

DANBY AREA NEWS

CONCERT: D-L-R PIANO TRIO

Submitted by Bob Strichartz

The first event in the Danby Community Council's 2017 concert series will be on Sunday, January 15, 3pm, in Danby's Town Hall, featuring the *Diemecke-Lowe-Reitz Piano Trio* in an exciting program of classical trios by Ponce, Grieg, Brahms, and Piazzola.

Augusto Diemecke, violin, is the concertmaster with the Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes and has performed with many orchestras including the Houston Symphony and the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra. Christine Lowe-Diemecke, cello, is assistant principal cellist with the Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes and the Tri-Cities Opera. Both Augusto and Christine live in West Danby. Pej Reitz, piano, is on the faculty at Binghamton University, Ithaca College, and SUNY Broome. All three musicians are actively involved in chamber music.

The concerts in this series are feature free admission and are open to the public. The series receives grant support through the **COMMUNITY ARTS PARTNERSHIP** and the Town of Danby.

Be sure to watch for Danby News articles about our upcoming concerts: *Toivo* on February 5, the *Grady Girls* on March 12, and the *Cornell Klezmer Ensemble* on April 9.

DCC ANNUAL MEETING

Following the concert, Danby's Community Council will hold its annual meeting. After brief reports on our 2016 activities and finances, we'll elect new Directors and share some snacks.

All Danby residents are automatically members of the Community Council. Those who are 18 years (or more) old can vote during the annual meeting, and can become a Director.

The Directors meet monthly in Danby's Town Hall, usually on the first Thursday, to plan events of many kinds and to oversee Danby's Youth Programming. Contact [president@danbycc.org] for more information.

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DANBY NEWS NOTES

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 cruel month of January is, once again, upon us. We barely get over the indulgences of holiday parties and staying up late for New Year's Eve when reality hits us. There is no escape from Cold, Dark, and Taxes, and this year appears to be—and this year seems set to be colder and darker, and more snowier than last year. There are days when it seems that even our chocolate supply isn't hardly enough to get us through.



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

Remember, Town Clerks don't conjure up your assessment or calculate your tax liability, we just collect the payment...and we pay taxes, too. I can promise that the candy bowl will be filled with chocolate kisses including plenty of dark chocolate, but that's about all I can do to make paying your taxes easier. And, thanks to the generosity going into the, "loose change chocolate fund," there will be plenty to go around.

Sue McLellan and I can renew or issue dog licenses, issue marriage licenses and parking permit tags, and answer questions about Town government. All three at the same time!

The end of the year is a good time to look back at the business of 2016. Taxes are the main revenue source for the Town, but not the only source. Revenue received in a calendar year can be an indication of how busy we were. Once again, indications are that 2016 was an average year for Danby's Town offices. Average is OK. As of December 16, the Town Clerk's office had collected \$29,210.70 in total receipts. While this is a bit more than in 2015, it is not enough to cover expenses in the office, let alone the activities of the Code Office and review boards. But these fees do help defray some costs.

We received permit funds for 49 building permits in 2016, down from 54 in 2015. An average 55 build-

ing permits were issued per year during the past seven years. Development considerations have kept the Town busy as well. The resumption of a traditional site plan review process has resulted in a sharp increase in work for the Planning Board.

Requests for marriage licenses have slowed, with only five to date in 2016. At one time, it was common for our Town Clerk's office to process ten or more marriage licenses a year. On the other hand, we have seen an increase in requests for Certified Copies of marriage licenses. New requirements (many related to Homeland Security) mean that more people need to submit proof of marriage for driver's licenses, retirement benefits, and other insurance matters. Certified copies of marriage license are available to those individuals for a \$10 processing fee.

Income from dog license renewals decreased somewhat in 2016. Only \$6,982 has been collected so far, nearly \$1,000 less than 2015. We've learned that many older dogs have passed away, and offer our condolences to those who have lost an animal companion this year. New dogs are being licensed and more people are renewing their dog licenses on time, in order to avoid late fees being attached to their bill. Thank you, responsible dog owners!

In order to be as accessible as possible, the Town Clerk's office will be open 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 10am-1pm on Saturdays. Danby's Town Hall is closed Monday, January 2 for the New Year holiday. The first day of tax collection is Tuesday, January 3, and the last day to pay Town and County tax without an additional finance charge, or to pay with the installment option, is Wednesday, February 1. The Town Clerk's office is always closed on Sundays and Thursdays.

You can always reach us by phone, 607.277.4788, and by Email, [townclerk@townofdanbyny.org]. ❁

SOUTHERN TOMPKINS TOWN TALK

Submitted by Gay Huddle, Ithaca Journal Columnist

Please remember to send your stories to me for the Southern Tompkins Town Talk column that appears weekly in the Ithaca Journal.

I cover the neighborhoods of Danby, West Danby, Brooktondale, Newfield, and Upper South Hill. Pictures (in JPEG format) are always welcome.

Please contact me at [gayhuddle@hotmail.com] or 607.273.6530. ❁

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS CONTINUE

Submitted by George Jakubson and Marrell Cortright

The next pancake breakfast of the season will be held in the Danby Volunteer Fire Company on Sunday January 15, 2017, 8-11am.

Come meet your neighbors, enjoy whatever weather Mother Nature gives us that day, and have a delicious breakfast made and served by your local volunteer firefighters (and some friends). Pancakes, french toast, eggs, potatoes, juice, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate, and maybe even more surprises! What could be better? And you don't have to cook or do dishes afterwards!

Proceeds benefit your volunteer fire company. Mark your calendars for two more breakfasts at the DVFC, February 26, and March 26, both on Sundays.

West Danby Offers Special Breakfasts

Treat your sweetheart to breakfast at the annual *Valentine's Sweethearts Breakfast* in the West Danby Fire Station on Saturday, February 11, 8-11am.

Whether you want to treat your Patty to breakfast, or you dream of the Sainted Sausage Patty, or need to begin the St. Patrick's holiday with an A.M. Treat, the *St. Patty's Breakfast* will be on

Saturday, March 11, 8-11am.

Both West Danby breakfasts are *all you can eat* of pancakes, eggs made to order, bacon, sausage, homefries, coffee, and juice. The cost is \$7 for an adult, \$6 for anyone 65 and older, \$5 for kids age 5-12 and kids under 5 eat for free. ❁

While you're at breakfast, feel free to talk to us about how you might fit in with the Fire Department. There are lots of jobs at many different levels with many different time commitments. See you there!

COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, Tompkins County Legislature

This month I'm going to write about a little bit about a number of items going on with the County Legislature. Space limitations make it so I can't go into much depth on any one of these topics. Feel free to contact me if you want more information about any of them.

The Housing Summit made quite a bit of news locally. About 300 people gathered to hear about and talk about what many people consider the housing crisis in Tompkins County. I think this is an important topic to focus on, but I'm not sure we really came up with any solutions. I also noticed that most of the focus seemed to be on downtown Ithaca. Very little was mentioned about the rural housing situations we find in Danby.

Another headline grabber was the County Legislature's vote to raise the salary of the next Legislature (2018 to 2021) to rise to the level of the living wage (calculated at \$21,400/year for these positions). This discussion was far-ranging and included ideas about the role of public servants, the ability to attract low-income people to participate in local government, politicians having the ability to set their own salaries, and the legitimacy of the living wage as applied to elected officials.

Another controversial issue was in the spotlight at a community meeting about the proposed extension of the South Hill Recreation Way. This trail already exists from Ithaca to Burns Road. The proposal is to continue the trail along the old railroad right-of-way to Mid-daugh Road in several phases, with the first two sections out to Banks Road being the simplest to complete

in the short term. There are landowners along the proposed route who are opposed to this project. Based on the community meeting, the rest of the public seems inclined to support it. The County is working with the Towns to facilitate an agreement with NYSEG, who would license it for use as a trail; but the trail would be jointly developed and maintained by the four Towns which it crosses—Ithaca, Dryden, Danby and Caroline.

The County has been involved in a long discussion, initiated by the Tompkins County Council of Governments, about changes that might be made to the municipal courts system. Currently if an arrest is made in Danby in the middle of the night, one of the Danby Town Justices receives a phone call to come to court for the arraignment. Also, someone from the District Attorney's office and an assigned counsel (public defender) must come to court. An alternative is being looked at where there would be one court for the whole county for this purpose, to eliminate some of the time-consuming logistics, and to make justice a little more consistent and efficient. This court might either be in one permanent location or it might rotate from town to town for one month at a time. My guess is that if we are going to initiate such a consolidation, it will take quite a bit of time to implement. It will need to be approved locally and also by the NY State Office of Court Administration.

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

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

You'd never know it, down there in Ithaca, but winter is here in Danby. My flat and level driveway looks great for dirt bikes but is generally challenging the for stand-up guys and other vertical beings.

Town staff are gradually leading me up to speed on issues and projects. What I have to share this month, first, is a deep debt of gratitude to my coworkers, for the incredible support they have given me in my absence.

A resident Emailed me the other day about residents voicing their priorities for the coming year. He cited meetings where the Town was working on goals for the next year, boards, committees, and recommendations for appointments, chairs, vacancies. He was concerned about a Town seeking continuity of service, but with the general public being represented, not participating.

Yes, the Town and it committees and boards are putting together the projects we will be working on next year. For example, securing additional funds to address the stabilizing of streams and culvert replacements in the Town, starting to build a large Solar PV array to supply enough power for all the municipal buildings in the Town, changes to our Zoning law to allow for a more flexible housing within the Hamlet of Danby, renovations and upgrade to handicapped entry to Town Hall, and an extension of South Hill Recreation Trail to Danby.

If you as a resident have ideas or recommendations from your point of view please advise me. This is the time when ideas can be implemented.

Another resident asked for all Danby residents to be connected to high speed internet (rural youth are far behind their urban neighbors in computer literacy). A third Email wanted the town to entertain a community garden (Caroline has one). What's your idea for an improvement to Danby?

It appears, yes, that winter has come; time for the Town to close out its old year and prepare for a new one. The Solstice has come and gone, and I am watching for the sun to return!

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

FIRE COMMISSIONER VOTING RESULTS

On Tuesday, December 13 (the 2nd Tuesday in December, as mandated by New York State law), voting for Fire Commissioner was held at the Danby Volunteer Fire Company.

All of the more than 2300 voters registered in the Town of Danby were eligible to vote.

Wayne Westmiller, the sole candidate, was reelected for another 5-year term as a Commissioner of the Danby Fire District.

A total of 32 people voted. The results were:

Wayne Westmiller: 31
Write-in: 1

Almost all of the voters were from "uphill" Danby. In lieu of a voting location in West Danby, the Fire District provided a shuttle bus to the DVFC but only three voters took advantage of the free ride. ❁

BOOK CLUB DOES FREAKONOMICS

Submitted by Janice Beal

The Danby Book Club will meet on Sunday, January 22, 4pm, in 371 East Miller Road. We will be discussing "Freakonomics" by Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner. Please join us!

If you have questions, please contact me by Email at [\[beal.janice.e@gmail.com\]](mailto:beal.janice.e@gmail.com). ❁

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FIRE HOSES

Submitted by Ed Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

One of the items fire apparatus carry is fire hose. We seldom think about this, but hoses are an essential part of fighting fires with water. Between the two Danby fire District stations we have about 14,000 feet of hose or about \$45,000 worth.

Our fire apparatus carry a variety of hose: some are used for attacking structural fires, others to attack trash and other small fires, and then there are the supply lines. Most attack hoses and booster hoses carry water from the engine to a nozzle that is used to direct the water onto a fire whereas supply lines are used to provide water to an attack engine from a hydrant, another supply engine, a tanker, a pond, or from a portable pond.

Booster hoses, at about 1-inch diameter, are the smallest hoses and are carried on a reel on the engine. These all-rubber hoses are used for rubbish, brush, and wash-down. They handle high pressure (approximately 200psi) but deliver a relatively low volume (approximately 50 gallons per minute). As these hoses are highly mobile, they can be handled by a single firefighter.

Attack hoses range from 1-inch to 3-inches in diameter. Danby uses 1¾ and 2½ inch attack hand lines. Attack hoses are designed to operate at higher pressures than supply lines, with a minimum design pressure is 275psi. These can be operated by 2 to 3 firefighters and can deliver up to 200 gallons of water per minute. Handling one of these requires a bit of training.

Attack hoses are made of an inner waterproof layer and one or two outer layers that, together, handle the high pressures. Hoses usually come in 50-foot lengths and several sections may be coupled together to reach the desired overall length.

A fully charged (filled with water) 2½ inch hose is difficult to maneuver. It weighs about 150 pounds per 50-foot section including couplings, hoses and water. When fighting a fire, the firefighters need sufficient lengths of hose deployed so they can be easily pulled forward, close to the structure or fire, without kinks and tangles. The fully charged weight and the need for hose at the ready is why firefighters pay considerable attention to laying out fire hose before they charge them. They also pay particular attention to the rolling of the empty hose and to properly storing it, readying it for use next time.

Supply hoses range from 2-inch to 6-inch diameter. Danby uses 5-inch supply lines and larger intake lines when drawing from Jennings Pond. Very large industrial fire engines may use 8 inch or even 10 inch hoses. Some of these are rigid hoses that come in 6-, 8- and 10-foot lengths. Others are flexible and they may come in 25-foot lengths. All of these are laid from the water source to the engine, where the attack lines are pressurized.

All of our hoses are tested, once a year, by an outside, licensed firm to meet state mandates.

So when you see a fire engine, you can look at the hoses with a better understanding of what is involved in getting water to where it is needed. ❁

WDCA ANNUAL MTG & DINNER: GOOD NEIGHBOR EXCHANGE

The West Danby Community Association is having another soup extravaganza for the community dinner at 5pm, preceding its Annual meeting on Saturday, January 21. Your free will donation gives you a bottomless bowl at the West Danby Fire Hall and your pick of four delicious homemade soups or chilis, served with bread and butter. And then there's the infamous West Danby dessert table with coffee and tea.

We'll have a short meeting to share our activities for the last year, to elect new officers, and to encourage new members to join our Executive Committee. We will collect pantry items for the Danby Food Pantry, and all proceeds from the dinner will be donated to the food pantry as well.

To start the New Year on a warm note and to encourage kindness in our community, we invite everyone to participate in our Good Neighbor Exchange. Everyone could use a helping hand now and again. Each member of our community has a talent or skill to share. Make an offer of a service or assistance and take an offer, too.

A ride somewhere? Help moving furniture? Window screen repair? Bicycle tuneup? Sewing repair? What can you help with? What do you need help with? Make a request for help, too! Attendees can make offers and receive offers. Afterwards, we'll find an Internet-based host for exchanges and give the rest of Danby a link to it in a future Danby News. As a small community, these acts can enhance our connection and add ease to our neighbors lives.

Contact Alison with questions, 607.564.3653 or [ttt71upin@yahoo.com]. ❁

WINTER VEGGIE GARDEN TOUR

Submitted by Pat Curran, Cooperative Extension

Tour a ‘high tunnel’ (and a low tunnel) that supplies much of a household’s winter produce! It’s happening on Sunday, January 8, at 1pm in South Lansing, about 15 minutes from downtown Ithaca.

A high tunnel is a tall plastic-enclosed growing area that relies on sunlight and captured heat to grow hardy greens. This early January tour will showcase the veggies at their most abundant.

Address and directions available upon sign-up. Please arrive by 1pm. Limited parking. Limit of 15 participants. Please pre-register and pre-pay (\$7) by calling Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County, 607.272.2292. ❧

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

Piano Trio: Sunday, January 15, 3pm, Town Hall, see article.

Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 15, after the concert,

West Danby Community Association

Annual Meeting, Soup-er Supper, and Good Neighbor Exchange: Saturday, January 21, 5pm, West Danby Fire Department.

Danby Volunteer Fire Company

Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, January 15, 8-11am. Also 2/26, 3/26.

West Danby Fire Department

Valentines Sweetheart Breakfast: Saturday, February 11, 8-11am. Also *St. Patty's Day Breakfast*, March 11..

At the DFC

Chicken and Biscuits: Friday, January 13, 5pm. Also February 10, March 10, and April 14.

Red Cross Blood Drive: January 13, 10am-2pm

The Great Room at Slow Lane

Contra Dancing: Most Fridays, 8pm. Beginners welcome, no partner needed, dances taught. Info: 607.273.8678. ❧

BEWARE OF PHONE SCAMMERS POSING AS NYSEG REPS

NYSEG continues to learn of fraudulent activities—nationwide and locally—where customers are contacted and asked to pay current or past due charges. Unfortunately, these “payments” go to scammers.

Some customers are being told over the phone that their utilities will be shut off if they do not act quickly.

Take the following precautions to avoid falling victim to a scam:



- Do not make any payments over the phone to anyone who contacts you or asks you to dial a different number.
- Never provide your Social Security number, credit card number, or bank information to anyone requesting it (over the phone or in person) unless you initiated the contact and feel confident that the transaction is legitimate.
- You can easily verify the identity of any NYSEG employee: ask for their employee number or their photo ID card (if in person). Then, contact NYSEG at 800.572.1111 to verify the identity and the nature of their business. NYSEG employees are happy to comply with an identity verification request.
- NYSEG does not ask customers to purchase debit cards (like Green Dot cards) to make payments.
- When making a payment by phone, always ensure you are dialing NYSEG phone numbers: 800.572.1111 (customer service); 888.315.1755 (payment arrangements); or 800.600.2275 (self-service line).
- If you are mailing your payment, the NYSEG address is NYSEG, PO Box 847812, Boston, MA 02284-7812.

Remember, if information about your account balance doesn’t match what you expect, or if something sounds too good to be true...it probably isn’t true.

It pays to protect yourself from scams. If you have fallen victim to a scam, immediately contact the Federal Trade Commission, [ftc.gov/] or 877.FTC.HELP or the Tompkins County Sheriff, 607.272.2444. ❧

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

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

Nearly 70 of us enjoyed a festive holiday lunch at Hollybrook Country Club in Spencer on December 1. They did a great job on the food! Raffle prizes were bountiful and 15 poinsettias and 3 gift cards went home with some lucky folks. ❁

Front Cover Photo Key: ① Grady Girls concert in March ② Owl at the Harvest Fest in October ③ West Danby Picnic in August (Lorena Miller, Eugenia Landers, Kathy DeWolfe, Gail Mazourek, Sheila and Ed Enstine) ④ Spying into the Bee Hive in August ⑤ Making wooden pegs at the Harvest Fest ❁

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Happy New Year! Let's work together to make it a good one.

A big thank you to our volunteer behind the scenes, George Parks. He quietly fixes or assembles things for us whenever it's needed. We couldn't do it without you, George!

Please remember to write the due date on both the card (that you leave in the library) and on the item when you are borrowing materials from the library. This prevents unnecessary sleuthing by the volunteers to find out who is returning things.

2012 patron cards will be updated by Email and U.S. mail in January.

Things you *cannot* do at Danby Community Library, but can do at Tompkins Public Library:

- Return TCPL items (we have no way to get them downtown to the library)
- Borrow free passes to Cayuga Nature Center and PRI.
- Register to use Hoopla, and stream movies, music, and audiobooks for free

New Items at DCL:

Turbo Twenty-Three by Janet Evanovich

Faithful by Alice Hoffman

Fantastic Beasts by J.K.Rowling

Coming soon: the Best DVDs of 2016 ❁



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The mobile food truck comes on the 4th Monday each month from the Food Bank of the Southern Tier and is sponsored by Danby Community Church.

Seems like we'll have a real winter this year so, during January, February, and March, we will use the Danby Fire Station where we can be inside. In April, and the rest of the year, we're at the Danby Community Church. There will be no truck here in December 2017 as our 4th Monday falls during the holiday week.

This distribution is open to anyone needing food—please bring your own boxes or bags. People should come between Noon-1pm on the 4th Monday of each month.

To recap, 2017 dates are: Mondays, Jan.23, Feb.27, Mar.27, Apr.24, May 22, Jun.26, Jul.24, Aug.28, Sep.25, Oct.23 and Nov.27, all Noon-1pm. ❁

SUMMER CAMP FOR FREE: ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

For the 14th year, the Leon Chandler Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be sponsoring a few young people (ages 11-17) from Tompkins and Cortland Counties to attend one of the DEC's Summer Environmental Education Camps.

Campers spend one week during July or August involved in a variety of workshops and activities designed to help campers become more aware of the environment and stimulate their desire to participate in the sound management of our natural resources. Other outdoor recreation activities include fishing, hunter safety training, archery, hiking, canoeing, swimming, and birding.

For more information on the DEC summer camp programs and locations, see [www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html].

In addition to paying for the cost of the camp, up to \$100 will be available per camper to assist with the purchase of required camp supplies and transportation costs.

Please note that the application deadline is January 8, 2017. For more information on the camper sponsorship program, contact Rick Grossman, 607.279.9002 or [rdg@tc3.edu]. ❁

Community Council January Youth Programs

The Danby Youth Program is committed to offering quality, stable, uninterrupted programs to the youth of Danby, and while Interim Manager Tom Janda continues to lead programs at least through the end of January, our search for a permanent manager continues as of press time. For updates, check us out on the web at [danbycc.org/YouthPrograms].

Art & Play for Winter

Wednesdays, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 2:30-6:30pm

Danby Community Church

Youth, 8-14, 12 spots available

Interim Youth Program Manager Tom Janda and Danby resident, teacher, and artist, Cathleen Banford team up for some afternoon adventure and creativity that reflect our transition to winter.

Art and Play in Winter, Part 2-Grades 3 & up

Wednesdays, 2:30-6pm, January 4-25.

Danby Community Church

We're going to keep a good thing going with the continuation of December's Art & Play in Winter program with artist and teacher Cathleen Banford leading the Art portion, and Interim Youth Program Manager Tom Janda leading the Play. More creativity and fun will flow, as youth make projects with gorgeous materials and skilled direction, with games and playing both indoors and out.

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 March 15 for programs beginning (or with payment deadlines) in April thru June (but check about January-March programs).

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. ❧



Photography Fridays-Ages 11 & up

Fridays, 3:30-6pm, January 6-27

Danby Community Church

Explore the world of photography with this weekly program geared toward older kids. Not only photography, but videography will be on the agenda, with input from professional photographers and lessons in indoor and outdoor techniques using digital cameras and editing software. The program will culminate with a display of participants' work, and a chance to make photo gifts to share.

Silly Science-Grades 2-5

Mondays, 2:30-5:30pm, January 9-30

Danby Community Church

Kids love hands-on science, and Interim Program Manager and science teacher-in-training Tom Janda loves science! What better combination for exploring the world of physics, chemistry, and biology through fun, engaging hands-on experiments using a variety of materials? Throughout the program, the scientific method will be incorporated into the process, and each participant will keep a journal to track their experiments, and they may even design their own. There'll be lots of learning combined with fun and teamwork in this exciting new program. ❧

FREE ADMISSION TO SCIENCENTER

Enjoy the fun and educational exhibits in Ithaca's Sciencenter for free (that's, Free) on Sunday, January 8, from Noon until 5pm. ❧

Postal Patron

DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Jan 2 • Mon

 Town Hall • Closed


Jan 3 • Tue

 Town Hall • First Day of Tax Collection




Jan 5 • Thu

Noon  Danby Comm Church • Seniors
7pm  Town Hall • Danby Community Council Mtg


Jan 7 • Sat

9am  Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

Jan 9 • Mon

7pm  Town Hall • Town Board Meeting
7pm  Danby Fire Hall • Fire Dep't Meeting
7pm  West Danby Fire Hall • WD Fire Dep't Meeting



Jan 10 • Tue

7pm  Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Jan 13 • Fri

10am-2pm  Danby Comm Church • Blood Drive
5pm  Danby Comm Church • Chicken & Biscuit


Jan 15 • Sun

8-11m  Danby Fire Station • Pancake Breakfast
3pm  Town Hall
Concert: Dimecke-Lowe-Reitz Piano Trio
followed by Danby Comm Council Annual Meeting



Jan 16 • Mon

7pm  Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

Jan 17 • Tue

7pm  Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Jan 19 • Thu

3-6pm  Danby Comm. Church • Food Pantry
7pm  Town Hall • Planning Board Meeting

Jan 21 • Sat

5pm  West Danby Fire Hall
West Danby Comm Assoc Annual Mtg
w/ Soup-er Supper and Good Neighbor Exchange

Jan 22 • Sun

4pm  371 East Miller Road • Book Club

Jan 23 • Mon

Noon-1pm  Danby Comm Ch • Mobile Food Truck
7pm  Town Hall • Conservation Advisory Council Mtg


Feb 2 • Thu

Noon  Danby Comm Church • Seniors
7pm  Town Hall • Danby Community Council Mtg


Feb 4 • Sat

9am  Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

Feb 5 • Sun

3pm  Town Hall
Concert: Toivo (Finnish and Tex-Mex music)




Feb 10 • Fri

5pm  Danby Comm Church • Chicken & Biscuit

Feb 11 • Sat

8-11m  West Danby Fire Station
Valentine's Sweetheart's Breakfast


Feb 13 • 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


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