

# DANBY AREA NEWS

## TICK TIME

Submitted by Mark Woodsen

The final installment of health-related informative presentations organized by one of our local Eagle Scouts, Cole Janda, will take place on Wednesday, June 7, at 7pm in Danby's Town Hall.

Mary Woodsen will talk about ticks, Lyme disease, and more.

Lyme disease and its "co-infections" (anaplasmosis, bartonella, babesiosis, and now powassan) are carried by black-legged ticks, a.k.a., deer ticks, and can be transmitted in as little as fifteen minutes. Lyme disease grabs the headlines but the others, if less common, can be just as nasty.

One bite can change your life.

Before you read on, take this little quiz (and please, no looking online):

Which of these critters is most likely to help Lyme disease move from tick to table (the table being you)?

- 1. Deer
- 2. Mice
- 3. Raccoons

Which critter is the blacklegged tick's enemy number one?

- 1. Raccoon
- 2. Wild turkey
- 3. Opossum

High-fives to everyone who knows why the name deer tick fell out of favor.

Mary Woodsen's down-to-earth, conversational presentation and display covers the habitats and conditions ticks like best, how to make and use a *tick drag*, how to protect your family and yourself, and what not to do about ticks. ❁



## DCC CONCERT: ITHACA FLUTE DUO

Submitted by Bob Strichartz

The Ithaca Flute Duo, Elizabeth Shuhan and Juliana May Pepinsky, with guest Lenora Schneller, clarinet, will present a free concert of chamber music in Danby's Town Hall on Sunday, June 11, 3pm. The program includes works of Bach, Telemann, and other composers.

Elizabeth Shuhan is visiting lecturer of flute at Cornell University, a lecturer in music education at Ithaca College, and on the flute faculty at Opus Ithaca Music School. She is principal flutist of the Fort Smith Symphony (Arkansas), and performs regularly with many local groups in Ithaca.

Juliana May Pepinsky is a lecturer at Cornell. She teaches flute and coaches chamber music groups. She performs regularly with local chamber music groups, and she has degrees from Oberlin conservatory and Yale.

Lenora Schneller is a visiting lecturer of clarinet at Cornell and teaches clarinet at community School of Music and Arts in Ithaca. She performs regularly with several local chamber and orchestral groups, and Palinegro, a Latin American music band.

This concert is part of the Danby Community Council's concert series, which receives grant support from the Community arts Partnership of Tompkins County and from the Town of Danby. Refreshments will be served during intermission. 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

### Dog Licensing

**G**olden and Labrador Retrievers, Terriers, Chihuahuas, Collies, Beagles, Spaniels, Bulldogs, Mastiffs, Boxers, Hounds, Shih Tzus, Sheepdogs, Setters, Poodles, Pomeranians, Pointers, Lhasa Apsos, Pugs, Dobermans, Basset Hounds, Dachshunds, Shepards, Huskys, Rottweilers, Schnauzers, and "Other Mixed Breeds"—Danby has them all. They live on Bald Hill Road, Beardsley Lane, Coddington, Comfort, Durfee Hill, Gunderman, Station, and Michigan Hollow Roads. They can be found at Fieldstone Circle, Fisher Settlement, Maple Ave, and Meadow Wood Terrace. In fact, whether its main roads or dirt back roads, it would be hard to find a road in Danby where dogs don't live.

There are currently 580 dogs living and licensed in Danby.

All of these dogs, whether large or small, young or old, need to be licensed. This is required by New York State, even though all of the licensing is managed

at the local level in Danby. Dog Licensing is seen as a public health matter, so that animals can be traced to their owners in case there is a problem. Problems might include aggressive behavior that threatens or harms other animals or humans. Licensing is part of an effort to encourage proper animal care including vaccinations against rabies and spay/nueter to prevent unwanted increases in the animal population.

Licensing is also a protection for the dogs themselves, in case they wander off, get lost, or are stolen. Local license ID tags make it much easier to return a lost dog to its owner. People frequently move in and out of Danby...particularly transitioning through rental properties at the north end of town. As people come and go, so do their dogs. If you get a renewal notice for someone no longer living at your address, please help us keep our database up to date by letting us know that that dog and human companion have moved on. You can call us at 607.277.4788.

And, of course, dogs do eventually die. Let us know if your dear companion has passed away, so that we can correct our records and save you the pain of seeing a renewal notice for a dog who is no longer with you.

I'm happy to say that 90 percent of dog owners in

Danby relicensed their animals on time. Thank you to all who do. This saves the Town time and money, and reduces paper waste by avoiding the need to send additional monthly renewal notices. Dog owners have a grace period of three months to pay without a penalty. In 2014, The Town Board authorized a late fee of \$3 per month, to help cover the costs of sending follow-up monthly reminders. We have gotten very few complaints—possibly because almost all dog owners are punctual and responsible.

### Free Rabies Clinics

An updated rabies vaccine certificate is required to renew dog licenses each year. Many Danby pet owners rely on the free rabies clinics, provided by the Tompkins County Health Department, to keep their animals healthy. Proof of prior vaccination is required to receive a three year certificate for cats and dogs.

The Health Department held its Spring Clinic in Danby on May 4. Fall clinics will be held in Newfield, Groton, Caroline, and Trumansburg. Those with questions about the spring and fall free Rabies Clinics should call the Environmental Health Division of the Health Department at 607.274.6688.

As a reminder, the Town Clerk's office will be open 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. The office has shifted to Summer Hours, dropping Saturday mornings, but I will try to accomodate you if you call for a Saturday appointment.

You can always reach us by phone, 607.277.4788, and by Email, [[townclerk@townofdanbyny.org](mailto:townclerk@townofdanbyny.org)]. ❄

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## DANBY RURAL CEMETERY MTG

Submitted by Sharon Boda

The Danby Rural Cemetery Association (Curtis Road cemetery) will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, June 10, 2017, 9am, in the Danby Community Church, 1859 Danby Road (NYS Rt.96B).

All lot owners, their relatives, and interested people are welcome to attend.

For information, contact me at 607.273.8241. ❄



## DICK OLTZ: OUR FRIEND

Submitted by Russ and Kim Nitchman, Garry and Gay Huddle

We lost a good one on Wednesday, May 3. Dick Oltz, a long-time Comfort Road resident and our long-time friend, passed away at age 74 from Alzheimer's and a systemic bacterial infection in his prosthetic knee.

He was a dear man who served the community and others. Dick joined the Danby Volunteer Fire Company in July, 1981, served at least two 6-year terms as Assistant Chief, and two 5-year terms as a Fire Commissioner. One member reported that he was the first to volunteer for projects and had a lot of input on the recent expansion of the firehouse.

Both Dick and his wife Judy, who predeceased him by two years, were always involved in food events at the firehouse, whether a chicken BBQ, pancake breakfast, Danby Fun Day, or bringing meals to a member in need (like when Chief John Gaden had his motorcycle accident). Dick and Judy were also quite active at the American Legion.

Judy made a wonderful plate of food or dessert—boy could she cook! We were honored and treated to sit at her table for a meal or a dessert. Even when crippled herself with hip and leg pain, she would bake something wonderful and bring it over with her on a visit.

Dick did all the welding for Russ on his farm equipment and often welded things up that Garry needed. Dick was an excellent welder! Dick worked many years at Agway when it still was an agriculture-based business and welded together lime spreading trucks. He then switched over to working at Cornell and welded for them until he retired from problems with both knees.

His sense of humor never left, even up to the end. You would ask Dick, "How are you doing?" to which he would respond, "I'm here!" He'd say of his ailing knee, "Hey, can we get the doctor to put a grease fitting on it so I can pump some grease in and make it move better?" He had a sign on his porch that read, "Fish Fear My Name." When visiting him at Hospice on King Road in January, Russ was sharing a story and in it he said how he had gotten dressed to look like a normal person, to which Dick interrupted and said, "Since when were you ever normal?" His daughter, the other visitor, and I burst into laughter. All this while he supposedly had dementia! He would come and go with his cognizance, but he was still quite quick witted.

Danby will be a bit different without him.

Dick was an avid outdoorsman. He planted food plots for the deer and turkeys on his property and hunted them with his bow and gun. He was an active member at Flashing Feathers Bow club that sends five or more kids to the DEC kids camp every year.

Dick was simply a nice man, easy to get along with. He would help anyone out. Russ says, "Dick was one of the first who befriended me when I moved into town some 17 years ago. Others saw me as an outsider. Dick saw me as a human and a friend. Our friendship grew and we spent time together and helped one another. Isn't that what friendship is all about?" Garry says, "Gay and I enjoyed a long friendship with Dick and Judy. They were just good, everyday folks and time spent with them was enjoyable. The memories I have of Dick and I getting ready for hunting season will always remain with me. Gay says she will miss Dick's unique sense of humor!"

We want to give tribute to our friend Dick Oltz and hope that his memory would inspire others to be as great as he was! Though the sugar house on Comfort Road will burn wood no longer, nor will it evaporate water from the sap of sugar maples, a new sap house on Russ' land will be raised this summer in town with his name on it to honor him. It will be called The Dick Oltz Sugar House. Sap will flow into the unit that he welded together and fabricated with his own hands. We will reminisce about Dick as we take in the wonderful aromas of maple steam rising from his stainless steel evaporating pan. When the fire is stoked we will once again remember this kind man. Rest in peace, friend! ♣

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## DANBY FUN DAY 2017

Submitted by the Danby Volunteer Fire Company

The Danby Fire Company is hoping to be able to hold another day filled with fun for all. We are moving the date in hopes of having more people be able to attend. Stay tuned for the new date! *Note: It will not be in July.*

In order to keep having Danby Fun Day we need to revamp/rescale it. Like all organizations we do not have enough manpower for everything. We would like to hear from the community on their thoughts and if you or your organization are interested in helping to organize Fun Day with us this year. We will be holding a meeting on June 8, 7pm, in the Danby Fire Station. ♣

## SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

**P**lans for much-needed repairs and improvements to Town Hall were discussed during the May 15 meeting of the Town Board.

The present situation finds an access ramp with a steep grade that does not meet standards, failing ramp and stair railings, and broken sidewalks and curbs.

One proposed plan would provide handicapped access without a ramp, via changes to the front (road-facing) facade and interior design of the building. This would eliminate the need for the current ramp and sidewalk, and they could be replaced with plantings.

Our solar project has moved to shovel ready status, and I do hope I can write more in the July Area News.

Our Town Planner wrote, and the Highway Department received, a grant to study erosion problems on Brown Road. The test bores are in and are being analyzed by our engineering firm. This will help us determine the extent and cost of the project. It will also generate an engineering report that we will need to apply for additional grants. The report will show solutions to

local issues while also being mindful that our problem is not just being washed downstream to our northern neighbors.

South Danby Road will receive a major remake this summer. In addition to new paving, culverts will added to ease erosion problems. Ditching has already begun; signs will go up well in advance of additional work such as paving.

The Town will be improving Curtis Road this summer. At the Hill Road end, which is currently dirt, Curtis will get a stone and oil finish. A cross culvert will also be installed near the cemetery to improve drainage.

The top of West Jersey Hill Road (if you've driven it lately, you know the spot) is going to have its surface smoothed and the stone and oil finish restored. Ridgcrest Road, from the town line to Nelson Road, will be repaired and sealed.

And, finally, the Highway Department is going to seek approval from the Town Board to put a stone and oil finish on the remaining portion of Hill Road (from Curtis to the "seasonal" road).

There is a third round of New York State funding for Broadband infrastructure. We have encouraged our service providers to review the remaining gaps and apply for grants. Hopefully, some solutions will be forthcoming for those still unserved.

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

## WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

**D**uring May, I attended the New York Rural Water Association's annual conference in Niagara Falls.

There were several tank cleaning companies there and it is time for us to have our first tank cleaning, so I talked to some of them. We also have other maintenance issues and the conference was a good place to learn about different solutions.



On top of that, each day was scheduled full of sessions on water topics, many of which were pertinent to us. I attended a lot of them.

We passed our annual Tompkins County Health Department inspection on May 10. ❧

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## COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, Tompkins County Legislator

**H**ow much do you plan to spend during the month of December 2018? It's a strange question, of course, and one you probably aren't thinking about. However, Tompkins County has already begun its budget process for next year.

The budget process involves a lot of guessing, some of it trying to project what the economic conditions are going to be 18 months from now. This is difficult enough in a normal year. This year, however, there are at least two factors that make predicting even harder than usual. One factor is local, one is national.

You can probably guess what the national factor is. Whatever you think about President Trump, I think there may be one thing we can all agree on about him: the rules and assumptions we have used in the past no longer seem to apply. There is simply no way to predict what is going to happen in Washington that might affect us.

One item of many: President Trump is supporting a measure that would shift Medicaid costs in New York State from the counties to the state. If this were to occur, something like 1/3 of the entire County property tax burden would disappear. How do you budget for next year with an unknown as big as that?

The local topic that may drastically affect next year's budget is the jail issue. I have written about this before. NY State has told Tompkins County that we either need to decrease the number of people we have in our jail by a lot, or we need to build a bigger jail. Both options are expensive.

We have set a goal for the 2018 budget to stay under the 2.4 percent estimated tax cap. Such a budget would increase the County tax bill for the average home in Tompkins County by about \$24.

I want to stress that this is just a stated goal, that anything can change, and that we will not be done with the budget process until late November. We don't know yet what is going to happen with the jail, but we do know that we will likely be spending more money on either a new structure or on programs to reduce rates of incarceration, or possibly both. And we certainly don't know what changes may occur on the federal level that will affect us either positively or negatively.

Budgeting is a complex task, and it one of the reasons we spend six months out of each year working on it.

Feel free to contact me with questions or comments: [danbydan@hotmail.com] or 607.272.7582.

### THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERS

The Danby Fire District benefits from the many hours volunteers donate to your safety. There are several ways to estimate the value of such service.

One is to calculate what a paid fire department would cost. We estimate the value at about \$1 million to \$1.5 million per year. This would provide only four firefighters spread over the two stations for 24 / 7 coverage and require further costs to add firefighters as needed. This would mean a tripling or quadrupling your fire property tax.

A second way is value the estimated hours volunteers serve. Last year they gave about 5,000 hours answering calls and training. The President's Points of Light program values this time at \$24.36 per hour, for a total of about \$121,800.

A third way is to estimate the costs to contract with surrounding fire departments to serve our Town.

This is the hardest to estimate but we have some data that suggests it would cost over \$350,000 per year.

In all, then, we estimate the value of the volunteer services to be at least \$120,000 per year and as much a \$1.5 million per year; a very big contribution indeed! You might want to thank them the next time you meet a volunteer. ❁



## FIRE DISTRICT'S MANDATORY COSTS

Submitted by Edward Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

Every year, the Danby Fire District must comply with State mandated regulations. The need for fiscal probity and common sense suggests we take additional appropriate measures to protect the taxpayer's assets. However, these regulations and measures cost the District money.

The total expense for these is close to \$270,000—more than half of our 2017 budget. A short listing of these costs includes:

### State Mandated costs

- Our equipment is subjected to annual tests: hose testing costs \$2,900; ladder testing \$750; and pump testing \$1200. Flow tests on the breathing apparatus are \$2,600 annually.
- We also must maintain Workers Compensation insurance for our volunteers and that costs about \$29,000 a year.
- Vehicle inspections are, of course, a further annual cost.
- We are required to provide physicals for our volunteers and that costs about \$4,800 each year.

### Other Costs we must pay

- Interest and principal costs on our outstanding debt total \$168,000 per year.
- Because part of our Fire District is quickly accessible to an adjoining fire department, and far enough from our stations to render our response unacceptable, we have elected to contract with that adjoining district to cover this for about \$14,000 per year.
- We have our books audited once a year to assure the government and the taxpayers that our fiscal position is correctly stated and the fee for the audit is \$7,500.
- Life insurance on the volunteers is a perk we elected to provide several years ago and that cost about \$7,000 a year. Other insurance costs us \$24,000 annually.
- We use a lawyer to review certain documents and advise us on other matters and this is about \$5,500 each year.

The total for the above is close to \$267,250 or 52 percent of the Fire District's 2017 budget. ❧



## 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!*

### Danby Community Church

*Men's Breakfast:* Friday, Sunday, June 18, 8:30am. Honoring all men on Father's Day.

*Church History Group:* Thursday, June 29, 7pm.

*Red Cross Blood Drive:* Friday, July 14, 1-6pm.

*Sundaes on Wednesdays:* Ice Cream and Musical Performances. Wednesdays, starting July 26.

*Rummage Sale:* July 28 and 29.

### Danby Community Council

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

### Danby Rural Cemetery Association

*Annual Meeting:* Saturday, June 10, 9am. Danby Community Church.

### Danby Book Club

*City of Thieves:* Sunday, June 25, 4pm, 89 Layen Road.

### The Great Room at Slow Lane

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

## BROADBAND AND NET NEUTRALITY

Submitted by Ted Crane

Action by the FCC last month caught the eyes of techies and consumer advocates alike. The FCC Board of Governors began the process of dismantling a policy known as “net neutrality.”

The FCC, surprisingly for what would seem to be a technical organization, is headed by a five-person board of political appointees. Generally, the majority are appointed by the seated President, and that majority recently shifted along with its policy goals.

You’ve probably seen dozens of explanations of net neutrality. From a technical point of view, it’s the idea that the big carriers who own the wires that connect the country to the internet, will give equal rights (priority) to all traffic, regardless of where the traffic is coming from or going to.

The issue that has arisen over the years, is that several of these carriers and *also* what is known as content providers. You know, a Mega-Media Monolith that owns both the wires *and* the company that is broadcasting TV shows and movies (not to mention advertising). It’s only human nature for the MMM to want to ensure its own profit by giving its own programming priority on its own wires.

You, as a customer, might find that, if your content is delivered by—or via—the MMM, then competitors’ programming will begin to suffer halts, drop-outs and worse.

Or, to put it another way...remember the recent airline fiasco when a passenger was dragged out of a seat he had paid for and was sitting in? That airlines’ policy, at that time, was to prioritize the seating of its own employees, for its own profit. One poor fellow’s travel, as a result, was, well, dropped out.

Anti-net-neutrality advocates take the position that, if carriers are not allowed to prioritize their own products (to maximize income), then they will not have incentive or funding to continue expanding their wire networks.

One of our local ISPs is an independent provider; it doesn’t have any stake in the content it carries and is likely to continue net neutrality, regardless of what the FCC does. However, it does rely on bigger providers to carry traffic nationwide. Other providers, well, they are part of Mega-Media Monoliths; we’ll see what happens. ❀

## DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, June 1 at Noon in the Danby Community Church. All seniors 55 and over are welcomed to join us for a dish to share luncheon.

We thank our May hosts, John & Margie VanDeMark assisted by Kathy Clements, Sharon Siegard and Sarah Spearman. Bingo games were on the agenda with three prize winners.

Our June 21 trip to Callicoon NY to hear a Beach Boys Tribute and enjoy a luncheon may still have room; contact Ann VanDeMark 607.539.7928. Two more trips are planned.

- A July 19 trip to Canandaigua for Sonnenberg Gardens and lunch on the Canandaigua Lady; contact Nancy Gould 607.273.8705 for more information.
- An August 22 trip to Auburn for a museum, lunch at Lasca’s, and the Merry-Go-Round theater show; contact Nancy Weitzel 607.272.6570.

This year, our July BBQ will be at Myers Gardens on July 6 at 1pm. Signups are required; contact Margie VanDeMark 607.273.8046. There will be BBQ chicken and it is a dish to share meal but no need to bring your own table service. ❀

## BOOK CLAN MEETS AGAIN

Submitted by Janice Beal

The Danby Book Club will meet on Sunday, June 25, 4 pm, in 89 Layen Road, We will be discussing *Tribe: On Homecoming And Belonging* by Sebastian Junger.

Please join us! 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, June 26 (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

Who likes paperbacks? They're a great beach read and are easy to hold up to read in bed. Do you have a favorite series author? Give us some feedback by Email or when you stop in. We are "thinning the ranks" of our paperback collection so let us know what to keep on the shelves!

Yay! We have found our missing Books on CD.

#### New items:

*The Queen's Accomplice* by Susan Elia McNeil  
*Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy* by Helen Fielding  
*Norse Mythology* by Neil Gaiman  
*Beartown* by Fredrik Backman  
*Song of the Lion* by Anne Hillerman  
*Cat on the Edge* by Shirley Rousseau Murphy

#### On DVD:

*Hidden Figures* *Fences* *Lion* *LaLa Land*  
 Look for new items from the Friends of the Library Booksale on our New Fiction, YA, Picture Books and BOCD shelves! ❀



Photo by Cindy Parlett

## Not Just For Youth...

### JENNINGS POND: SWIM IN JUNE

Submitted by Mary Ann Kozak

Summer is almost upon us! Jennings Pond, which is part of Buttermilk State Park, off Bald Hill Road in the heart of Danby, will again be open for swimming near the end of June.

We need additional lifeguards! We will reimburse for lifeguard training. If you are interested, please contact Amy Cusimano, [[myemail1607@gmail.com](mailto:myemail1607@gmail.com)], or Jeremiah Kozak, [[jeremiah.kozak85@gmail.com](mailto:jeremiah.kozak85@gmail.com)].

Look for our opening signs! Come for a refreshing swim! ❀

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 June 1 meeting, 7pm in Danby's Town Hall, and at the Town Clerk's Office.

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

Jun 1 • Thu

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

Jun 3 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

Jun 8 • Thu

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fun Day Volunteer Meeting

Jun 11 • Sun

3pm 🏠 Town Hall • DCC 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 10 • Sat

9am 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • Rural Cemetery Assoc.

Jun 13 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Jun 15 • Thu

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

Jun 19 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

Jun 20 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

June 25 • Sun

4pm 🏠 89 Layen Road • Book Club

Jun 26 • Mon

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

Jun 29 • Thu

7pm 🏠 Danby Comm Church • Church History Group

Jul 1 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

Jul 6 • Thu

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

Jul 8, 2017 • Sat

Jul 10 • 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 11 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Jul 14 • Fri

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

Jul 17 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

Jul 18 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Jul 24 • Mon

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

### 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