of Danby's conservation easement effort is to reduce housing sprawl while restricting

property uses minimally just to reduce the potential for abuse and degradation of the land resource. We thus spent a considerable and very worthwhile time on the issue of what constitutes a seasonal use cabin in the course of crafting the Melchen easement. We sought to ensure that what all now agree will be a seasonal use cabin does not over time and under a variety of owners evolve into a more permanent dwelling, thereby adding housing where none had been intended to go. Erick and DeAnna were very helpful in getting us to a definition that all could agree was highly unlikely to allow a cabin to morph into a house, and the result will likely assist the town in crafting relevant rules and regulations that can apply to seasonal cabins elsewhere in town, particularly when they are located on seasonal use roads.

Management Plans for Town-owned Properties

We resumed work on the town-owned property located on Deputron Hollow road, seeking clarity regarding its location and size. The tax map had the town owning 16 acres on the north side of the road and nothing on the south side. The deed indicated 10 acres on the north side and 14 acres on the south side. Since the chain of title for the south parcel is clouded, we focused on the north side. That property was surveyed and is now marked appropriately. We also concluded that given the relatively young age of the regrowth on that property, our "plan" for it should be to leave it alone for a while. We have yet to run that by the public, a necessary part of the development of a plan.

Late in the year, it came to our attention that the town owns another parcel that we were not aware of, located in West Danby. This is the property that the water district tank and well are located on, adjacent to and uphill of the Fire District's land on which the West Danby Fire Station is located (the fire District parcel was purchased from the town for the purpose of locating the fire station). We have yet to investigate this property, but as a mostly wooded site with quality mature trees, it is a substantial asset worthy of careful consideration and management. It will be a focus in 2015.

Looking Ahead

With solid experience in place in executing conservation easements, we anticipate that we can be more proactive in approaching landowners to encourage donations of development rights. Thanks to CAC member Jake Brenner, we now have an open space inventory, maps, and methods we can use to prioritize our efforts. We are excited by the prospect of expanding our easement program and expect that to be a major focus of our work this coming year.



BROADBAND IN DANBY UPDATE

Submitted by Ted Crane

More than six months have gone by since my last *Broadband Update* in the Danby News and, this time, I have some good news to report.



Clarity Connect hasn't been idle all these months. Although the grant funding from New York State was not coming in, Clarity began installing towers and equipment, either where the locality was contributing to the project, or where

Clarity could spare up capital to work on its own. Although none of this activity was in Danby, Clarity was able to begin providing service to those Danby residents whose homes had a view of towers to the West and Southwest.

Several West-facing residents have given me positive reviews of the service they're getting, but there have been some bumps as Clarity learned how best to utilize the new equipment. According to Clarity, they've learned enough from the "teething pains"—and established good communications with the equipment manufacturer—to avoid similar problems in the future.

In August, my more traditional high-speed service, which is provided by Clarity using Verizon's infrastructure, was down for a week. In an effort to work around Verizon's phone line problems, Clarity was kind enough to evaluate a temporary wireless option for me. In Northwest Danby, we could "see" a tower but, even with an antenna mounted on a tall mast, the trees and leaves were too thick to allow useful service. In Cen-

tral Danby, overlooking West Danby, excellent service could have easily been obtained from a tower in Newfield. Although I was upset about the outage, this effort by Clarity was more effective than what I've come to expect from the "big boys" of the internet industry.

Since then, the key news item is that it appears that the contract with NY State was completed. This opens the pipeline for grant funding. The first reimbursements (NY requires Clarity to spend first!) are not expected before March 4, and then Clarity can resume large-scale infrastructure work.

The small-scale work, however, continues. Clarity has installed some equipment on the existing County-owned tower in southern Danby. This allows service to be provided to additional residences, those with a direct line-of-sight to the tower. I've heard from a resident on upper Bald Hill Road, who expects service to be installed in late January.

Clarity has told me that, if you've already contacted them to indicate interest in the fixed-wireless Broadband Internet service, they will notify you when your location can be served. I have an old, old coverage map that suggests that the new tower may also "see" some residents in the Curtis Road, Michigan Hollow Road, western East Miller Road, and White Hawk regions. I don't know what Clarity knows but, hey, your phone may ring.

If you haven't yet been in touch with Clarity, it wouldn't hurt to contact them at [clarityconnect.com] or 607.257.8268. They can't find you if you don't find them! ❧

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. February 13, Friday, 5-7pm. In the DFC, 1859 Danby Road.

Lunches & Games For One And All

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

Pi Day Celebration

Saturday, March 14, 9:26am (3-14-15 9:26). Just in case you missed 12-13-14 15:16 and the ubiquitous corduroy moment, 11-11-11 11:11!

St. Patrick's Day Concert

The Grady Girls return to Danby on Sunday, March 15, 3pm in Town Hall. Join them for an exciting afternoon of high-energy Irish tunes along with other traditional music.

Danby Fun Day

Save the date! Danby Fun Day 2015 will be Saturday, July 11, 2015. ❧

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, February 5 at Noon in the Danby Church. All seniors 55 and over are welcomed to join us for a dish to share luncheon.

Thank you to Rollie and Sharon Boda for hosting our January 8 meeting on a cold day...with the cutest snowmen favors. We passed an envelope for donations to the Cady family. We also all signed a birthday card for our lifetime member Charlotte Hautala, who turns 100 on January 21. Ted did two raffles and the winners got Walmart gift cards. ❀

SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS

Submitted by Katrina Schickel, TC Office for the Aging

Are you wondering about services for older adults? From questions about Medicare, to concerns about an older relative, the staff at the Tompkins County Office for the Aging can help you.

The Tompkins County Office for the Aging offers information on a wide variety of services for older adults and their caregivers. If our office cannot help you, we can refer you to others who can help. Please call the Tompkins County Office for the Aging at 607.274.5482, or visit us on the web at [tompkinscountyny.gov/cofa]. ❀

MOBILE FOOD TRUCK

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The Mobile Food Truck is sponsored by the Food Bank of the Southern Tier and the Danby Federated Church.

For the months of January through March we will be inside the Danby Fire Station. The dates are January 26, February 23, and March 23 (all are Mondays) at 1 pm. In April we will resume our outdoor Danby Church location for the rest of the year. There will be no May date as our 4th Monday falls on the Memorial Day holiday.

Anyone needing food can attend and can also pick up food for one other family. Please bring your own bags or boxes. ❀

LIFELONG OFFERS CLASSES

Submitted by Barry Adams, Lifelong Senior Citizens Center

Lifelong, the Tompkins County Senior Citizens Center, caters for the most part to retired members of the community. For many years it has sponsored a wide range of activities at its West Court Street location next to the old public library. Beginning next month, its doors will be swinging open a little wider to encourage more members of the general public, especially those who are approaching retirement age, to enter and enjoy its programs.

To reach this wider audience, a number of new Lifelong Learning opportunities have been scheduled for late afternoon and early evening. Local residents who are less free to attend morning or early afternoon activities will find these new opportunities particularly attractive. While extending its programming in this way, Lifelong will continue to offer recreational and health-and-wellness oriented activities as well as opportunities for self-expression in the arts (painting, singing, acting, dancing), along with courses and presentations of a more traditional academic sort (Shakespeare, American History, foreign language study, "Galaxies and the History of the Universe," "Getting to Know the Microbes in Your Life," and many more).

This spring's instructors will include many who are well known to current members of Lifelong as well as several new volunteers. The Lifelong Learning catalog, which is available free of charge (online at [tclifelong.org], at the Lifelong facility (119 West Court Street), and throughout Ithaca and Tompkins County) provides biographical sketches of all instructors as well as descriptions of over 90 Spring 2015 offerings, with information about registration and fees. ❀

SOUTHERN TOMPKINS TOWN TALK

Submitted by Gay Huddle, Ithaca Journal Columnist

Southern Tompkins Town Talk would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year, and I hope that you will consider sharing your stories in this column during 2015.

I write for Danby, West Danby, Newfield, Brooktondale and South Hill neighborhoods. Pictures are always a welcome addition. Please contact me at [gayhuddle@hotmail.com], 607.273.6530, or 65 Gunderman Road, Ithaca, New York. Thank you. ❀

Community Council Winter Youth Programs

Submitted by Karlita Bleam, Danby Youth Program Manager

Danby's Youth Program wants to meet your needs!

Please visit [[surveymonkey.com/s/LVRXWGQ](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LVRXWGQ)] and complete the survey. Your answers will remain completely anonymous. If you have any questions contact me at [kb578@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292.x222.

For more info about programs please visit our web site, [ccetompkins.org/4h/rural-youth-services/danby].

Remember, transportation by bus is available from South Hill Elementary School, Boynton Middle School, and Lehman Alternative Community School.

Now Offering:

Rolling into Roald Dahl's Wondrous World of Food

Tuesdays, Danby Federated Church

Grades 6 to 8, February 3-February 10, 2:30-6:00pm

Grades 3 to 8, February 24-March 24, 2:30-6:00pm

Do you like to cook, read, eat, act, puppeteer, or write? In this program we will be reading excerpts of Roald Dahl's books, cooking recipes from the book *Roald Dahl's Revolting Recipes* and working on any kind of project: poems, stories, scenes, puppet shows, art projects and anything else we can think of to present in April. 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

Do you like music? Does a particular song bring you back to when you first heard it? The Danby Community Library has a new DVD called *Alive Inside* that explores music's capacity to reawaken our souls and uncover the deepest parts of our humanity. It chronicles the astonishing experiences of individuals around the country who have been revitalized and awakened by the simple act of listening to the music of their youth. This film received the Audience Award at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival—try it!

Danby Community Library volunteers are updating patron information every five years. You may receive an email or call requesting updated information. Please let us know if you still want to be a member of Danby's own Community Library.

Welcome to our new volunteers—if you are considering even a couple hours a month at the library, please contact us! ❁



Danby Youth Designing - Grades 3 to 8

Wednesdays, Danby Federated Church

February 4-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

February 5-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! ❁

YOUTH GRANTS

FROM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Submitted by Julie Clougherty

Financial assistance for Danby youth, up to age 21, attending activity programs is available. It takes the form of a grant of up to \$100 per youth per year. The Danby Community Council administers these grants, based on funding provided by the United Way and the Town of Danby.

Grants are awarded quarterly for camps, lessons, after-school programs, and more. You can submit now for current (January-March) programs, and the deadline is March 15 for programs beginning in April-June.

Families who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch are especially encouraged to apply. For more information and applications, please contact [youthgrants@danbycc.org]. ❁

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DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- Jan 30 • Fri
6:30pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
6th Annual Chili Challenge
- Feb 2 • Mon
7:30pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Town Board Meeting
- Feb 5 • Thu
Noon 🏛️ Danby Federated Church • **Seniors**
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Danby Community Council**
- Feb 7 • Sat
9am 🏛️ Town Hall
Library Volunteers Meeting
- Feb 8 • Sun
8-11am 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall
Pancake Breakfast
- Feb 9 • Mon
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Public Hearing: Gunderman Road
7pm+ 🏛️ Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**
7pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • **Fire Dep't Meeting**
7pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall • **WD Fire Dep't Meeting**
- Feb 10 • Tue
7pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall
Fire District Meeting
- Feb 13 • Fri
5-7pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
Chicken and Biscuit Dinner
- Feb 14 • Sat
8-11am 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall
Sweethearts Breakfast
- Feb 16 • Mon
Noon 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
Lunch and Games

- Feb 17 • Tue
7:30pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall
Fire District Meeting
- Feb 19 • Thu
3-6pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church • **Food Pantry**
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Planning Board Meeting**
7:30pm 🏛️ Oasis • **Park Association Meeting**
- Feb 23 • Mon
1-2pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • **Mobile Food Truck**
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Conservation Adv Council Mtg**
- Mar 5 • Thu
Noon 🏛️ Danby Federated Church • **Seniors**
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Danby Community Council**
- Mar 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