

DANBY AREA NEWS

WHITE HAWK EQUINOX CELEBRATION

Submitted by Mark Silver

It looks like Danby's Fun Day and the annual White Hawk Equinox Celebration have fallen on the same day, September 23, making for a full day of fun and community. In case of rain, the Equinox Celebration will delay to September 30.

Starting at 5pm and going until 9pm, join your neighbors here at White Hawk Ecovillage for live music by local musicians Travis Knapp [travisknapp.com] and Mike Early, a pot-luck dinner (please bring a dish to pass and your own place settings), and nature-based children's activities. There will be a cider press for hand-pressing your own cider, and lawn games for some old-fashioned fun. And of course we'll gather around a fire to meet, share stories and enjoy the fresh air in our beautiful little region.

If you've been curious what's up at White Hawk Ecovillage, right off Danby Road between West Miller Road and Gunderman Road, come join us. Drive up the lane, park in our lot at the top, and you'll see us all gathered in the center circle.

For more information, you can find us at [whitehawkecovillage.org] and click on *Gatherings*. ❁



Danby Fun Day 2007

DANBY FUN DAY: A BRIEF HISTORY

Submitted by Pamela Goddard and Gay Huddle

Danby Fun Day began in 1983 as a way to financially support the Danby Volunteer Fire Department and to bring the Danby community together for a day of food and games, music and celebration. A relatively small number of dedicated people have organized this for several years. It is currently hoped that more people will get involved, in order to keep the spirit of Danby Fun Day strong.

Since at least the 1970s, Danby neighbors have gathered together in July for a one-day event known through the years as the Danby Carnival, the Danby Fair, and Danby Fun Day. In 1983, Ted Merritt, John VanDeMark and Garry Huddle came up with the idea of putting on a community Fun Day in conjunction with the Danby Volunteer Fire Company. Gay Huddle was asked to be the coordinator; she accepted and continued in this position for the next 15 years.

During the time around the U.S. Bicentennial, and for perhaps a decade afterwards, a community-wide parade kicked off the Danby Fair. This tradition slipped away in the 1990s, but was revived in 2002 by the Danby General Store owners, Toni McBride and Judy Van Dermark, and kept alive through 2016, mostly due to Sue Beener's hard work.

Danby Fun Day has always been a family event. Andrea Hazard and her family got involved around 2003 by organizing child-friendly games such as a duck race, bean bag and ring toss games. They store them in their garage attic, and bring them out each Fun Day.

Most of the Danby Fun Day activities are planned by members of the Danby Fire Department. In 2008, Gay Huddle wrote, "We've always tried to have games, raffles, demonstrations, vendors, food, and, of course, the famous chicken barbecue. For the first few years of the event, we had a raffle wheel. We all worked very hard to get nice

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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

There are various ways to mark the seasons in the Town Clerk's office. Winter is taxes. Fall is budget preparation. Spring is the time to spruce up around Town Hall and get ahead on records management. Late Summer is the time for selling hunting licenses.

In fact, a hunting or fishing license can be purchased at any time of the year. Many hunters purchase a yearly license during the time when the "Deer Management Permit" lottery is in effect. The DMP lottery gives hunter the option to take one or more additional antlerless deer. DMPs are on sale until October 1.

In late Summer and early Fall we all may be more aware of the wildlife around us. This might include dogs running free. Having dogs on the loose is not a good idea, especially during hunting season. It's not good for the dog and it's not good for wildlife. In fact, destruction of both domestic animals and wildlife is the main reason why most (if not all) states have laws requiring licenses for all dogs.

So, what is the best thing to do if you find a "lost dog" or have a "problem dog" in your neighborhood? Or, what is best to do if your dog is missing? Dog license tags can help reconnect a wandering animal to its humans. The license number on the tag identifies the Town where the dog is licensed. Call the Clerk in that Town and you should be able to learn contact information for the owner.

But what if the dog isn't wearing its license tag? Or what if you can't get close enough to the dog to read the tag? The best thing to do in this case is to call Tompkins County Animal Control. Danby, and most Towns in Tompkins County, contract with this agency (a division of the Tompkins County SPCA) for matters related to animal control and animal cruelty. To report a found animal or to learn whether your lost pet has been brought to the SPCA facility, call 607.592.6773 or 607.257.1822.

What to do if you suspect animal cruelty or abandonment? Again, it is best to call Tompkins County Animal Control. While the Clerk's office would like to do our best to supply what information we can, we are not equipped to intervene in

animal welfare matters. It's best to call 607.592.6773 or 607.257.1822. The animal control managers and investigators will know what is best, and legal, to do.

As a reminder, all dogs permanently residing in the Town of Danby (or any Town in the State of NY) must be licensed. The license must be issued once the dog is six months old, or when it has been living in the same location for over six months. Call the Clerk's office, 607.277.4788 for more information about the documentation needed to complete your dog's licensing.

Once Labor Day is past and summer is over, the Town Clerk's office is open 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 10am-Noon on Saturdays. As always, we are closed on Sundays and Thursdays. And, thanks to generous contributions to the chocolate fund, the bowl of kisses is full.

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

THANKS FOR OUR FIREFIGHTERS

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

Many, many thanks to the Danby Volunteer Fire Company for coming out to South Danby Road on the evening of July 23. I appreciate your promptness and the amount of time you spent, especially Chief John Gaden, who stayed nearly five hours.

Thanks, everyone, for your dedication to keeping Danby safe. ❄️



➤ **Fun Day, cont'd from front page—**

gifts donated. The raffle wheel eventually became the *Chinese Auction*. I have always been pleasantly surprised by the amount of treats sent in for the cake wheel by area neighbors.”

Popular parts of the day, including the chicken barbecue, cake wheel, and Chinese Auction are all fundraisers for the fire and emergency volunteers. The proceeds have always gone to the Fire Department, with the exception of one year when it was unanimously decided to make a donation to Judy Van Dermark and Toni McBride to help cover the costs of Toni’s medical bills when she was struggling with cancer. Fun Day income supports equipment, station supplies, and improvements in training and facilities for the Fire Department.

Current Fire Chief John Gaden met his wife Sharon while turning hamburgers during the 2002 Danby Fun Day. They remain happily married to this day and Sharon has become active in the department right along with John.

Eventually, it was decided to build some sort of a pavilion on the fire station grounds. It was built With the help of numerous community members and still stands today. During Fun Day 2016, the pavilion was named to honor Sue Beeners, who had dedicated her time and energy to Fun Day almost right up to the time of her passing in January 2016. In 2008, Sue said, “When I started to be involved, it was evident that the event was on the shoulders of the Danby Fire Department members and that the number of community volunteers had dwindled. This is the only town-wide event where residents get together to have fun and show support for

our fire and emergency medical volunteers who are on call 24/7 for us. It’s also a time for our town to get to know each other as neighbors.”

Music has been a highlight of Fun Day since its early years. In the beginning there was a good old-fashioned sing-along led by Connie and Ted Merritt, where the crowd made themselves comfortable in lawn chairs and bales of hay. More recently, we have been lucky enough to include in the music line-up different kinds of family-appropriate music, often featuring Danby-based musicians.

Through the years, events have included a dunking booth, K-9 demonstrations, face-painting, a quilt raffle, many crafters, photo displays, different kinds of food, a 5K race organized by Walt Reimers, a book sale, wrecked car smashing with the junkers donated by John and Carol Benjamin, ice cream, games of chance, and a horse shoe contest organized by the Danby Pirates Club.

This year, many of those activities are still featured, as well as the Auction, cake wheel, music, chicken barbecue. And then there’s the archery demonstrations and interactive target practice organized by the Flashing Feathers Bow Hunter’s Club! ❁

GET COUPON BOOKS AT FUN DAY

Submitted by Kim Nitchman

We will be offering the Ithaca/Cortland version of the SaveAround coupon books at Danby Fun Day. They cost \$25 and offer a lot of buy-one-get-one meals and tickets (some limit it to standard discount of \$6-10). In addition to your savings, 50% of the \$25 cost benefits Fun Day!

Depending upon your use of local Ithaca/Cortland restaurants or fast food places or golfing, IC Theatre, Shipwreck Golf and Laser Tag, Song Mountain, and Greek Peak skiing and Adventure Center or Water Park, you can recoup your \$25 by using only two or three of the many coupons. Use more and you’re ahead. See what’s in the book by googling “savearound ithaca”.

Great for families with kids and for couples who need to be encouraged to go out on a date. I bought my first book ten years ago and Russ and I love them, we get upset if we can’t find a place to buy them each year! Here’s a solution: come to Fun Day and buy one.

If you want to reserve one and can’t make to Danby Fun Day, Email me at [kimnitchman@gmail.com]. ❁

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SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

Well, hello September! My birthday month, I love September.

What's Danby been up to since the last Danby News?

Solar eclipse, for one. And just 'cause it was the day I set aside to write this article, and because it does not happen very often, I stayed home and shared the experience with family who live in the path of totality.

We had a great time. My brother was right under the line of the total eclipse and he said the traffic was...spectacular. Living in the path of totality is a totally new concept for me.

August, it seems, will go down as fairly quiet around Danby, with few or no action items.

THE CAKE WHEEL SPINS!

Submitted by Gay Huddle

The Huddle family will be spinning the Cake Wheel again this year during Danby Fun Day, held on Saturday, September 23. We invite you to bring in cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, sweet rolls, breads, cupcakes, etc. so we have a nice selection to offer for each spin.

All proceeds from the wheel go to our Danby Fire and Rescue Department. If you would like to take a shift at the wheel, please let me know and thank you. ❀

WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

Liquid Asset Engineering is scheduled to inspect and clean our water tank in September. The tank will be three years old in October and the recommended interval for inspection and cleaning is three to five years. The Commissioners agreed that the first inspection should be done at three years to give us an idea if we can go to a five year interval next time.

Weather dependent, I will be flushing hydrants on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 11 and 12, starting both days at 9am. I will do hydrants north of the Fire Station on Tuesday and those to the south on Wednesday.

The Water District commissioners will be meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 5pm, in the West Danby Fire Station. The public is invited to attend. ❀

In Danby, our solar story is progressing, but we are not plugged in yet. The impressive array is located at the Town Highway Barns, off of Hornbrook Road,

Other topics the Town Board will have on its agenda in September are ground-based land use questions, like PDZs (Planned Development Zones). The Town will be addressing the reclassification of these old out-of-date carve-outs located all around the town.

Storm water projects, our resource inventory, retention ponds, and culverts are all on our agenda. Renovations to Town Hall are proceeding, with work to be well under way as you read this.

The Countywide shared services panel has moved on to a process whose goal is to replace all our street lights with LED fixtures.

The privately-owned Hatch pavilion in West Danby is in the process of being sold. The Town has been made aware of this situation and, while it has no authority over the sale, is trying to see if there is a way to save the pavilion and park for public use.

The other major topic for September is "budget season." We will follow the same path as last year: have a public hearing and pass a law to override the NYS State mandated tax cap...in case it becomes necessary...and then proceed to develop a budget that remains under the cap.

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

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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 Fun and Equinox Day:

Danby Fun Day: Saturday, September 23, 10am-2pm. On the grounds of the Danby Volunteer Fire Company.

White Hawk Equinox Celebration: Saturday, September 23, 5-9pm. On the grounds of White Hawk Ecovillage.

Danby Community Church

Red Cross Blood Drive: Friday, September 15, 1-6pm.

The Great Room at Slow Lane

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

Scandinavian Dancing: music by Steffan Ohlström and Stephen Ellner. Sunday, September 17, 2pm.



West Danby Craft Show and Chicken BBQ

The West Danby Fire Department's Annual Fall Craft Show and Chicken BBQ will take place on Saturday, October 14, 10am-2pm. The chicken will be ready around Noon. It happens at the West Danby Fire station on Sylvan Lane in West Danby. ❀



COMMUNITY BUILDING THRU ICE CREAM

Submitted by Ted Crane

Have you had your Bicentennial Swirl ice cream? If you didn't attend the unveiling of the Tompkins County Bicentennial Plaque at Town Hall on Saturday, August 12, you'll probably never have a chance to taste it.

The Swirl was pinkish and a bit orange, with a creamy, fruity mouth feel and lingering notes of citrus and sugar. Unlike my favorites, Breyer's (white) Mint Chip and Turkey Hill Cookie Dough, it had no crunchy or chewy bits. While some might consider a creamy uniform texture to be a disadvantage, it worked well for the Bicentennial Swirl!

The ceremony was produced by our local historians, Mary Ann Barr and Alex Pfeiffer along with Tompkins County's History Center. Local politicians attended the event and we were treated to short, inspiring words from Danby Supervisor Ric Dietrich and Mike Lane, the Chair of the County Legislature.

You can see the roadside plaque any time, at your convenience, by visiting Town Hall. But you won't taste the Bicentennial Swirl.

Ice Cream turns out to be a useful tool to attract interested neighbors, as good as or maybe even better than a dish-to-pass picnic! For many years, Danby has enjoyed the Sundaes on Wednesdays offered (along with stellar musical entertainment) by the Community Church during July and August. This year we were treated to generous portions of Turkey Hill flavors (among the many flavors available at Scooby Steve's on Rt.96B or, in larger amounts, at your local store), along with nuts, cherries, sprinkles, whipped cream, and the other accessories that make a sundae a Sundae.

Kudos to the historians, the History Center, and the Church. They've learned that, if you're creating an event, liberal doses of Ice Cream are sure to guarantee an enthusiastic turnout...and everyone will have a sweet time. ❀



Alex, County Historian Carol Kammen, and Mary Ann
Photo by Ted Crane

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DANBY COMMUNITY PARK UPDATE

Submitted by Julie Clougherty

Wet ground during our construction window has hampered the groundbreaking for the natural playground. We also hit a snag with our wetland delineation, which is needed before we determine exact placement of the ice skating area; we're floating back to the top of the DEC's list, and remain optimistic about these two priority projects for this summer. We're working hard to get these projects done this year!

Does anyone out there have locust (standing or cut) to donate or sell? We're designing puncheon-style footbridges for getting walkers over the wet areas on the north side of the park. The bridges will use environmentally friendly black locust, but we need to source the wood. If you can help, please contact us at the Email below.

Some of the sign-in book comments from July and August are heartwarming:

- "I just moved to Danby from Ithaca to be closer to here!"

- "On way to Buttermilk Falls. Stopped here to geocache."
- "Been a while. Park looks good."
- "This is cool."
- "Props."
- "Nice course. Lots of challenging holes."
- "Thanks for the hard work. Course is awesome."

Out-of-towners noted hometowns in Connecticut, Philly, T-burg, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Vestal. Only one comment was not positive, one written by someone who got lost and ended up on Hornbrook Road, an experience recently shared by a friend of mine from Ithaca who was birdwatching in the park. Watch for better trail markers coming soon!

Welcome to new DCPA board member Melissa Baxter, who joined the DCPA during its annual meeting in July. For questions, comments, or concerns about the park, contact us at [dotsonpark@gmail.com]. ❁

COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, , Tompkins County Legislator

Here is a roundup of some issues the County Legislature has been working on lately. Feel free to contact me if you want more details about any of these items, or if you have questions or comments.

NY State has told Tompkins County that we either need to build a bigger jail or to lower our jail population. We commissioned a study on how to reduce the jail population. Recently, the study came back with a list of recommendations that will lower the jail population and save money in the long run. We are in the process of sorting through it all, putting a price tag on the initiatives, and deciding how to proceed.

Cooperation is not common in the federal government but, here in Tompkins County, it is how we normally do business. A great example of this is the Shared Services Agreement. The Tompkins County Administrator pulled together a series of meetings with all the Town Supervisors and Mayors in the County to explore ways that we might work together to save money and get better services. The group came up with a list of proposals such as bulk purchasing of street lights, shared book-keeping services, and joint trainings. The monetary sav-

ings are modest but real. The group also generated a list of cooperative initiatives to work on in the future.

Ride sharing services (Uber and Lyft) are now legal in New York State. Counties are not allowed to add or remove any regulations on these companies. The only thing we are allowed to do is say, "Yes we want ride sharing in our County," or "No we do not." There are ways in which the playing field is not level and traditional taxi companies have to adhere to certain regulations that ride sharing companies do not. Some people have said that for this reason, we should not permit ride sharing in Tompkins County. Although I do wish New York State would apply a more level playing field, I voted yes on allowing ride sharing services in Tompkins County.

We are now in budget season. This is a long, involved process for the County. I will report more about the budget another time. For now, I will say that the County is in excellent financial shape and that any tax increase that may occur should be small.

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

WHAT DO OUR FIRE COMMISSIONERS DO?

Submitted by Edward Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

Every December the voters of Danby, both West and Central, elect a Fire Commissioner for a five-year term. With five volunteer members the District's Commissioners have both continuity and change. Currently, Wayne Westmiller is the chairman of the Board while Kat Anderson, Kevin Faehndrich, Joe Freedman, and Edward Kokkelenberg serve as members.

The Commissioners are responsible for many things and a view of a typical meeting agenda may give readers some insight as to their duties.

The Call to Order at 7pm is followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and approval of meeting minutes and bills. The latter consists of a voucher for each bill received since the previous meeting, review and often discussion about each bill, and a signature by each Commissioner on each voucher. While this can take time, it gives the Commissioners control over expenditures.

The Treasurer presents the most recent balance sheet and an income and expenditure report, both useful in keeping the District on or below budget.

Various communications are next. These are reviewed to inform the public and Commissioners of issues. At this time, we might hear from our lawyers, the New York Regulators, the Tompkins County administrators, auditors, insurance companies, contractors or others.

We next seek input from the public who are present.

The Chiefs submit reports at this point, followed by brief Committee Reports on Purchasing, Buildings, Grants, Apparatus, Membership/Training, Long Range Plan, and Budget.

Finally, we consider Old Business, New business, set a date for the next meeting, and adjourn.

The following relates some detail on typical business.

Solar Power

We review our electric costs annually and currently buy power from a company that offers a low price. Recently, the Town invited the Fire District to use electric-

ity provided by a new Solar PV installation. Over the course of six months, we negotiated with the Town and achieved a memo of understanding that kept our power costs down and allowed us to go green.

Grants

Most grants require an application; some are quite complex. We describe what we hope to fund with the grant.

When this is apparatus, there are months of work to determine needs, develop a request, hire an expert to review specifications, have everything vetted by a lawyer, seek a ballpark cost estimate, and complete the paperwork. Generally, grants require financial participation by the District, so our Budget Committee and Treasurer are involved. We're careful since, ultimately, we have to sign off on the grant application.

An application may take months of work and the final specifications for the apparatus can take a year before we publish a request for bids.

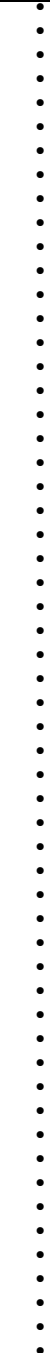
Each bid is reviewed before the contract is awarded. The chiefs monitor and report monthly on the construction of the apparatus. Most trucks take more than a year to build.

Budget

The budget process is regulated by a State-mandated calendar. budget meetings begin around April so we can present a budget to taxpayers by the end of the summer. Based on past years' experience and seeking input from the Chiefs, we review the budget line by line.

Meetings

All Commissioners meetings are open to the public and you are very welcome to attend our regular meeting on the second and third Tuesday of the month, or any other meetings we have. Generally, we meet in the Danby Fire Station at 1780 Danby Road. Notices appear on the District's new illuminated sign on NYS Rt.96B, in the Danby News, the Ithaca Journal, and on the Town of Danby's web site.



DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, September 7, Noon, in the Danby Community Church, for a dish to share luncheon. All seniors 55 and over are welcomed to join us...it's a community group, not a church group.

The August 22 trip to the Merry-Go-Round Theater was cancelled. We have been rescheduled to go on Tuesday, October 10 to see "Always Patsy Cline" with dinner after at Lasca's. Call Nancy Weitzel to sign up, 607.272.6570. ❀

WOMEN'S FICTION

Submitted by Joanne Farbman

The Women's Fiction Book Club of Danby is currently meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 1 pm. Since it's a pretty new group, this schedule could change.

So, anyone interested in this new group should contact me at 607.280.3069 or [jsfarbman@gmail.com]. We'd love to have you! ❀

DANBY BOOK CLUB

Submitted by Janice Beal

The Danby Book Club meets on the third or fourth Sunday of each month, 4pm, at one of our homes.

We read mostly non-fiction and are very focused on discussing the book. Refreshments are served.

Please join us! New members are always welcome. Questions? Contact me, 607.279.1480 or [beal.janice.e@gmail.com]. ❀

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. ❀

SOLAR ECLIPSE COMING TO DANBY

Submitted by Ted Crane

Save your solar eclipse viewing glasses, your pinhole cameras used to project solar images safely, and mark your calendars for April 8, 2024, 3:23pm. That's when the next major solar eclipse will happen in Danby, NY.

Total eclipses of the sun are not necessarily rare, but having two of them with the "path of totality" within the continental United States, spaced only seven years apart is unusual. Danby residents may also be pleased to know that in 2024, we won't have to go further than our front yards to view a 98.95% total eclipse (safety note: even 98.95% isn't safe to view without proper shades or a projector).

The travelers among us can go north a few miles to view a 100% total eclipse. Geneva, NY will have 100% coverage of the sun. Rochester, NY is also 100% coverage and lies almost directly on the path of totality; the total eclipse will last three minutes and forty seconds (versus 2:25 in Geneva).

After hearing about all the tourists and traffic jams that descended on the path of totality during the August, 2017 eclipse, perhaps Danby should begin making preparations: room rentals, parking spaces, and more.

And remember: don't look directly at the sun with your naked eyes. Not today, not tomorrow, and certainly not during an eclipse.. ❀

AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marvin Eastman

Well here we are, summer practically gone and we're getting ready for the cold. At the Ithaca American Legion, that means that we get ready for the start of our fall dinners.

We will be kicking off on September 15 with a Fish Dinner, 5-7pm. The menu is simple, Fish, either Fried or Broiled. There's also a salad bar, a choice of baked potato, french fries, or onion rings, coffee, a dinner roll, and--as always--homemade desserts.

We are looking at having an Italian Night on Wednesday during the winter months. Stop in or call with ideas or to help. We are always looking for input from the dining public as how to better our meals.

Don't forget, we have big rooms, small rooms, and even a pavilion for all your party or event. Call 607.272.1129 for info and pricing. ❀

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 and we are aiming to resume programming in September. For updates, check us out on the web at [danbycc.org/YouthPrograms]. ❀

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

New books have arrived! In Juvenile Fiction we now have the *Pegasus* series by Kate O’Hearn and the *Warrior* series, volumes 1-6, by Erin Hunter. For our mystery readers we have the set of *Maggie Hope* mysteries, books 1-5, by Susan Elia MacNeal, the newest John Grisham book, *Camino Island*, and several others worth reading.

Missing items: Please check your house and underneath the couch cushions to see if any of these are found! Two DVDs: *BFG* and *Fantastic Mr. Fox*. Two books from the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series. We are better able to locate missing items if they are signed out correctly.



Fall hours will begin after Labor Day starting Saturday, September 9. We will be open Saturdays 10am-Noon and Tuesdays from 1:30-3:30pm. ❀

Not Just For Youth...

YOUTH GRANTS

Submitted by Susan Franklin, DCC Youth Grant Coordinator

Do you have a child going to camp or participating in another program during the next few months? Financial assistance is available for Danby youth up to age 21, in the form of grants of up to \$100 per youth per year.

Grants are awarded quarterly for lessons, after-school programs, and more. The deadline is September 15 for programs beginning (or with payment deadlines) in October thru December (but please check about grants for July-September 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. ❀

DANBY BIG PUMPKIN CONTEST

The Community Council’s contest for the largest pumpkin grown in Danby in 2017...is growing. 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!). 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. Bring pumpkins to Town Hall on the 8th or make a date with a representative of Danby Community Council, who can come to the site of the pumpkin. Contestants are encouraged to register—at any time—via Email to [wevans@danbycc.org].

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

Aug 31 • Mon

6-9pm 🏠 Town Hall
PDZ Zoning in Danby: Informational Meeting

Sep 2 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**

Sep 6 • Wed

9am 🏠 West Danby Fire Station • **Water District Mtg**

Sep 7 • Thu

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

Sep 11 • Mon

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

Sep 12 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**

Sep 15 • Fri

1-6pm 🏠 Danby Comm Church • **Red Cross Blood Drive**
5-7pm 🏠 American Legion • **Fish Dinner**

Sep 18 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**

Sep 19 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**

Sep 21 • Thu

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

Sep 23 • Sat

10am-2pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fun Day**
5-9pm 🏠 White Hawk Ecovillage • **Equinox Celebration**

Sep 25 • Mon

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

Oct 5 • Thu

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

Oct 7 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**

Oct 8 • Sun

🏠 Town Hall • **Big Pumpkin Weigh-In**

Oct 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**

Oct 10 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**

Oct 14 • Sat

10am-2pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Station
West Danby Craft Show and Chicken BBQ

Oct 15 • Sun

🏠 Dotson Park • **5th Annual Harvest Festival**

Oct 16 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**

Oct 17 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall
Fire District: Public Hearing: 2018 Budget

ONGOING EVENTS

Danby Community Library Open 🏠 Town Hall
Tuesdays, 5-7pm, Fridays, 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