



DANBY AREA NEWS

ON THE DANBY CONCERT MENU: HOT BISCUITS

Come hear the accomplished playing and soulful singing of Danby resident Jim Lawrence and Roger Bakorn of Hot Biscuits at 3pm on Sunday, September 20, 2015, in the Danby Town Hall.

After playing the Ithaca music scene together, thirty years ago, this duo has recently reunited. They two bring decades of musicianship to their performance.

Roger even makes his own instruments. He has been playing stringed instruments since the age of 12. Jim has offered jazz, bluegrass, Motown, folk, pop, and fusion to our local music scene, and fronted the band The Kinetics in 1985-1991. He currently plays with The Backtalk Band.

Expect to hear a wide variety of great singer-songwriter material from legends John Prine, Ry Cooder, James Taylor, and Bob Dylan—to name a few—along with some bluegrass, too.

Join us for a late summer serenade. We'll bring the biscuits and butter. Wouldn't some local preserves go great with those? Feel free to bring a jar to share with your neighbors.

Like all DCC events, this concert is free. The Danby Concert Series receives grant support from the Town of Danby and the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County.

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SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

The most difficult conversations—for both families and municipalities—often center on how to spend money. New York State has mandated a strict cap on tax levy increases and this puts pressure on its Towns.

Danby has been able to stay under the cap by keeping a watchful eye, by being financially responsible, and by attending to its financial needs in a realistic fashion. Now, along with many municipalities, Danby is feeling the pinch.

During the last three years, Danby not only stayed within the tax cap, we stayed far enough below it to carry forward credits to the following year. This allowed qualified taxpayers to receive tax refund checks from New York State.

New York State is asking for cuts in 2016, above and beyond those which have already been made. The credit carried forward from last year is not nearly enough to soften these cuts.

In an effort to comply with these new cuts, which we would have to sustain over several years, Danby has hoped to benefit from Tompkins County's proposal to the State showing cost savings realized by the sharing of services. We do not know, yet, whether this proposal will be successful but, even if it is, I do not believe it will be sufficient to comply with the tax cap for next year.

The very small credit carried forward from last year—\$1,600—combined with the very much smaller growth rate factors declared by the State for 2016 will not make it easy to stay within the tax cap. In 2015 we were allowed more than \$38,000 of budget growth but, in 2016, the limit is less than \$24,000.

Compare this figure with an expected five percent increase in health insurance costs (about \$10,000), with increases in retirement costs, and with more. Just like household costs, municipal costs always increase.

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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 [danbyny.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

Hunting Licenses

The sale of DEC sporting licenses contributes to a busy part of our work routine in September. *Doe Management Permit* (DMP) sales began on August 10 and continue through the end of the work day on Thursday, October 1. As a service to Danby hunters, The Clerk's office will be open that day.

Sales in August started out slowly and, once again, with a bit of a bumpy ride. We can hope that all of the computer data-entry and problems with the DMP lottery will be over by September. Remember that, even if a hunter has a Life time License, they still need to visit a sales agent for DMP tags and other "add-ons." Licenses are on sale all year 'round. If you bring your previous sporting license or your driver's license, it'll make it easier for us to find you in the DEC License sales system. Remember, your Town Clerk's office is just one of many outlets for DEC license sales: in addition retail outlets, you may also purchase your licenses online.



In 2014, several changes were made to the available license types and to the fees associated with those licenses. These include the loss of the "Super Sportsman" license. Those who bought that option in the past will now have purchase each privilege separately. In a number of cases, this change actually *reduces* fees for NYS resident hunters.

Due to ongoing updates in the sporting license sales system, it make take more than just a few minutes to process hunting and fishing licenses. Sue McLellan and I appreciate your patience. Remember, the license year has been adjusted to run from September 1 to August 31. Fishing licenses may be purchased during any season and run for a year from the date of purchase.

Information about all of these changes can be found in the 2015-2016 hunting and fishing guides, available at the Clerk's office.

Each year, we encourage Danby hunters to make donations to the New York State Venison Donation Coalition. The Coalition is a non-profit that coordinates efforts of hunters, deer processors, food banks, and other individuals to add locally-sourced food to New York State food banks. Ground venison is distributed through food pantries, soup kitchens, and senior living centers. One deer can provide up to 160 highly nutritious servings to those in need. It's easy to support this effort, even if you butcher your own venison. Simply tell the Clerk to click the donation link and a small fee, \$1, will be added to the license fee. Donations are also accepted through the VDC's secure website [venisondonation.org] or send a check payable to: Venison Donation Coalition, Inc., 415 West Morris Street, Bath, NY 14810. Call 866.862.DEER for more information.

In September the Town Clerk's office will be open 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays. After Labor Day weekend, we add Saturday mornings, 10am-Noon. We are closed on Sundays and Thursdays. You can always reach us by phone, 607.277.4788 or [townclerk@townofdanbyny.org]. ❧

FUTURE DANBY-ITE SEEKS RENTAL

Submitted by Amie Hamlin

I've purchased land on Michigan Hollow Road and plan to build there. Meanwhile, I'm looking for a rental situation that will be convenient to my building site.

I'm a responsible professional, and I'm interested in:

- 2+ bedrooms, 1+ bath
- Internet access
- Washer Dryer hookup or washer dryer
- House/duplex/condo but not an apartment building
- Prefer out in the country a little bit
- Must be in the Ithaca City School District

Please contact me if you have a place or know of one. 631.525.3650 or [amiehal@gmail.com]. ❧

MISTAKEN ROAD REPORT

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

I had stopped at the stop sign on South Danby Road, with my blinker on to indicate that I was turning left onto NYS Rt.96B.

A white Cadillac coming from Ithaca turned onto South Danby Road. The driver waved to me, indicating that she wanted to talk. I rolled down my window. She got out of her car. She had dropped her son off at Cornell, she said, and now her GPS wasn't working.

Pointing to South Danby Road, she asked, "Is this 81?" There are times when the traffic is so bad on South Danby Road that it seems like 81 but I assured her it wasn't and gave her directions how to get there. ❧

WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

We flushed hydrants in the second week of August on the schedule published in last month's Danby Area News. There were several people, especially in the Hillview Road area, who experienced bad brown water most likely as a result.

One customer said she had laundry ruined. We are sorry for that but I am not sure what to do about it. It is a bit of a conundrum, as flushing the hydrants is necessary for getting a handle on reducing the amount of sediment and discoloration in the lines but flushing them also sometimes causes short-term brown water conditions.

The Water District flushing schedule is conducted twice annually, once in the second week of April and once in the second week of August. Doing so in the second week allows time for the Danby News to be delivered

and for water customers to have read it. The Danby News also has contact information for people to communicate with me if they want to know the exact day. The day that it is done is dependent on weather and work schedules but will be done in the stated week.

If you do experience brown water during the flushing period, one method of removing it immediately is to run a garden hose until the color goes away. Another method is to not use water for a few hours until the sediment settles.

The cause of the brown water is dislodging of material on the inside of the pipe accumulated over time. Our water is tested monthly in various locations and has always been passed as safe for drinking. We understand that nobody wants to bathe or do laundry let alone drink brown water so we will continue to flush on the current schedule to try to eliminate the problem. ❁

COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, County Legislator

The unemployment rate in Tompkins County (4.1 percent) is typically one of the lowest in NY State, and has been for a very long time. However, that doesn't mean that everyone who wants a job has a job, or that everyone has the job that is the best match for them.

I recently got to spend some time at the Tompkins Workforce New York One-Stop Career Center. I wanted to share a little of what I learned there.

Tompkins Workforce New York is a partnership--a collaboration between eleven local partner agencies, both public and private. Tompkins County government is a partner in the workforce system and receives federal grant money to help people gain skills and employment (or find better employment). Other partners include TC3, Challenge, NYS Dept of Labor, Office for the Aging, DSS, TC Action, Experience Works, Women's Opportunity Center, ACCES-VR, and TST BOCES.

There are a variety of programs for all Tompkins County residents and grants to assist certain populations with job searching and training. These populations include veterans, individuals with low income, individuals with disabilities, people who have left school, those experiencing long term unemployment, and at-risk youth.

Services provided to job seekers include career counseling, resume development, career workshops and career

fairs, a career library, job search resources, job placement assistance, E-learning programs, vocational classroom and community college training funding, and access to computers, phones, fax machines, and copiers.

Tompkins Workforce NY averages 2,000 job seekers each year. Approximately 78 percent of job seekers find employment within a few months. About 32 percent decide that education or training will help them become more marketable, and assistance is provided to access that training or education.

Tompkins Workforce NY also provides services to businesses to help them find, train, and retain qualified employees. It's something you don't necessarily hear about a lot, but there are plenty of examples of jobs available in Tompkins County where the employer can't easily find local people who have the required skills for the job. Tompkins Workforce NY helps makes those connections.

A basic component of a good life for many people is finding the right employment. Tompkins Workforce NY exists to help fulfill this basic need. If you could use some help in finding the right employment for you, feel free to contact them. They are located in Center Ithaca, Suite 241, and can be contacted at 607.272.7570x135

You can contact me at [danbydan@hotmail.com] or 607.272.7582. ❁

➤ **Supervisor's Update, continued from front page**

The Town is also going to have to absorb the costs of storm damage and flooding mitigation that resulted from recent storms. As State highways and roads were being washed away, Danby declared a state of emergency. Together with the County, we accumulated damage estimates in the hope of reimbursements from FEMA, but the cumulative damage cost was not enough to meet FEMA thresholds.

Danby must pay the significant costs incurred by its Highway Department in full, by itself.

To safeguard against future damage in a proactive way, immediate action—in the form of a new *GradAll*—is needed. The current equipment is 24 years old and has a high maintenance cost. With current low interest rates, we can enter a 3-5 year leasing agreement but these payments must be built into the budget. To get leasing approval, we have to demonstrate enough budget flexibility to satisfy lending agencies.

FIRE STATION PARKING

Submitted by Tom Sessler, DVFC At-large Director

This is just a friendly reminder that, if you use the Danby Fire Station for voting or other events, you should not park in the lot directly in front of the building, with the exception of the two handicapped parking spaces.

In the event of an emergency, responders may need to get in to the building quickly and the emergency vehicles need a clear exit from the truck bays. Vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the lot can impede response and cause potential for injury.

The siren at the station does not always sound during an emergency, and you may not have sufficient warning to get your vehicle moved before responders arrive at the station. In these situations seconds count and the lives of your family and neighbors may be at stake. Thank you for your consideration. ✂



KEYS FOUND

Did you lose a Chevy key and an electronic key on Comfort Road? They were found in mid-August, just uphill from Lieb Road. Contact [dis2@cornell.edu]. ✂

Bottom line, I do not believe that Danby can remain within the NYS tax cap during 2016. To override the tax cap, a local law must be passed by the Town Board. Passing such a law does not obligate the Town to override the tax cap, but it gives the Town the flexibility to do so if it finds that path to be the most fiscally prudent decision. This local law must be passed before November deadline set by the State for establishing our 2016 budget.

If a law is not passed, the Town will have no option but to remain under the tax cap. This would mean very hard choices about cuts in services and responsible maintenance, such as a roof for the Highway Barn, replacement of older highway equipment, and even a municipal fiscal audit. Even big cuts like these might not be enough to stay under the cap and would not be financially responsible or properly address the needs of the Town.

Spending down our existing fund balance in order to pay for known and unexpected changes to the comfort and security of Danby's residents—like this summer's flooding—is also not a responsible way to provide for the future. You can only empty the savings account once. Retaining some financial flexibility is extremely important for emergency situations and for the future.

The Town Board has set a Public Hearing for 7pm on Monday, September 21 to consider a Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit. The Board is well aware that this is part of an ongoing and difficult conversation regarding how to most responsibly work with taxpayer money.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at [supervisor@townofdanbyny.org]. ✂

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CHIMNEY FIRES

Submitted by Ed Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

A chimney fire in action can be impressive and has been described as creating:

- loud cracking and popping noise
- a lot of dense smoke
- an intense, hot smell

Chimney fires can burn explosively—noisy and dramatic enough to be detected by neighbors. Flames or dense smoke may shoot from the top of the chimney. Homeowners report a low rumbling sound that reminds them of a freight train or jet airplane.

A chimney fire originates in the chimney and is the burning of deposits of soot or creosote that have collected inside the chimney in the same way as grease condenses on cooking stove vents.

The process begins with the incomplete burning of fuel in wood stoves or open fireplaces. The unburned gases rise up into the chimney and contact cooler surfaces, forming creosote and soot deposits. Over time, successive layers accumulate until either the chimney is completely blocked...or the creosote ignites. These fires tend to burn very hot and, thanks to the restricted flue, result in the rapid flow of hot gases and flame as if the chimney were jet engine; hence the noise and the fireworks.

Slow-burning chimney fires also exist and, while not as dramatic or visible, the temperatures they reach are high and can cause much damage to the chimney structure and the house. Soot and creosote can also be ignited when nests lodged in the chimney fall and catch fire.

There are several major risks from a chimney fire. Burning debris may blow out of the chimney igniting the roof or home. Heat from the chimney fire can pass through the masonry or surrounding chimney “chase” and overheat other combustible parts of the house (while building codes require a specific clearance of the framing members from the flue materials, this is not always found in actual construction). Finally, the heat can expand the creosote causing the flue to plug...and then the flames and heat come back into the home.

Roofs are particularly susceptible to fire damage. Both West Danby and Danby firefighters have responded to



chimney fires in recent years. If they are required to climb onto the roof, there is danger of falling through.

Chimney fires are easily prevented.

When designing a chimney, you can reduce the problem by specifying an internal chimney structure when possible, versus a chimney attached to an external wall. The latter is often more pleasing architecturally, but tends to be cooler, contributing to the problem. Bird nests can be prevented by using a wire guard over the chimney.

Once built, prevention comes from burning dry fuels and non-resinous logs.

The best way to keep a chimney fire from happening is to prevent the buildup of creosote. There are products that can help: the Creosote Sweeping Log for Fireplaces or a so-called creosote destroyer acts as a catalyst and destroys the binder that holds the creosote particles together.

Finally, and most critical, you should clean your solid fuel venting system annually using a qualified chimney sweep. Clean chimneys don't catch fire. Make sure a Chimney Sweep inspects, and cleans and repairs it whenever needed.

That could be one of your annual fall tasks; I just did mine.

Most importantly, if you have such a fire, get every one out and call 9-1-1 immediately. There is a risk of the chimney falling, a fire backing into the home, and/or a spreading fire. ❁

YOGA CLASSES IN DANBY

Submitted by Kelly Morris

Classes at *Yoga in the Woods* incorporate physical exercises to strengthen, stretch, heal, and take care of our physical bodies, inspirational readings from yoga philosophy to help calm the mind and encourage us to practice yoga, and breathing exercises that also help to calm the mind and bring more energy and health to the body.

We also practice just resting at the end of every class to reduce stress and strengthen the immune system.

A new ongoing class for beginners or those out of practice starts on Monday, September 14, 6-7pm. For more information, including other classes, visit [yogainthewoods.info] or contact me at [kellymorrismail@gmail.com]. Fee: by donation. ❁

CODE OFFICE UPDATES PERSONNEL

Submitted by C.J. Randall, Town Planner

It has been an exciting three months since Paul and I began our work here in the Town of Danby. Paul Hansen is the new Code Enforcement Officer and I am a Town Planner. Together, we coordinate the Town's many building, zoning, and planning projects. Sue Beeners continues to give us advice whenever we need it!

Paul's construction experience in Danby dates back to a project on Steam Mill Road in 1978. He recently ran across that building permit; it was issued back in the days when a building permit was a rarity. Over the years, his travels took him to other locales (around 1990, he even worked with Sue Beeners in the Town of Ithaca!) but Paul returned to build his own home in Danby in 2008. He now enjoys the short commute to Town Hall and helping out in the community where he lives.

I am enjoying work on many different planning projects for the Town. I'm thinking a lot about ways to

encourage good development while being mindful of the Town's environmental resources. Flooding is a big concern, so I am working with the Danby Highway Department and with Tompkins County to learn ways to better manage all that water. Clean groundwater is critical for healthy drinking water; so I am working with the New York Rural Water Association to protect that resource.

We are seeking a biologist to help identify our most rare and spectacular flora and fauna for the Conservation Advisory Council's Natural Resource Inventory. Interested parties should contact the Code Enforcement Office (see the Town Office Info on page 5).

We are available assist with your building, zoning, and planning inquiries in person. Paul Hansen's office hours are 9am-5pm, Monday through Wednesday; C.J. Randall is in the office 12:30-5:30pm, Monday through Thursday. ❁

HEAT SMART TOMPKINS

Submitted by Tom Seaney

Was your house too cold last winter? Was your heating bill too high? Solar Tompkins is launching a new program, *HeatSmartTompkins*, to help make homes more comfortable, reduce global warming, and, in many cases, save homeowners money.

Enrollment will begin in September during public information meetings in the Danby Town Hall on Wednesday, September 16, 7-9 pm and the West Danby Fire Station on Saturday, October 10 10am-Noon.

Just like last year's successful program for adopting solar energy, you can also enroll online at [solartompkins.org]. All those enrolled will receive a free home heating assessment. Airdrafts? Missing insulation? If it will save you money and improve your comfort, we'll identify needs and connect you with a trusted installer.

HeatSmart Tompkins will also recommend a heat pump system for heating and cooling your home. Heat pumps run on electricity, so they can be powered by renewable energy. They're also super-efficient and may cost less than what you're using now.

Mark your calendars! If you can't make either of these meetings, visit [solartompkins.org] for the schedule of other public meetings during September and Octo-

PARTNERS FOR ADULT LITERACY

Submitted by Arline Woolley, Tompkins Learning Partners

"But what do we say?" is the question many folks ask themselves when they suspect an adult they know has difficulty reading. To be sure, this is a sensitive issue—nevertheless, an important one. It is also true that most adults who have a tough time with reading, writing, or math succeed at covering or compensating for their difficulties.

The 21st century has created both additional barriers as well as possible solutions to adult literacy issues. So what do we say and what can be done to help?

Tompkins Learning Partners, formerly known as Literacy Volunteers, offers support to adults (18 and older) in the community whose personal goals include improving their ability to read, write, speak English, learn math, and use computers. While TLP's main office is located in Ithaca, we seek ongoing opportunities to serve individuals in the Danby area, both as potential students and as volunteer tutors.

Stop by the Danby Community Library for more information about Tompkins Learning Partners or call 607.277.6642. You can also find us online at [tlppartners.org]. ❁

ber. There will be meetings in every Town, and anyone is welcome at any meeting if you see one that works better for you. ❁

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, September 3, at 6pm in the Danby Church. All seniors 55 and over are welcomed to attend.

Please bring a dish to share and your own table service.

In October we change to our wintertime Noon meeting time. ❁

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. The deadline is September 15 for programs beginning in October-December.

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

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!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Donate blood to the Red Cross on Friday, September 25, 1-6pm, in the Danby Federated Church, 1859 Danby Road.

Harvest Festival

Coming in October: the annual Fall/Harvest Festival presented by the Danby Community Council. Wagon rides, games, pumpkin' chunkin', bonfire, treats. On a sunny and warm Sunday, October 11, 2-8pm. In Dotson Park, across from Town Hall.

Mark Your Calendar: Fall Fair at the DFC

Save the date for this year's DFC Fall Fair! Saturday, November 14, 10am-2:30pm ❁

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers



As we slide from summer fun into September and all that means, please consider becoming

a Danby Community Library volunteer. You could give as much or as little time as you want (even two hours/month!). Leave your name and contact information at the library or look us up on the link from the Danby web site.

If you will be borrowing any items from the library, please fill out a registration card with all of your contact information. Our detectives are hard at work tracking down missing items: Book on CD from FingerLakes Library System: *A Short History of Nearly Everything*, Adult Fiction: *Orchard Beach* by Stuart Woods, Juvenile Fiction: *By the Shores* by Laura Wilder.

New at the Danby Community Library:

- Picture Books
- Books on CD
- *Slaughterhouse Five* (Community Read)
- *What Pet Should I Get?* by Dr. Seuss

If you attend an event at the Town Hall you will see our new room divider! ❁

JOIN HANDS WITH THE DCC

The Danby Community Council (DCC) organizes more than a dozen community events each year.

From nature walks to concerts to a Fall Harvest Festival and lectures, nearly all of the organization for the events is shouldered by our valiant board members. Plus, we oversee the Danby Youth Program and the Danby Area News.

We all enjoy creating opportunities for our community to gather in our own backyard. We could use some extra hands now and again to keep it all running smoothly, though. Raise your hand and we'll add you to our volunteer list.

If you would like to be even more involved, we have one open seat on our Board of Directors. Join us and our new Board member, Susan Franklin!

Contact Alison at [achristie@danbycc.org] to find out more about these volunteer opportunities. ❁



Community Council End-of-Summer Youth Programs

These programs are free of charge for Danby Youth ages 8-14.

Backyard Adventure: Danby State Forest

Tuesday, August 25, 9am-4pm

Meet at Danby Town Hall

Know what is in our back yard? Join us as we venture into the Danby State Forest, learn about Leave No Trace Principles, hiking without impact, friction fires, storytelling around our fire and finish the day with a swim in Jennings Pond.

Bring: Lunch, Water, Hiking Shoes.

Register by: Friday, August 21, 2015.

Ground to Grocery: Exploring local food production

Thursday, August 27, 9am-4pm

Meet at Danby Town Hall

We are going to be heading out to the Mandeville Farm in Spencer, NY for a tour of local agriculture and a hike for lunch. Then we will head to Finger Lakes Fresh in Groton, NY to see the final production phase of the food production process. We will be traveling by way of the CCE van to both destinations.

Bring: Lunch, Water, Hiking Shoes.

Register by: Friday, August 21, 2015.

Backpacking Basics: Plan, Execute, Enjoy

Tuesday, September 1, 2015, 9am-4pm

Meet at the Danby Federated Church

Interested in Backpacking? Or in planning for a successful day in the forest? We will be covering how to plan for a backpacking trip, backpacking-specific skill building, learning new games, and team-building activities. Come ready to make new friends, rekindle old friendships, be active and outside all day!

Bring: Lunch, Water, Hiking Shoes.

Register by: Friday, August 28, 2015.

CMOG (Corning Museum of Glass)

Thursday, September 3, 2015, 9am-4pm

Calling all Danby Youth! Come join us for our final trip of the summer! We will be heading to the Corning Museum of Glass, where we will learn about what glass has been used for throughout history, up and coming innovative uses, how it is used in optics and get to see some incredible glass sculptures by artists from all around the world!

Bring: Lunch, Water, Clothing in case it gets cold.

Register by: Friday, August 28, 2015. ❧

Travis Judd here, a fellow Danby Resident and your new Youth Program Manager! I am extremely excited to embark on this new journey with you all and to provide meaningful and lasting experiences for the youth of Danby.

My passion lies in working with and teaching about the outdoors and how to appreciate respect and enjoy our environment. I enjoy teaching youth about the balance between outdoor adventure skills, responsible use of our natural resources, and their own individual interests.

I have experience working with youth in natural settings and look forward to extending these experiences to the youth of Danby and their families. As the Danby Program Manager, I will be offering programs that are based both right in the heart of Danby as well as at Boynton Middle School.

Being new to the program, I am excited to implement new experiences for our youth and, at the same time, I want to provide opportunities for everyone interested to get involved. If there are programs you would like to see here in Danby, feel free to contact me with your ideas at [ttj22@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292.x222.

As the summer is winding down, our programs are finally warming up! Permission slips can be found on the CCE Tompkins web site under the 4-H Youth and Rural Youth Services section. Come on out for the final programs of the summer and let's all enjoy the last few days of summer outdoors!

Looking forward to an exciting time working with the Danby Community and can't wait to see what's around the bend. ❧

MEET OUR NEW YOUTH PROGRAM MANAGER

Join the Danby Community Council in welcoming Travis Judd, our new Youth Program Manager. We will host a Meet & Greet with Travis, 6:30-7pm on Thursday, September 3, just before our monthly meeting in Town Hall.

We'll have snacks, chat about upcoming programming, hear your ideas, and maybe play a game or two. We hope you'll come say hello and bring the kids! ❧

Postal Patron

DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Aug 29 • Sat

1pm 🏠 Hatch Pavilion, corner of Short & Brown
West Danby Community Association Picnic

Sep 3 • Thu

6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church

Seniors

6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall

Meet Travis Judd, Youth Program Manager

7pm 🏠 Town Hall

Danby Community Council Meeting

Sep 5 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall

Library Volunteers Meeting

Sep 8 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall

Fire District Meeting

Sep 14 • Mon

6pm 🏠 90 Lieb Road • **First Meeting: Beginners Yoga**

7pm 🏠 Town Hall

Town Board Meeting

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall

Fire Dep't Meeting

7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall

WD Fire Dep't Meeting

Sep 15 • Tue

7:30pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall

Fire District Meeting

Sep 17 • Thu

3-6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church

Food Pantry

7pm 🏠 Town Hall

Planning Board Meeting

7pm 🏠 Dotson Park

Danby Community Park Association

Sep 20 • Sun

3pm 🏠 Town Hall

Community Council Concert: Hot Biscuits

Sep 21 • Mon

Noon 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Mobile Food Truck**

7pm 🏠 Town Hall

**Town Board: Public Hearing: Override Tax Cap
followed by Town Board Meeting**

Sep 25 • Fri

6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church

Red Cross Blood Drive

Sep 28 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall

Conservation Advisory Council Meeting

Oct 1 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Seniors**

7pm 🏠 Town Hall

Danby Community Council Meeting

Oct 11, 2016 • Sun

3rd Annual Harvest Festival

Jul 10, 2016 • 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, 9–11 am.

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