

# DANBY AREA NEWS

## DANBY GETS NEW FIRE TANKER

Submitted by Edward Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

*Faster than the old Tanker!  
More powerful than the newest Danby Fire engine!  
Able to climb Danby's hills at speeds unseen before!  
Carries 1/3 more water to the fire!  
Pumps the water 66 percent faster!  
Drafts water from ponds almost automatically!*

*Look! On Danby's roads! It's the Danby Fire District's new tanker!*

**B**uilt by 4Guys on an International chassis, this new 2017 tanker has a 475HP diesel engine. It is easier to drive than the old one, has increased stability on Danby's unpaved roads, wireless controls for many features, and an automatic transmission. It carries a portable pond that holds 2,500 gallons of water and can automatically deploy this pond at fire scenes.

Chief Gaden has waited years for this new tanker and while he is too young to remember the arrival of 42-year-old #421, the yellow behemoth, he is quite excited with the new #421. He said the new tanker is a great asset to the fire company; it will carry more equipment with modern features that make it much more user friendly; and it carries 1500 feet of 5-inch supply hose, 500 feet of 2.5-inch working hose, and 500 feet 1.75-inch working hose, as well as 400 feet of 1.75-inch cross lay and 200 feet of 2.5-inch on the cross lay.

This amount of hose and the size of the pump allows the unit to act as a second pumper at any fire scene, something the old unit could do only haltingly and less efficaciously. So, the Danby Fire District essentially got a two-for.

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## ROCK AND FOSSIL SHOW

Submitted by Bill Evans, Community Council

**P**lease join us on Sunday, May 14, 1-4pm, for a rock and fossil show in Danby's Town Hall. The event will include the monthly meeting of the Finger Lakes Mineral Club and its members will display a diverse array of fossils, meteorites, crystals and other rocks. Some of them may be for sale.

Bald Hill historian Wayne Myers will be showing local fossils he has found in Danby, including a small portion of the incredible glass sponge fossil he found on his property in 2002.

The event is free and open to all. Danby residents are encouraged to bring and share interesting rocks and fossils they have found in Danby or abroad. Experts from the Finger Lakes Mineral Club will be on hand to help identify unknowns. If any Danby residents have a larger collection they would like to share, a display table can be reserved by contacting me at [wevans@danbycc.org].

Refreshments will be served. Town Hall has bathrooms and is handicap-accessible. ♣



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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

### Tax Time

As I sit down to write this article for May, April 15—*Tax Day* for income tax—has just passed. Mid-April also marks the arrival of Spring at Danby's Town Hall, and the departure of tax collection from our office. Each year, sometime during the second or third week of April, all tax collection records are transferred to Tompkins County Finance. All remaining tax payments, including second installment payments, are made to County of Tompkins, Division of Finance, 125 East Court Street, Ithaca NY.



The vast majority of Town and County property taxes are paid in this office by March 31, collected by Danby's Tax Collector, the same person as the Town Clerk. Of 2,000 tax parcels this year, only 88 payments remained to be transferred to County Finance. Those 88 outstanding full payments have now accrued a penalty of five percent in addition to interest at the rate of one percent per month past January. When it's possible, paying taxes in full during that first month avoids added service charges, penalties, and interest payments.

As a reminder, second installment payments should be paid at Tompkins County Finance by July 3. From the Fourth of July on, second installment payments are also charged the five/one percent penalty and interest.

### Information Available

While we don't sell garbage tags or deal with trash collection at the Town Hall in any direct way, we do help distribute information about waste reduction and recycling. Various guidelines and information pamphlets available in Town Hall, including curbside recycling guidelines, information about how to dispose of household hazardous waste, and new information about food scraps recycling. Much of this information used to be mailed to County residents but are now only available at municipal offices and the Tompkins County Solid Waste office.

If you are interested in the history of Danby or want to know of interesting places to take spring and summer visitors, a new brochure about Danby is available at the Town Hall. This attractive flyer was created for the Tompkins County Bicentennial. It includes points of interest, a map of Danby, a time-line history of our Town, and three brief biographies of historic residents of note. You

might also be interested in the Tompkins County bicycle map, with roads color-coded for bicycle suitability.

### Spring Rabies Clinics

Many Danby pet owners rely on the free rabies clinics, provided by the Tompkins County Health Department, to keep their dogs, cats, and ferrets healthy with an up-to-date vaccination against this dangerous disease. Proof of prior vaccination is required to receive a three-year certificate for cats and dogs, otherwise a one-year certificate is issued.

The Health Department has scheduled Spring Clinics in the following locations: Lansing on May 3, Danby on May 4, Dryden on May 10, Enfield on May 11, and Ithaca on May 17. Danby's Free Rabies Clinic on May 4 will be held at the Fire Station on Route 96B. Fall clinics will be held in Newfield, Groton, Caroline, and Trumansburg. Those with questions about the Spring Rabies Clinics should call the Environmental Health Division of the Health Department, 607.274.6688.

We need to have an updated rabies vaccine certificate on file in order to renew dog licenses each year. Thank you, to all of the dog owners who renew their licenses on time. This saves the Town time and money, and reduces paper waste, by avoiding the need to send additional monthly reminders.

As a reminder, the Town Clerk's office will be open 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday as well as Saturday morning hours 10am-Noon. The Clerk's office will shift to Summer Hours after Mother's Day, dropping Saturday morning. During the Summer, the Town Clerk's office is closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and Thursdays.

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

## WEST DANBY CEMETERY ASSOC.

Submitted by Sandra Fish

The annual meeting of the West Danby Cemetery Association will be held May 20, 10am, in the West Danby Fire Hall, 47 Sylvan Lane.

All owners and family members are encouraged to attend. If you need info, please call 607.592.5923. ❁

## CONS. ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE

Submitted by Matt Ulinsky

Danby's Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) provides guidance to the Town Board on land and conservation issues. It is charged to:

- research and create an open space inventory for the town
- create management plans for town-owned land
- encourage and create conservation easements to preserve open space
- advise on conservation and land issues in the town
- promote conservation with Danby residents

Some ongoing projects of the CAC are:

- meeting with landowners about conservation easements
- working on the Town's Natural Resources Inventory
- with the Danby Community Council, measuring trees for Danby's Big Tree contest
- conservation easements stewardship
- crafting management plans for Town-owned land

If you have questions, comments or suggestions please contact me at [mulinski@townofdanbyny.org] or attend one of our meetings. We meet monthly, usually on the fourth Monday of the month. For the next scheduled meeting, look at the calendar on the Town of Danby web site. ❁

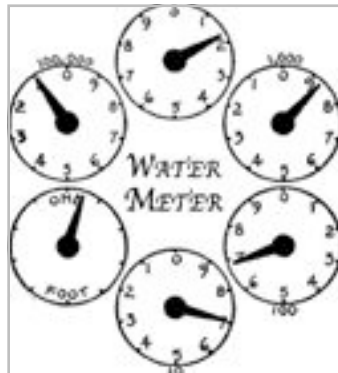
*Applications are still being accepted for the part-time, paid position of Secretary to the Conservation Advisory Council. You need to attend meetings and prepare minutes in a timely fashion. For more information contact the Town Clerk at 607.277.4788 or [townclerk@townofdanbyny.org].*

## WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

We will be flushing hydrants in the water district on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 16 and 17, weather permitting.

The hydrants north of the fire station will be done on Tuesday and those south of station on Wednesday. Flushing on each day will begin just after 9am and will be done by 3pm. ❁



## Budgeting, Levies, and Operations: Who Gets Your Property Taxes A Quick Primer, by Ted Crane

In the end, you pay your taxes and the money gets spent. Sometimes taxpayers wonder what's happening during the mostly invisible machinations. Here's a summary of what happens with your local property taxes (income taxes are a mystery to us all).

There are at least four different local bodies with taxing authority for residents of Danby: Tompkins County, School Districts (Ithaca is the one for most Danby-ites), the Town of Danby, and the Danby Fire District.

The School District is, in some ways, simple. It determines needs, creates a budget, totals up a tax levy (that's the biggest part of budgeted income, and it comes from your property tax), prints tax bills, collects taxes, and uses them to pay expenses. Taxpayers have input to the process when they vote to approve the School District budget (and Board) in May. May 16, this year...be sure to get out and vote!

The Schools collect their taxes directly, typically in October. The other big tax bill—County, Town, and Fire—is collected mostly during January.

The process could be similar for the Town of Danby: determine, create, total the levy, print, collect, and pay expenses...but it isn't. The Town is also responsible for collecting taxes for the County and the Fire District.

Legally, the Fire levy becomes a part of the Town's levy. The Fire District levy is added—unchanged—to the Town's levy. In very round numbers, it's about 1/4 of the Town's total.

When the collection process is mostly done, the Town writes checks to the County and the Fire District. There's a pecking order. The District gets a check for everything it asked for. The Town keeps everything it asked for and writes a check for what remains to the County. The County takes over at that point, with the incentive that it must collect all remaining unpaid taxes *for itself*.

For what it's worth, the Town's levy mostly goes to its Highway Department—in very round numbers, about 2/3 of the 3/4 remaining after the Fire District takes its share. The remaining 1/3 of the 3/4 covers the Town's general administrative needs.

One final item: in very round numbers, the proportion of levies, School-to-County-to-Town-to-Fire, is... 12-to-3-to-4-to-1. Don't ask for a dollar translation. ❁

## SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

### Danby's vision for young and old.

What responsibility does the Town have, to provide services for the youth of our town? I am in the midst of conversations with Danby's Community Council about expanding the youth development services. It got me to wondering what the town thinks.

The Town budgets for many things. The top priority is its infrastructure, the roads and buildings along with the equipment, and staff, to keep them in good repair.

The Fire District controls its own budget, covering fire and EMS services, but the Town has to figure that money into the overall picture.

The Town has its own lean costs to support the administrative operation of the Court, the Clerk's office, and Code Enforcement and Planning. The West Danby Water District has its own section of the Town budget.

Surrounding these core budget items are various programs the Town funds, including Jennings Pond and its lifeguards, the Recreation Partnership (a very popular program, and a large turn out for many of our youth),

the Community Council (which oversees youth development programs as well as a variety of services from concerts, to the Danby News), the Community Park, the food bank, and the Community Library.

Our Planning, Zoning Appeals, CAC, and Town boards spend a great deal of time discussing and acting on land use issues, and the laws that reflect our present and future goals. Should we be engaging with our senior and youth residents to the same degree? How do we resolve the question of where needs might be, so that we can plan ahead for consistent funding?

In my experience, the kinds of services I most needed were age related: three kids, day care, baby sitting, car pooling, and sleep as kids grew up. When they moved away, service needs switched to aging parents. What do single parents do? For that matter, what kind of services do our elder generation require?

The Town spends a lot of time and money grappling over issues related to how we use our land; should we be spending more time and energy planning for our youth and our aging population?

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

### ➤ Fire Tanker, cont'd from front page—

Commissioner Freedman and Treasurer Bowles negotiated a low interest bond rate of 2.24% by issuing a five-year bond and this saved the tax payers \$33,000 in financing costs.

You are invited to visit the station and see this new unit during the Fun day this coming summer, or during next fall and winter's Pancake Breakfasts.

You might be invited to ride on this new equipment when you become a volunteer firefighter.

The Danby Volunteer firefighters thank the Chief, the Commissioners, and most importantly the citizen-tax payers of all of Danby for this vote of confidence represented by this new unit. ❁



## WEST DANBY YARD SALE, NOT

Submitted by Peter Fraissinet

2017 is a "growing" year and we won't be having an organized sale day in West Danby this year. Looking forward to 2018! ❁

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All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

## DANBY AND ITS HISTORY

Submitted by M.A. Barr, Town Co-Historian

Like all towns, Danby has the stuff of history but, of course, for those of us who live in Danby, its history is unique.

For many years this unique history has been documented and kept track of by Joan Grant as Danby's official Town Historian. She grew up in Ithaca and the Ithaca area, so she knows the area's history very well—including Danby's—and has chronicled that history with dedication for many years.

A change was made at the start of this year; Danby now has a new Town Historian. Two, actually, Co-Historians. Mary Ann Barr and Alex Pfeifer are in the process of taking up the reins. Both have a deep interest in history and

bring to the position their own individual perspectives.

Alex likes researching history of people and places. Mary Ann thinks of history as a great treasure chest containing all sorts of discoveries and artifacts that bring history alive. Always interested to learn more about Danby history, Alex and Mary Ann welcome input from you.

You can contact them by leaving a message with the Town Clerk, Pamela Goddard, 607.277.4788 or [pgoddard@townofdanbyny.org]. Mary Ann or Alex will get back to you during their regular hours at Town Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

In the near future they hope to make a small contribution to Danby's history with a page for Town Historian on the Town's web site. Then you will have more ways to interact with the Historians. Watch this paper for updates. ✨

## COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, Tompkins County Legislator

Last month, in honor of the 200th birthday of Tompkins County, I started writing about all the services that the County provides. Here is the rest of the list.

Highway: Tompkins County Highway Department is responsible for 300 miles of roads and more than 100 bridges.

Human Rights: Hopefully you never need this kind of assistance, but if you do, there are people ready to help you defend your legal rights.

Library: I believe this is most people's favorite County service.

Mental Health: When people with mental health issues get the help they need, we are all better off.

Planning: the Planning Department staff are national leaders in planning for energy, housing, tourism, and other needs of the future.

Probation: Another branch of the local criminal justice system that tries to help ex-offenders stay out of trouble for both their and society's sake.

Sheriff: Danby does not have its own police force. We rely on New York State troopers and the County Sheriff's Department.

Department of Social Services: Many of us, our friends and families and neighbors, need help with food and housing and other basic needs at some point in our lives.

Recycling and Materials Management: Landfills are a last resort for our waste and this department is a na-

tional leader in diverting as much as possible from our expensive, environmentally unsound landfills.

Soil and Water Conservation Service: this is something that most of us don't think about, but a society that does not make efforts to control erosion and protect water supplies is doomed to fail.

Weights and Measures: Our only department devoted exclusively to consumer protection.

Workforce Development: Tompkins County has a persistently low unemployment rate and this agency plays a major role in this accomplishment.

Youth Services: We recognize that a successful future for all of us depends on young people being successful.

There are also a number of people working internally to keep all these departments functioning:

Our Human Resources Department handles the logistics for the approximately 700 County employees. The Facilities Department maintains 15 buildings of 400,000 square feet in total. There are also administration, legal, financial, and information technology departments that are mostly invisible to the public, but whose work is required in the background to keep all the other provided services afloat.

My point in writing this article was to take a moment to appreciate how county government contributes to our quality of life and to give a little cheer for reaching the 200 year milestone.

Contact me about these or any other County Legislature issues at 607.272.7582 or [danbydan@hotmail.com]. ✨

## POLLINATOR PROTECTION EVENT

A Local and Global Concern

Submitted by David Hopkins

**O**n Sunday May 21, 2017, at 2pm in Danby's Town Hall, Maria van Dyke will show slides and discuss what can be done to help protect pollinators.

Maria is the lab manager, technician, and outreach worker at the Danforth Lab, a part of Cornell's Pollinator Protection Network. As an ecologist experienced in consulting landowners for wild bee management, she understands bees, the plants they need, and their best nesting conditions. She is dedicated to help, "bridge the knowledge gap," between scientific research, policy makers and the public.

The decline of pollinators has become a universal issue. Many people in Danby share this concern and wonder what can be done locally. This presentation, with its discussion, questions, and answers, helps clarify the value of local pollinator protection areas of all sizes.

Programs to protect pollinators are in progress in many places. Garden clubs, beekeeper clubs, and school projects complement major university initiatives and projects of the state and federal governments. Major efforts are also in the realm of the United Nations and the European Union. Networks of nonprofit organizations

## PLANT EXCHANGE HITS 25!

Submitted by Dan Klein

**T**he 25<sup>th</sup> annual Plant Exchange will take place on Sunday, May 21, 2017, 1-3pm, at the Danby Fire Station on route 96B. This free event is an opportunity to swap, donate, and try new perennials, houseplants, seeds, annual seedlings, and anything else garden related.

It is not necessary to bring a plant in order to get a plant, nor is it necessary to stay the whole time.

It's better to divide plants in advance so they don't suffer in the heat on the day of the Plant Exchange. Also, label what you bring if you can.

For more info, contact Dan Klein, 607.272.7582 or [[danbydan@hotmail.com](mailto:danbydan@hotmail.com)]. ❁

and grassroots groups are active on every scale from local to international.

The event in Danby's Town Hall is an opportunity for people to learn and brainstorm about working on pollinator protection projects. Maria van Dyke will share her ideas and answer questions about planting pollinator gardens and large fields. Protecting sensitive areas to protect pollinators improves the local quality of life... and the benefits are global in scope. ❁

## 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!*

### Tompkins County Health Department

*Rabies Clinic for Dogs, Cats, Ferrets:* Thursday, May 4, 7-9pm, Danby Fire Station. Free vaccinations.

### Danby Community Church

*Red Cross Blood Drive:* Friday, May 12, 1-6pm.

*Tex-Mex Dinner:* Friday, May 19, 6-8pm.

*Church History Group:* Thursday, May 25, 7pm.

### Danby Community Council

*Seed To Supper:* Grow your own dinner! Five-part series, Wednesdays, May 3 to 31, 6:30-8:30pm. Town Hall. See article.

*Rock and Fossil Show:* Sunday, May 14, 1-4pm, Town Hall. See article.

*Danby Pollinators:* Sunday, May 21, 3-5pm, Town Hall. See article.

*Flute Concert:* Sunday, June 11, 3-5pm, Town Hall.

### Conservation Advisory Council

*Tree and Bird Call Walk:* Saturday, May 13, 10-11:30am. Meet at Jennings Pond. See article.

### West Danby Cemetery Association

*Annual Meeting:* Saturday, May 20, 10am. WD Fire Station.

### Danby Book Club

*City of Thieves:* Sunday, May 21, 4pm, 371 East Miller Road.

### The 25th Annual Danby Plant Exchange

Sunday, May 21, 1-3pm, Danby Fire Station.

### The Great Room at Slow Lane

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

## SEED TO SUPPER GARDENING

Classes For Adults On A Budget

Learn to grow your own produce in a program sponsored by Danby's Community Council!

Volunteer instructors are teaching a five week beginning garden course at Danby's Town Hall, every Wednesday in May, 6:30-8:30pm (May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31).

Please plan to attend all five classes. Topics will include:

- garden site and soil development
- garden planning
- planting
- garden
- maintenance
- harvesting

All participants will receive a free beginning gardening book, a few transplants, and a certificate of completion. To sign up, contact Theresa Joseph, [terrijo77@gmail.com] and mention "Seed to Supper". ❀

## BROADBAND AND PRIVACY

Submitted by Ted Crane

Action by the House and Senate was in the news last month. When the President signed the legislation, privacy protection that was implemented by the FCC last October was blocked from taking effect.

The best-known privacy issue at stake is the collection of information about your browsing history—the web pages you visit—by your ISP. The company you pay to provide your broadband (or dialup) connection...remains able to snoop on your activity and sell the results. When your history is collected, your personal info can be matched with it and sold to advertisers and others. If you research, for example, a medical condition, that information could be sold to your insurance company.

Scary, huh? The importance of online privacy varies from person to person, but everyone should be aware of it.

Anyway, like many of you, my ISP is Clarity Connect. I contacted Chuck Bartosch and he quickly replied (from India, where he was doing outreach providing polio vaccinations) saying that, "We collect no such history and never will."

There are lots of other ways for your web activity to be tracked. There's not enough space here to give specific advice, but you might try Googling *reasons to use https or VPN*. Or Email me at [danbynews@tedcrane.com]. ❀

## DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, May 4, at Noon in the Danby Community Church. All seniors 55 and over are welcomed to our dish to share luncheon.

We thank our April hosts, Donna Donnelly, Pat Addy, Sharon Siegard and Sarah Spearman...also Linda Howe, who also cooked the Easter ham! Thanks, Linda, once again!! Eileen Savino from the TC Office for the Aging spoke and provided good information.

The travel committee has planned some nice trips. On June 21 we will go the Villa Roma Resort to see a Beach Boys tribute and enjoy a Noon luncheon. Contact Ann VanDeMark 607.539.7928 for more information.

On July 19, there is a trip planned to Sonnenberg Gardens and Mansion with a luncheon cruise on the Canandaigua Lady followed by a tour of the Granger Homestead. Contact Nancy Gould 607.272.6570.

On August 22, a trip to Auburn to tour the Seward House Museum, lunch at Lasca's, and then the Merry-Go-Round Theater to see *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*. Contact Nancy Weitzel 607.272.6570. ❀

## BOOK CLUB STEALS ATTENTION

Submitted by Janice Beal

The Danby Book Club will meet on Sunday, May 21, 4pm, in 371 East Miller Road.

We will be discussing "City of Thieves", a novel by David Benioff. Please join us! All are welcome. Questions? My Email is [beal.janice.e@gmail.com]. ❀

## MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The Mobile Food Pantry from the Food Bank of the Southern Tier will be at the Danby Community Church on Monday, May 22 (always the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday) at Noon. Anyone needing food is encouraged to come.

Please bring your own bags/boxes. There are usually produce and bakery items, dairy products, canned vegetables, and sometimes meats and personal care items. ❀



# Danby Youth Flyer

## Community Council Youth Programs

The Danby Youth Program is committed to offering quality, stable, uninterrupted programs to the youth of Danby. Our search for a permanent manager continues as of press time. For updates, check us out on the web at [[danbycc.org/YouthPrograms](http://danbycc.org/YouthPrograms)]. ❁

## DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Happy Bicentennial, Tompkins County! We have a new sign in front of the Town Hall stating when Danby became part of Tompkins County. We also have a lot of local history books at the Danby Community Library.

At the end of April, we will be ordering these DVDs:

<i>Silence</i>	<i>La La Land</i>
<i>Lion</i>	<i>Hidden Figures</i>
<i>Fences</i>	

Congratulations to Mary Oltz for many years of volunteer work at Danby Community Library. We will miss your participation and hope you will continue to be a patron.

Dawn Parks was recently recognized by the Tompkins County Public Library for over 100 hours of volunteer work at Danby Community Library! ❁



Photo by Cindy Parlett

## Not Just For Youth...

### TREE AND BIRD SOUND WALK

Don Schaufler and Bill Evans of the Danby Conservation Advisory Council will lead a tree and bird sound identification walk in the forest trail behind Jennings Pond on Saturday, May 13, 10-11:30am.

Don was the forester at Cornell's Arnot Forest for 30 years and Bill is a bird migration specialist and noted expert on bird sounds. The walk will be about a mile over fairly flat terrain. Most of the trail is easy walking but sections may be muddy or have exposed roots, so wear appropriate footwear.

Meet at Jennings Pond at 9:45am. The walk will be rescheduled if there is moderate to heavy rain. ❁

### DANBY BIG PUMPKIN CONTEST

The Community Council is sponsoring a contest for the largest pumpkin grown in Danby in 2017. A competing pumpkin must be grown in Danby and cared for by the contestant or their family.

If it looks like a pumpkin, we will call it a pumpkin (no gourds allowed!). Only one pumpkin can be submitted per contestant (multiple contestants per family okay). A point score of weight in pounds times the maximum girth in inches will be used to determine the largest pumpkin.

The measurement date is October 8. Pumpkins can be brought to Town Hall on the 8th for measurement or a representative of Danby Community Council can come to the site of the pumpkin and make the measurement.

Contestants are encouraged to register by July 8 via Email to [[wevans@danbycc.com](mailto:wevans@danbycc.com)] or in person at the Natural History Booth at Danby Fun Day. Seeds from the Big Max pumpkin variety will be available from the Community Council during its May 4 or June 1 meeting, 7pm in Danby's Town Hall, or by contacting Bill Evans at the Email above.

All competing pumpkins are welcome for display at the Danby Harvest Festival in October with entrants receiving a certificate of participation and the top three winners an award. ❁

Postal Patron

## DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

May 3 • Wed

6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall  
Seed To Supper Workshops (also May 10, 17,24,31)

May 4 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Danby Comm Church • Seniors  
7-9pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall  
Rabies Clinic: Dogs, Cats, Ferrets  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Danby Community Council Mtg

May 6 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

May 8 • 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

May 9 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

May 12 • Fri

1-6pm 🏠 Danby Comm Church • Red Cross Blood Drive

May 13 • Sat

10am 🏠 Jennings Pond • Tree and Bird Call Walk

May 14 • Sun

2-4pm 🏠 Town Hall • Rock and Fossil Show

May 15 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

May 16 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

May 18 • Thu

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

May 19 • Fri

6pm 🏠 Danby Comm Church • Tex-Mex Dinner

May 20 • Sat

10am 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • WD Cemetery Assoc.

May 21 • Sun

1pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant Exchange  
3pm 🏠 Town Hall • Danby Pollinators Talk  
4pm 🏠 371 East Miller Road • Book Club

May 22 • Mon

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

May 25 • Thu

7pm 🏠 Danby Comm Church • Church History Group

June 1 • Thu

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

June 3 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

June 11 • Sun

3pm 🏠 Town Hall • Concert: Flutes and More

Jun 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

Jun 13 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District 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

🏠 American Legion Post 221 • 1231 Danby Road