



# DANBY AREA NEWS

## RICHIE & ROSIE: HARMONY IN THE GARDEN

Submitted by Alison Christie, West Danby Community Association

Join the West Danby Community Association on Saturday, September 10, 4pm for its second West Danby Garden Concert with desserts to share and beverages.

We're delighted that our local gardener extraordinaire, Wayne Myers, has generously offered to host the event again. This year we bring one of the area's most esteemed old time duos, Richie & Rosie, to Wayne's lavish gardens tucked away at 1071 Michigan Hollow Road in West Danby.

You'll want to come early or linger late to stroll the grounds and take in the turn-of-the-century blacksmith, carpenter, and milling shops that Wayne has built and stocked with period tools and accessories. There's even a working, wooden water wheel. You can peruse Wayne's extensive brick collection and a one-of-a-kind, enormous glass sponge fossil. Wayne is a gracious host and enjoys sharing his collections with guests, fielding questions, and swapping stories inspired by the surroundings.

Have supper early or eat dessert first? It's a quandary for a late afternoon affair! Last year's selection of home-baked treats, brought by concert-goers to share with fellow gatherers, were delectable and abundant. Lemon bars, pies, brownies, and cookies galore. Just harvested fruit and gluten-free or vegan offerings, too; there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

We've have wonderful bakers in West Danby, and we predict another bevy of sweet surprises this year. The West Danby Community Association will provide cold tea, lemonade, and water, too. So, select some treats, spread a blanket on the grass or grab a front row seat, and settle in for a winsome serenade of fiddle, banjo, and Richie and Rosie's singular harmonies.

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL EQUINOX FESTIVAL

Submitted by Mark Silver

For the third time, from 5pm and on into the evening of September 24, it's White Hawk Ecovillage's Equinox Festival. White Hawk is uphill from Danby Road on White Hawk Lane (between West Miller and Gunderman).

Come join us for a potluck meal, music, kids' activities and playground, marshmallow and/or apple roasting fire, and other fun, celebrating the fall equinox. We'll have a cider press as well, so bring apples and take home juice! And see the new homes that have gone up since last year.

Please bring a dish to pass, and your own plates and utensils. We'd d love to see you here. Find us at [[whitehawkecovillage.org](http://whitehawkecovillage.org)]. ❁

## YOUTH GRANTS

Submitted by Susan Franklin, DCC Youth Grant Coordinator

Do you have a child going to camp or participating in another program during the next few months? 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 lessons, after-school programs, and more. The deadline is September 15 for programs beginning (or with payment deadlines) in October through December.

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](mailto:youthgrants@danbycc.org)]. You can also find applications on the Town Hall bulletin board. ❁

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Submitted by Ted Crane

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*Guidelines* and the *Submission Guidelines* at the same web location.

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

The Town Board is busy considering local laws this summer and Fall. Two laws were passed during the summer: an Amendment to Subdivision Regulations and the long-awaited Groundwater Protection Law.

At the end of August, the Town Board began the process of enacting a Ballot Proposition for a Local Law changing the Highway Superintendent's from an elected to an appointed position by holding a public hearing. In the near future, another public hearing is scheduled for September 19, to hear input about a local law allowing the Town to override the NYS tax cap for 2017, should it be necessary to continue services needed and expected by our residents.

In most cases, a simple majority of the board, three votes in favor out of the five voting members, is all that is needed to pass a resolution enacting a Local Law. In some cases, a "supermajority" of at least four votes in favor are required.

This was necessary in two recent matters; review and potential approval for proposed changes for Planned Development Zone #10 on Gunderman Road (which would have required supermajority approval of a local law) and the Groundwater Protection Law.

### Passing Local Laws: When a Majority Isn't Enough

There are at least two different situations when a simple majority (3 of 5) of the Town Board isn't enough to take action. In these situations, a *Supermajority* (4 of 5) is required.

The process for laws and proposals involving zoning changes includes a review of the proposed action by the Tompkins County Planning Department. Over the summer, the Planning Department's review of the Groundwater Protection Law, determined that there was a potential for the prohibition of pipeline facility installations to have negative inter-community impacts related to energy use in the County. As a result, passage of the Law without modification required a supermajority of the Board. In this case, the Board was in unanimous agreement—based on the recommendation of the Town Attorney and a professional geologist—to pass the law as written, so a supermajority was achieved.

In the case of proposed changes to PDZ #10, a supermajority was triggered when neighboring property owners objected to the change (specifically, the trigger was the percentage of properties physically adjacent to PDZ #10's property line). In this case, after almost two years of consideration, the proposal did not reach a final vote; instead, faced with the need for a supermajority, the applicant withdrew his request. Given the withdrawal, the Board voted unanimously to terminate the process, but without prejudice to future applications for changes.

### Hunting Licenses

The sale of DEC sporting licenses keeps Sue and I busy in the Clerk's office during September. *Doe Management Permit* (DMP) sales began early this year, on August 1 and continue through the end of the work day on Saturday October 1. We will be open that day, as a service to Danby hunters.

Each year, we encourage Danby hunters to make donations to the New York State Venison Donation Coalition. The Venison Donation coalition is a non-profit organization 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 servings of highly nutritious ground venison 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 the small fee of \$1 will be added to the license fee. Donations can also be accepted through the secure website, or send a check payable to: Venison Donation Coalition, Inc., 415 West Morris Street, Bath, NY 14810. For more information, visit [www.VenisonDonation.org](http://www.VenisonDonation.org) or call 1.866.862.DEER.

In order to be as accessible as possible, the Town Clerk's office is open 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Saturday hours return after Labor Day weekend, 10am-Noon. As always, we are closed on Sundays and Thursdays. And yes, there's still chocolate in the bowl on the counter.

Questions? You can contact me at 607.277.4788 or [[townclerk@townofdanbyny.org](mailto:townclerk@townofdanbyny.org)].



## COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, Tompkins County Legislature

The NYS Commission of Correction recently informed Tompkins County that they are eliminating the variances that have enabled us to put more prisoners in our jail than state law normally allows. This will force us to do one of two things: build a bigger jail or reduce the number of people in our jail.

No one wants to build a bigger jail. Social justice advocates and libertarians have made their voices heard in this county, telling us that we should not be investing more money in prison infrastructure. Taxpayers have told us that they want the budget kept in check, and a larger jail would be a big-ticket item.

We have invested resources in trying to reduce the number of people in our jail. We have in place good alternatives to incarceration programs that would take a whole other column to write about. However, we are also up against large societal forces over which we have no control, and which seem to be working in the opposite direction.

NY State law requires a minimum number of square feet per prisoner in their cells. I think everyone would agree that such a law makes sense. I hope that people on all sides of this issue will keep that in mind as we, the residents of Tompkins County, have this meaningful debate about what to do about our jail.

I worked this summer for the NY State Department of Corrections, teaching horticulture in a state prison. In between watering petunias and pulling out dandelions, I talked a lot with inmates about their lives, their experiences in prison, and also about the specific issue of expansion of our County jail. Their views on the issue were varied, just as they are among my friends, neighbors, family, and colleagues. And also like anyone else who has spent time thinking about and looking into this issue, they were of the belief that there is no easy answer.

Tompkins County is undertaking several studies to help us get a handle on what our options are. We are hoping NY State will give us a little more time to evaluate these options before they retract our variance for the jail. I can't predict at this point how this will all play out.

The easy thing for me to say is that I don't want an expanded jail, I don't want to increase taxes to build it, and I don't want to obligate taxpayers to the long-term cost of operating it. The hard thing for me to say is how to accomplish that. One thing that I hope everyone will keep in mind as we all debate this issue is that criminal justice, social justice, and public safety are complex issues, and that it doesn't serve us well to enter this debate with rigid beliefs that are not subject to evolving as we learn more.

As always, feel free to contact me, 607.272.7582 or [[danbydan@hotmail.com](mailto:danbydan@hotmail.com)] if you have questions or comments. ❁

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK AND OPEN HOUSE

Submitted by Sharon Gaden

The Fire House is Open at Danby's Fire Station on October 16! Take part in Fire Prevention Week! The Chicken BBQ will be ready to go at Noon (proceeds benefit the Fire Company), so be sure to arrive before it's gone.

Watch for more news in the October issue of Danby News. ❁

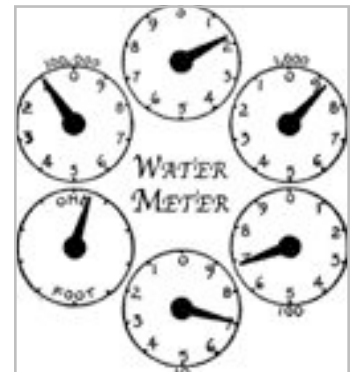
## HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: ELECTED OR APPOINTED?

Late-breaking news: see article on page 6. ❁

## WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

Due to the drought we experienced in June and July, I didn't schedule our August system flushing. As I write this, we are getting much needed rain so I plan to flush our hydrants during the week of September 12 to 16. Weather permitting, I will flush on Monday September 12 starting about 9am.



We are now considering changing billing software companies from BAS to Williamson. BAS's services hasn't worked for us as we do not have the internet capabilities to use its technical support. ❁

## SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

During August, two major projects that have been on our agenda for years—changes to PDZ #10 on Gunderman Road and our Groundwater Protection Laws—have finally been put to bed.

The applicant who requested permission for additional uses in PDZ #10 has withdrawn his proposal and our Groundwater Law is now apart of our Zoning.

We are in the final stages of our long-term electrical project. Its goal is to offset all our municipal electric usage with a large-scale array of solar panels located on the grounds of our Highway Department. The project requires permitting by several regulatory authorities and usage agreement from our fire, water, and highway departments. In the long run, we hope to realize savings of the Town's tax dollars.

The Highway Department is still busy with repairs to flood damage from a year ago, piggybacked onto its annual work to keep our infrastructure in top order. Our Town Planner, CJ Reynolds, is preparing grant applications to help Highway seek funding for remediation of Brown Road and a major culvert crossing for Michigan Hollow Road.

Zoning issues continue to be on our agenda, everything from law suits challenging our right to issue building permits to infractions of our unsafe buildings law, both are in court as I write.

The Broadband and Time-Warner situations are still up in the air. If any of you have given thought to approaching either Time Warner or Clarity Connect about your service, please let me know how that is going. My conversations with Clarity and a meeting with the Time Warner negotiating team (set for late August) still give me a optimistic outlook that some progress is being made, although it's frustrating in its process.

Expansion of South Hill Recreation Trail also drags on, with challenges to its right of way. The Town of Caroline, which would host a larger section of the Trail than Danby, is stepping up to the plate to hire Guy Krogh, our mutual town lawyer, to unravel a complicated legal history. The next meeting on that issue will have happened after this goes to press. I am encouraged that this project will prevail, as I believe there is progress.

Bids for sidewalk repair around Town Hall—including a handicapped access ramp that meets Code—are being sent out, so we'll have a good idea of the costs. This

is vital since budget time is upon us, and we are in the process of gathering data from each of our cost centers.

As is becoming more common among other taxing jurisdictions, the Town Board initiated the process to override the NYS Tax Cap Law, in case that becomes necessary for a balanced budget in 2017. A public hearing is set for September 19.

During August, the Town Board initiated the process of changing the Highway Superintendent's position from an elected to an appointed one. By the time you read this, a Public Hearing will have taken place and the Board may have voted to put this choice on the November ballot, so voters can make the final decision.

A petition for a speed limit reduction on Lieb Road was received in early July and was forwarded to the County (and State) in late August. The Town Board also initiated a similar request for lower Gunderman Road, Fisher Settlement Road, Bald Hill Road, and Station Road. The NYS Department of Transportation will make the final determination.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at [\[supervisor@townofdanbyny.org\]](mailto:supervisor@townofdanbyny.org). ☺

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## GARRY & GAY GOMBASH HUDDLE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Submitted by Gay Huddle

We were just kids but that didn't stop us from knowing we wanted to get married and live our lives together. So, at ages 18 and 20, we exchanged vows on August 20, 1966 at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Ithaca, in front of our families and many friends.

We made our home in Danby, putting down roots and becoming part of this small, rural community.

Our son Jeff was born in October, 1970, and our daughter Kasey in February, 1975, making us the family that we always hoped for. We are extremely proud of these two and love them dearly. Grandchildren Marci, Maddi, Sydney, and Zach have been happily added to our family, and we enjoy each and every one of them.

Life is a roller coaster ride. We have had our share of ups and downs. We have suffered together through the sad losses of family members and friends, and joyously celebrated so many happy occasions.

We are quite proud of ourselves for having made it through 50 years of marriage, and we will continue to take on life together, for together is how we always wanted to be. ❀



1966



2016

### ➤ *Garden Harmonies, cont'd from front page—*

Rosie Newton and Richie Stearns play music rooted in the American tradition. Their musical synchronicity has been honed through six years of jamming around Stearns' kitchen table, experimenting with traditional and original tunes.

Rosie is a talented fiddle player and singer, raised in a musical family, who has performed with a variety of acts including Louisiana legend Preston Frank, her mother's Scottish band *Ferintosh*, and her own venture, *The Pearly Snaps*. Stearns is a local banjo legend, known for his roles in *The Horse Flies*, *Donna the Buffalo*, and as a member of Natalie Merchant's touring band.

What a way to savor late summer! Music in the garden with family, friends, and neighbors. Bring your own comfy chair or a blanket for lounging. There will be some seating on site, too. See you at the dessert table!

This event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the West Danby Community Association with grant support from the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County. ❀

## HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: ELECTED OR APPOINTED?

Submitted by Ted Crane

In a late breaking development, Danby's Town Board voted on August 15 to begin the process of raising the question—again—of whether the Highway Superintendent's position should be changed from an elected one to an appointed one.

Like the last time the question was raised, six years ago in 2010, the process began with a Public Hearing. That hearing was scheduled for August 30, 2016, and the Board may have voted at that time to make the Superintendent's job an appointed one, which automatically places the question on the November 8 ballot.

In the end, Danby's voters make the final decision.

### The Process

The process begins when the Town Board passes a local law changing the Superintendent's status. Like all local laws, any such vote must be preceded by a Pub-

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## REPORT OF FIRE DISTRICT ENGINEERING STUDY

Submitted by Edward Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

Back in April 2016, I wrote about a planned engineering study of the Danby Fire District's apparatus and equipment. This is what that study found.

The report lauds us in at least one respect: "From an overall perspective the Danby Fire District maintains an adequate number of pieces of apparatus and equipment to adequately protect the community." It also cautions us that, "The cleanliness, care, and attention that is paid to the fleet cannot stop the effects of time and corrosion on this collection of older apparatus. The significant capital investment to acquire, equip, and maintain these specialized emergency vehicles dictates that aggressive steps be taken to maximize the service lives of the vehicles in the fleet today."

In short, the study found the need for an increased level of maintenance on three of our most expensive trucks. Both Engine 401 and Engine 1401 have undercarriage corrosion and the Tanker 1421 has both corrosion and bad tires. Minor maintenance is required on Emergency Medical 443.

One truck, Tanker 421, is already being replaced and the study agreed it was time to do so. The replacement is under construction at this writing and is expected to join our fleet in late 2016. This is funded by a bond issue approved by the voters.

Further, the report notes that not only do we have old apparatus, we have several units that are past any reasonable expectation of their useful lives, need new tires to meet State mandates, and are overweight.

The other four trucks in our fleet should be replaced. In two cases, the design has been superseded by current and anticipated needs, and the costs of keeping any of them exceed replacement costs.

Four problems were specifically called out:

- 1 Items stored or carried and not in proper mounting brackets or in locked compartments in accordance with standards. [suggestions to fix]
- 2 Operating personnel must climb to the top of the unit to retrieve tools or equipment. [safety enhancements suggested]
- 3 Several vehicles require new tires. Mandates on systems and components should be carefully followed. [specifics provided]
- 4 Vehicles are overweight; the excess weight cannot be removed and keep the truck functional. The vehicles need to be retired.

So, the Fire Commissioners have directed the Fire Chiefs to begin the required maintenance and replace the necessary tires. We have a reserve of maintenance funds that should cover most of this work, but depleting these reserves implies a need to restore the balances over the next few years.

We have also begun the process of specifying brush truck replacements and the retirement of the Heavy Rescue truck in West Danby. The heavy rescue equipment has already been transferred to the new engine, 1401, and an emergency Rescue Vehicle is being acquired using funds from a reserve account. Brush truck replacements are more expensive and yet time critical and discussions are underway.

To conclude, the study has been most useful in helping us understand our current challenges, developing our budgeting, and developing our long run plan. ❁

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lic Hearing, but only ten days notice of the hearing is required. Unlike most local laws, though, this change requires a *mandatory referendum*, giving local residents the chance to confirm the change...or to reverse it. This vote would take place as part of the General Election on November 8.

**Pro and Con**

An article in the August, 2010 *Danby News* summarized the arguments in favor of and against the change:

*The reasoning behind switching this position from elected to appointed is that it is not a political position. It is a technical position that requires the best person for the job.*

*Currently, the only people eligible for this position are adult residents of Danby (and that is the only requirement!). No one currently working for the Danby Highway Department is eligible to run for Highway Superintendent...because they are not Danby residents.*

*On the other hand, Danby residents may want to keep the current system so that they have more direct control of who their public servants are. Keeping this position as elected rather than appointed could provide more checks and balances in government.*

If you read this issue of the *Danby News* on or before Tuesday, August 30, you still have time to run down to the Public Hearing in Town Hall at 7pm. ❁

## DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, September 1, 6pm, in the Danby Community Church. All seniors 55 and over are welcomed to join us for a dish to share supper.

Many of us enjoyed a great luncheon cruise on the Erie Canal on August 10; thanks to Sally Hall, Nancy Weitzel and Alice Humerez for planning this. In spite of some rain as we drove to Baldwinsville, it cleared up just as we boarded the boat!

They have a September trip to the *Merry-Go-Round Theater* planned, with dinner after at Lasca's...contact them for details. ❀



## BOOK CLUB MEETS AGAIN

Submitted by Janice Beal

The Danby Book Club will meet on Sunday, September 25, 4pm, at 1011 Fisher Settlement Road. We will be discussing "Future Shock" by Alvin Toffler.

Refreshments will be served. Please join us! ❀



## TAI CHI IN CANDOR

Submitted by Sue Heavenrich

Tai Chi is a series of slow and focused movements suitable for people of all ages. It's especially good for seniors because the low-impact movements put minimal stress on muscles and joints.

This year there are two styles of Tai Chi being offered in Candor: *Tai Chi for Arthritis* (part of New York's *Falling Prevention* initiative), and *24 Forms*, the most popular form of Tai Chi around the world.

All classes will be held in the Candor Emergency Squad building, 58 Main Street, starting September 6 and running for eight weeks.

Tai Chi for Arthritis beginning class meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 1-2 pm. The continuing classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2 pm. 24 Forms classes meet on Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 pm.

For more information, or to register for a class, contact me at 607.659.3022 or [[sueheaven@gmail.com](mailto:sueheaven@gmail.com)]. ❀

## 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!*

### Community Council Events

*Danby's Bees:* Sunday, August 21, 2pm, see front page.

### At the DFC

*Red Cross Blood Drive:* Friday, September 16, 1-6pm.

*Church History Group:* Thursday, September 29, 7pm. Bring a photo to scan.

### The Great Room at Slow Lane

Contra Dancing: Fridays, 8pm. Info: 607.273.8678.

### West Danby Community Association

Richie and Rosie will be featured at a concert on September 10 at Wayne Myer's fabulous gardens on Michigan Hollow Road.

### Danby Community Park Association

Next meeting on Thursday, September 15, 7:30pm in the Danby Fire Station. ❀



## Community Council Autumn Youth Programs

Youth Programs for Fall on Hold for September  
During the past year, we've had a lot of fun with Travis Judd as our Youth Program Manager. Starting in September, Travis will be working full-time for Lansing's Youth Program. We wish him well!

A search for a new Youth Program Manager for Danby is already underway. While we don't have youth programming scheduled for September, we will be offering programming with Primitive Pursuits in Danby in October...along with some other fun offerings.

So stay tuned for more news next month. You can also contact the Danby Community Council at [\[youthprograms@danbycc.org\]](mailto:youthprograms@danbycc.org) to receive updates in-between issues of the Danby News. Visit the Danby Community Council's Facebook page for information about Danby events, too! ❁

## YOUTH FARM NEWS

Submitted by Katie Church

The Youth Farm Project and Wood's Earth are excited to announce their merger.

In June of 2016, the farm-to-school programs and the Fresh Snack Program of Wood's Earth joined the Youth Farm Project. Farm-to-School K-12 curriculum, school food production, and the Youth Farm Project's intensive Summer Program are now centralized on the 10-acre Youth Farm Project site in Danby, NY.

Combined programming will lead to greater involvement of local teens in the school food movement and new opportunities for K-12 curricular integration. We are consolidating resources to expand food distribution throughout the community and in schools.

Come visit us on the Youth Farm Project. Community Work Days on Saturdays are open to all, 10am-1pm, on Nelson Road next to the Waldorf School. Check out [\[youthfarmproject.com\]](http://youthfarmproject.com) or contact Rafael Aponte, [\[youthfarmproject@gmail.com\]](mailto:youthfarmproject@gmail.com). ❁



## DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Thank you! We always find returned books in our little red schoolhouse book return inside and in our handy outdoor book drop by the north door of the Town Hall. We appreciate the prompt return of borrowed items.

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the holiday of Lammas, halfway between the Summer Solstice and the Autumn Equinox, heralded six more weeks of summer! During that time, we will hurry to finish off our summer reading and to-do lists, prepare for Back to School and revel in the warm days and cool? nights.

As the children start school, we have picture books, easy readers, juvenile fiction and nonfiction, and Young Adult books for required reading.

Welcome to our new volunteer who attended our August volunteer meeting. We meet the first Saturday of each month at 9am. ❁



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## DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Aug 30 • Tue  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Town Board Meeting**  
**Public Hearing: Appoint the Highway Superintendent?**

Sep 1 • Thu  
6pm 🏛️ Danby Comm. Church • **Seniors**  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**

Sep 3 • Sat  
9am 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Library Volunteers Meeting**

Sep 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**

Sep 13 • Tue  
7pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**

Sep 15 • Thu  
3-6pm 🏛️ Danby Comm. Church • **Food Pantry**  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Planning Board Meeting**  
7:30pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall  
**Community Park Association Meeting**

Sep 16 • Fri  
1-6pm 🏛️ Danby Community Church  
**Red Cross Blood Drive**

Sep 19 • Mon  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Town Board Meeting**  
**Public Hearing: Demolition of 1840 Danby Road**  
**Public Hearing: Local Law to Override NYS Tax Cap**

Sep 20 • Tue  
7pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**

Sep 26 • Mon  
Noon-1pm 🏛️ Danby Community Church  
**Mobile Food Truck**  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Conservation Advisory Council Mtg**

Sep 29 • Thu  
7pm 🏛️ Danby Community Church  
**Church History Group - bring photos to scan**

Oct 1 • Sat  
9am 🏛️ Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**

Oct 6 • Thu  
6pm 🏛️ Danby Comm. Church • **Seniors**  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**

Jul 8, 2017 • 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** 🏛️ Danby Community Church  
Mondays and Thursdays, 9am.

**AA Meeting** 🏛️ Danby Community Church  
Wednesdays, 7pm.

**Danby Quilters Group** ☎️ 607.273.2950  
Call for Info.

### 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 Community Church** • 1859 Danby Road

🏛️ **American Legion Post 221** • 1231 Danby Road