

DANBY AREA NEWS

DANBY'S BIG PUMPKIN CONTEST

Submitted by Bill Evans, Community Council

We're giving you and your pampered pumpkin an extra week to get big, big, big!

The weigh-in date for Danby's Big Pumpkin Contest has been delayed to Sunday, October 15, and we'll do the measuring as part of the Community Council's Harvest Festival in Dotson Park.

Entrants should bring their pumpkin(s) to the Harvest Festival. We'll weigh and measure in front of the crowds, between 2-2:30PM.

At 3pm, the winning pumpkins (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place) will be announced and prizes awarded. If you need help transporting your pumpkin to Harvest Fest, contact me at [wevans@danbycc.org].

Remember, your pumpkin has to

look like a pumpkin. No rocks, no gourds, no summer squash, and absolutely no zucchini. ❁

CRAFT FAIR

Submitted by Marrell Cortright, WD Fire Department

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. ❁

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5TH ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL

Submitted by Alison Christie, Community Council

Join Danby's Community Council on Sunday, October 15 for Danby's 5th Annual Harvest Fest. Let's celebrate the rural charm and character of our community and enjoy the autumn glory of beautiful Dotson Park in the company of friends and neighbors.

This year the Cayuga Nature Center will be on hand, 2:30-3:30pm with some of the woodland critters—including a porcupine—that share our land. Visit several educational tables to learn more about natural and local history.

Our trebuchet will be tossing basketball-sized missiles you bring. This year we are holding the *Big Pumpkin Weigh-In*. Will you be one of the winners of this local growing contest?

We'll have some select local vendors sharing their locally grown and produced goods. We'll have a bonfire with hot dogs and marshmallows to roast including vegan options.

Try our our collection of hand-powered tools and help complete a community-build project for Dotson Park.

Danby's new youth program manager Melis Schildkraut will be on hand to lead games for the kids.

Uncle Joe and the Rosebud Ramblers will offer traditional and old time tunes with Joe's wit and stories. *They return for an encore performance on Sunday, October 22, 3pm, in Town Hall!*

As always, this event is free and open to the public. Donations are accepted, of course. The event is sponsored by the Danby's Community Council, with support from United Way of Tompkins County. See you there!

Questions? Email to [achristie@danbycc.org]. Like and Follow the DCC on Facebook via the Danby Community Council page. ❁



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DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submitted by Ted Crane

Submission Guidelines: Before submitting an item for the Danby News, please have a look at the *Submission Guidelines*. You can request them by Email from the editor at [danbynews@tedcrane.com] or find them at [danbyny.org/DanbyNews]. If you’re thinking of sending something for publication in the Danby News, there’s two documents to read: the

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

Food Scrap Recycling

Beginning Saturday, September 30, a new Food Scrap Recycling drop spot will operate every Saturday, 9am-Noon, behind Danby's Town Hall on NYS Rt.96B. The drop spot will accept all food scraps including meat, bones, and dairy products, as well as paper towels and napkins.

Food scrap recycling offers a clean, comfortable, and convenient way for residents to expand their waste diversion options while reducing disposal costs. The drop-off shed will be open every Saturday, year 'round. This may be just the thing through the winter for those who want their food scraps composted.

The collected material will be taken to Cayuga Compost in Trumansburg, where it's processed into compost and sold as a soil amendment. Residents can pick up a free countertop caddy, transport container, and compostable liners at the Drop Spot or at the Recycling office, 122 Commercial Avenue in Ithaca.

Additional recycling and waste management information available at the Clerk's office in Town Hall. You can pick up curbside recycling guidelines, recycle stickers, and other information during regular business hours.

Budget season

October is the month for working on municipal budgets for 2018. According to New York State Municipal Law, certain steps must be completed by certain dates. Through the end of September, various departments work on their budget estimates for the next year. With this information, the Town's budget officer (in Danby, the Bookkeeper) prepares a Tentative Budget. This is presented, through the Town Clerk, to the Town Board at a Town Board meeting on or before October 5. During the rest of October, the Town Board reviews and modifies the budget as appropriate. Once review is complete, a Preliminary Budget is drafted.

A Public Hearing must be held on the Preliminary Budget no later than the Thursday following Election Day: this year, November 9. Notice of this Hearing must be published in the newspaper of record (the Ithaca Journal) and posted on the official bulletin board (near the Clerk's office) and on the Town's web site. Copies of the

budget will be available for public inspection once the Preliminary Budget is complete.

Following the Public Hearing, the Board may make modifications to the budget. No additional public hearings are required. The final budget must be adopted no later than November 20.

Tax Cap Override

At this time, it is not anticipated that the Town will need to draft a budget that exceeds the State mandated tax cap. As a result of good governance and thrifty spending, Danby has accrued a healthy fund balance. We also have accrued credits for staying under the tax cap for the past several years. If the Town Board decides to take the step of adopting a local law to override the tax cap (such a law needs to be adopted each year), it will do so primarily as an extra fiscal safety measure.

While the Public Hearing is the most obvious time for public participation, all Town Board meeting—including budget review meetings—are open to the public. At this time, the Board anticipates holding budget review on October 16 at 6pm, prior to its regular meeting, and again on October 23.

As a reminder, the Town Clerk's office is open and accessible 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Through the Autumn and Winter, our office is open on Saturdays 10am-Noon. We are closed on Sundays and Thursdays. Messages can be left at 607.277.4788. And yes, the chocolate bowl is still full.

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

FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING

Submitted by Sharon Gaden, Fire District Secretary

Danby Fire District Budget Hearing for the proposed 2018 budget will be held October 17, 2017 at 7:00 at the Danby Fire Station, 1780 Danby Road, Ithaca, New York 14850. ❧

[As explained in previous issues of the Danby News, the Fire District prepares its budget independently from the Town's budget. The budget schedules, as defined by NYS law, are coordinated so that the Fire Budget, once passed by the Fire Commissioners, can be incorporated without change into the Town Budget before that document is approved by the Town Board.—editor]



YOUR HISTORICAL HOME

Submitted by Alexandra Pfeifer, Danby Co-Historian

I grew up in Indiana, which is a young state (1816) compared to New York (original signer of Constitution in 1788). So I was thrilled when, as a teenager, we moved to a hundred-year old farmhouse (built in 1879).

The owners gave my mom a picture of the house taken in the 19th century, and it has been one of my favorite artifacts from the house I grew up in.

Fast forward to today: my family and I now live in a 200+ year old house at 1874 Danby Road known as the Deacon Hezekiah Clark house. Built in 1815, it is said to have been one of the first public houses and taverns in Danby, and is also in the book *The Architectural Heritage of Tompkins County* (2002).

When relatives come to visit, they ask us questions: what is the original part of the house? Which part was added on, and when? What was this door used for? Can you still use the brick oven in your mantel? These questions are difficult to answer. As one of the Danby's Town Historians, I am still learning on the job about Danby and its environs.

To find some answers, armed with my tax parcel and deed numbers, I went to the Tompkins County web site. On the web, I found out when additions were put on, the square footage, and how old our barn was. To find out who the previous owners were, I pored over the abstract that came with our mortgage. I found that, despite the age of our house, it only had a handful of owners, one of which was the Swartout family. I also discovered that it had previously been a rental property. The survey is also a fascinating document; with it, you can pinpoint where

to locate your boundaries, wells, septic system, trees, and gas lines.

More clues can be found in the house itself. Look closely at ceilings and floors. Do they have different finishes? Perhaps a wall was removed or a window was filled in. You can tell the age of your house by its architectural style.

My house is in the Federal Style, commonly used during the early 1800s (1800-1830). Features of the day include 12" by 12" window panes with twelve "lights" on each pane. Also common was a fan shaped light above a central door and a grand staircase greeting you in the long front hallway. There are other Federal Houses in Danby: one on Bald Hill Road and one further north on Danby Road. My hunch is that they were built by

the same architect, whose name I wish I knew and am still researching.

Your house doesn't even have to be "old" to have history. Your home site may have had a barn, a school, or other historical buildings. Clues can be found by walking on your property—maybe you can even find old markers, foundations, an old stone wall, or even remnants of railroad tracks.

To find out more on your house, other great resources available are the History Center, your local Historical Society, the Tompkins County Public Library, archives, old newspapers, and cemeteries. Previous owners are a great resource as well. I'm sure that they have great stories to tell about what

the house or property looked like 'way back when.'

Do you own an old home, barn, or other structure in Danby or West Danby? The Danby Historians would love to hear from you and find out more. Any information that you are willing to share with us would be much appreciated. ❀



SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

Hello October! About this time, I have this feeling come over me, "Wow, that summer went fast." I kinda wish that February thru April would speed by and the extra time would add to May thru September.

But that is only a recent thought. In my past life I used to do a lot of winter camping. Snow skis came out, they fought for time with skates and hockey. Snow shoes, with a new coat of varnish, would occupy a fallback position. I loved winter and all it had to offer, as much as Summer.

The world was still mechanical and basic. Fast forward through time, tubes to transistors, analog to digital, and things change. From no children to grandchildren took up a lot of focused attention and was the basis of many of my decisions.

Like almost everything, things tend to be how we think about them. I have lived here for forty years and have watched the Town change as well. Hardly anything is the same. Things change, and circumstances conspire.

FOLLOW THAT BUS...IN REAL TIME

TCAT riders now have access to online, real-time information about bus routes and locations.

If you have a smart phone or a home computer, you can now track buses as they follow their routes around Tompkins County!

There's an app and a web site. It's all part of a \$1.5 million project at Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, mostly funded by the City of Ithaca and Federal dollars.

As soon as TCAT's data is accepted by Google, Google Transit travel planning information will also be available to TCAT riders.

TCAT will install electronic monitors that display real-time information at its main hubs on Green Street and Seneca Street as well as on campus at Sage Hall and Statler Hall.

New bus stop signs at designated stops in TCAT's service area will include phone numbers that passengers can text to via their mobile phone, to see where and what time the next bus will arrive.

Visit [tcatbus.com] to see the bus tracker online, or to get the mobile app. ☘

I started with large books that kept track of accounts, all done by hand. Putting a budget together on paper, adding and subtracting, made for a long complicated process. Budget season was literally 'on the table'. Today, I can press a button and pull up all the information I could ever want. Almost everything the Town did then, is not what is being done now.

Although the process has changed, the decisions the Town Board needs to make are the same. The budget reflects the goals for the Town. We will be having a meeting, later this Fall, of all our Boards to set these goals.

Danby, like my life, is changing, dramatically and the Town faces new challenges that require new thinking about old subjects. Along with the changing population, many old ways of doing things are not relevant today. Trying to stop the future from happening is a bit like keeping the tide back with a broom. Communication is the way to bridge these challenges.

We all have reasons for living here. Danby is a unique place to live. It will only be a quality Town for everyone if we can find ways to talk to each other and solve some of the more challenging objectives. We each have our own mind sets, we each have our history and stories about our future, and our near and long term goals.

The Town is a mix of ideas, expectations, and energy that challenge us to find new solutions for old problems...and that's possible only with your support.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at [supervisor@townofdanby.ny.org]. ☘

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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]. ❁

COMMUNITY BUILDING THRU PAINT

Submitted by Ted Crane

What can a volunteer achieve with only time and a paintbrush?

Earlier this year, West King Road resident Scott Davis spoke up during one of the meetings of Danby's Town Board. Not a complaint, but an offer to volunteer to repaint the Town Gazebo, next to Town Hall. If you have any idea of the cost of municipal maintenance...well, it was as if the Town had won the lottery.

Armed with his own power washer, he cleaned the structure—including the roof—and applied a mold killer. The Town supplied paint, and he covered every surface with primer and exterior paint.

The Gazebo is ready for you; bring your music, your ice cream, and pretend you're in the 19th century as you watch the world go by.

Many thanks to Scott! ❁

EVENTS 'ROUND TOWN

This column appears monthly, featuring brief descriptions of events—current and upcoming months—around Danby. If you have a non-profit event that the general public is invited to...send a notice to the Danby News!

Community Council:

Harvest Festival: Sunday, October 15, 2-5pm. In Danby's Dotson Park.

Concert: Sunday, October 22, 3pm, Town Hall. Hip-smacking, toe-tapping music by Uncle Joe and the Rosebud Ramblers.

Danby Community Church

Holiday Craft Fair: Saturday, November 11.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Friday, November 17, 1-6pm.

After-Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner: Saturday, November 25. A fantastic feast of flavors and friends.

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, October 29, 2pm.

West Danby Craft Show and Chicken BBQ

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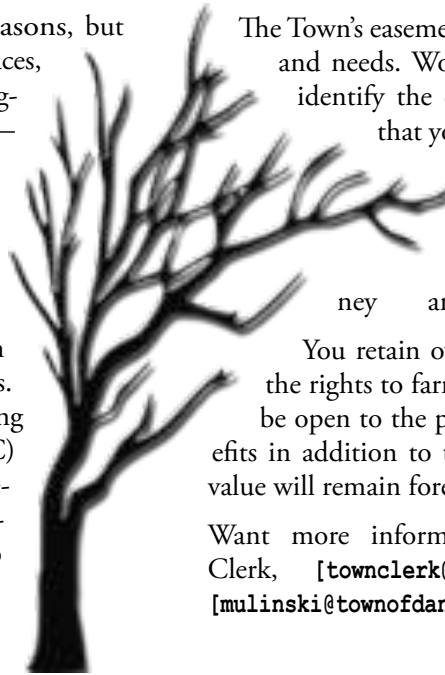


PRESERVING DANBY'S LAND

Submitted by Matt Ulinski, Conservation Advisory Council

We all love Danby for different reasons, but most of us love it for its open spaces, woods and rural character. But talk to long-time residents—or even just drive around—and you'll see that this ruralness is going away. For the same reasons that we love Danby, others want to move here too. New houses mean less undeveloped land, less open space, and, well, you get the idea.

Danby's Town Board has been working on ways to maintain its unique characteristics. One of the ways they do this is by allowing the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) to work with residents to put voluntary easements on their land. These voluntary conservation easements allow a landowner to preserve their property in its current undeveloped state forever.



The Town's easements are tailorable to your property and needs. Working with a CAC member, you identify the conservation values of your land that you wish to preserve, be it farmland or forests, streams or meadows. An easement template is used to create a legal document that is approved by the Town's attorney and your representatives.

You retain ownership of your land, including the rights to farm and hunt. Your land would not be open to the public. There are possible tax benefits in addition to the knowledge that the land you value will remain forever undeveloped.

Want more information? Contact Danby's Town Clerk, [townclerk@townofdanbyny.org], or me, [mulinski@townofdanby.org]. ❁

COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, , Tompkins County Legislator

Here is a roundup of some items that the County Legislature is currently working on.

September through November is budget season, and we spend literally dozens of hours going through the whole budget in detail. During this period, the details of the budget are constantly changing. What I can say in general is that the County is in good shape financially, that we can continue to deliver the services we provide, that we will be increasing services to deal with the housing problems in our County and in the requirement from NYS to change how many people are housed in our jail, and that we may be able to do all this with a small decrease in the tax rate and a small increase in the tax levy. We expect to stay well under the NYS tax cap this year.

The Governor is constantly pushing local governments to consolidate services, and offers funds to study such consolidations. We took advantage of NYS grant money to do a study to explore what consolidation of law enforcement services in the County might look like. The study outlines in broad ways what our options are: keep things as they are, combine some functions that are currently done separately by the City and village

police and by the Sheriff's Department (training and bookkeeping as examples), have some police agencies contract with other agencies for specific services, or have a full consolidation. I have never felt like consolidation made sense for economic, cultural, or safety reasons, but I do feel like it was a question worth studying. The County legislature will be weighing in on the study in the near future.

The opioid crisis is in the news a lot. You may be aware that a number of counties in NYS have joined a lawsuit against some pharmaceutical companies. The lawsuit would have these companies pay counties for some of the costs we have incurred as a result of the epidemic. The costs are borne by our Health Department, Mental Health Department, Probation, Social Services, and the Sheriff's Department. Tompkins County must now decide if we want to be part of such a lawsuit, and we will be making this decision in the next month or so.

As always, if you have questions or comments, I want to hear them, [danbydan@hotmail.com] or 607.272.7582. ❁

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN DANBY

Submitted by E.C.Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

Danby's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are provided by two different authorities. Usually, the first responders to appear are the Danby or West Danby Fire Company's EMS "fly cars," followed by Bangs Ambulance. This article describes both of those along with the 911 center and the ongoing study of the county's EMS.

The Danby Fire District provides emergency medical services. Our volunteer personnel are trained both as firefighters and as EMT basic. Calls to the Tompkins County Emergency Center (911) are referred to the local responders, as appropriate, because they are physically closest to the community. The Danby EMS volunteers are called out to assist at motor vehicle accidents, fires, firefighter injuries, medical issues such as breathing or chest pain, falls, home accidents, and many things.

We have two "fly cars," one at each station, that carry medical supplies. New York State requires these vehicles have various bandages and sterile pads, adhesive tape, wound dressings, saline solution, glucose, burn sheets, cuff blood pressure sphygmomanometers, stethoscopes, spine immobilization devices, oxygen, lights, radios, vehicle safety equipment, a backboard, and blankets.

Danby's six trained personnel are state-certified at the EMT Basic level. Because most of our volunteer EMTs work, we also rely on others—Bangs or another fire company—for assistance. Danby is not equipped or state certified to transport patients, so Bands provides this service when necessary.

The medical training that our volunteers take is daunting and requires a strong commitment of time and energy on the part of the volunteer. The volunteers must show competency in patient assessment, use of basic life support equipment, and have the ability to perform cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, control bleeding, treat low blood flow, initial care in medical and trauma emergencies, emergency childbirth, and to manage environmental emergencies.

During 2016, we responded to 145 calls for our EM services. The most common ones are for general illness, breathing/chest pain issues, injuries and falls, and motor vehicle accidents.

The Danby Fire District always has a need for additional volunteers for EM positions. This is a very rewarding job and requires a commitment to be properly trained and to serve when available.

Bangs Ambulance is a commercial operation. Bangs bills for its services and the individual is ultimately responsible for the costs. Bangs runs more than 11,000 calls in the county; at least 7,000 calls are dispatched by 911. Bangs serves a critical role as it is one of the few Tompkins County providers that is New York State certified to transport a patient to further medical care, e.g. a hospital.

Bangs is available 24/7, has over 30 employees, and over 12 well-equipped ambulances. Its employees must pass several tests and are trained to advanced levels.

The Department of Emergency Response coordinates the fire, emergency medical, and emergency management services within the county and is the public safety answering point for 911 and other emergency alerting systems. In addition, the department provides an extensive land mobile radio system and networking for electronic communications systems for responders.

The Tompkins County Council of Governments has formed a task force to study Emergency Medical delivery in the county. It consists of EMS providers, the Office for the Aging, several Fire Chiefs, several Town Councilmembers, a paramedic, a Bangs supervisor, several firefighters, a Town Supervisor, the Volunteer Coordinator, people from the Tompkins County Department of Emergency Response, a County Legislator, a Fire Commissioner, and the Tompkins County Administrator.

The EMS problems faced by the Danby Fire District are common over the county and over New York State. These include an increasing medical complexity of calls for EMS, a shortage of volunteers, more demanding training, tight funding, and a tax cap imposed by New York State.

The Task Force recognizes that this dilemma applies to much of the county. Having EMS originate from close-by stations is a good thing, but it costs more money than we currently spend and the current level of service is straining budgets. The question is not whether Tompkins County needs to do something, the question is when.

A serious disaster, like a multi vehicle pile-up, a pipeline or compressor station explosion, a terrorist action, or a major wind storm, rain, or snow fall—though extremely unlikely—can overwhelm the existing system. We are not comfortably prepared in the county for such an event and neither would the surrounding counties be of much immediate help.

Visit either Danby fire station on most Monday evenings, 6-8pm, to learn how you can help in the significant role as a first responder. ❁

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, October 5 at Noon for a dish to share luncheon. All seniors 55 and over are welcomed!

We thank our hosts for September: Dawn & George Parks, Mary Oltz, and Mary Maynard. On October 10 we'll have a bus trip heading up to the Merry-Go-Round Theater.

Our December Holiday Luncheon this year will be on our usual day, the first Thursday, and usual time, Noon, at the LaTourelle banquet room. There is an elevator down to the first floor so no worries for anyone. We are asking a \$12 fee for this and you must sign up. Call Margie VanDeMark for more information. ❁

AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marvin Eastman

Well, we started the dinner season off with a bang. Everybody seemed to enjoy the meal and the company. Don't fret if you missed the first one, we will be having both Steak and Fish dinners 'til May. Remember: First Saturday Steak, Third Friday Fish.



We will be having a Steak Dinner on October 7, 5-7pm. The menu is Steak, cooked to order, salad bar, choice of baked potato, french fries, or onion ring. Coffee and home-made deserts, all for just \$12.

On October 20, we will be having a Fish Dinner, 5-7pm. PM Menu is Fish, either deep fried or broiled, salad bar, choice of baked potato, french fries, or onion ring. Coffee and Donna and Gloria's fabulous home-made deserts.

October 21, starting at Noon, we will be having a Benefit Chicken BBQ and Fundraiser for Hurricane Victims. There will be raffles, a cake wheel (bake sale) and more. \$10 per meal, or halves for \$6.

Don't forget, it's approaching holiday time and if you are looking for that special place to have your holiday gathering, give us a call. We have room for large and small parties. Call 607.272.1129 to inquire. ❁

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

Fall is upon us and our selection of Mystery books from the Tompkins County Public Library has been replaced. Stop in to see the new choices. These books will be in our library for six months.

The Young Adult collection has been blessed with the addition of some new series books: *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* and *The Trials of Apollo*, both by Rick Riordan.

There is a nice display of books along with movies: *Hidden Figures*, *Maze Runner*, *The Butler*, and *Wild*. Everyone knows the book is always better than the movie!

Bring your small children in to see the nice selection of Board Books and Easy Readers while their siblings are at school. Suggestions for new book purchases are appreciated.

Welcome to our newest volunteer, Mimi Hodge. Volunteers are always needed, so stop in to find out more about how you can help.

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. ❁



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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.

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Community Council Autumn Youth Programs

Hi Danby!

After a hiatus, youth programming is beginning in Danby again! I'm Melis Schildkraut, your new youth program manager. I am so excited to learn more about your community and meet your youth.

This fall, we will be offering three different after-school programs, as well as hosting a weekly lunch bunch at both Boynton Middle School and South Hill Elementary.

All Danby youth, age 9-14, (grade 4-8) are welcome to enroll, no matter where they go to school. I'm looking forward to sharing my own interests in art, cooking, and the creative process with your kids.

If you have any questions, please contact me, [mas759@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292.x221. More info can be found at [danbycc.org/YouthPrograms]. Program brochures and permission slips are available at [ccetompkins.org]. Although programs are beginning in September, there may still be spots available when you receive this newsletter.

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 December 15 for programs beginning (or with payment deadlines) in January thru March (but funds for October-December activities may still be available).

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. ❧



Wizarding Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 3:25-5:30pm, 9/20-10/28

...plus Wizarding Weekend

Boynton Middle School cafeteria

Join us for an after-school session where we'll join other Ithaca-area youth to explore the Wizarding World. Youth will have a chance to play Magic, The Gathering, as well as Dungeons and Dragons. The program will also focus on Harry Potter, ending with a field trip to Wizarding Weekend on the Ithaca Commons.

Creative Crafts

Mondays, 4:30-6pm, 9/25-10/23

...plus Harvest Fest on 10/15

Location TBA

Try some things you (hopefully) haven't done before! Activities will include candle-making, jam-making, book-binding, and letterpress t-shirts. Youth will also make an appearance at Danby's own Harvest Festival, where they will teach community members how to create a fun and simple craft.

Primitive Pursuits - Grade 4 and 5

Thursdays, 2:30-5pm

9/28-10/19, 11/2, 11/16, 11/30, 12/7, 12/21

45 Hornbrook Road, behind Dotson Park

A guest instructor from Primitive Pursuits will guide us through various outdoor activities in the park including shelter construction, carving, fire-building, outdoor crafts, and nature awareness activities. ❧

Postal Patron

DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Sep 25 • Mon

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

Sep 28 • Thu

7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **BZA Hearing**

Oct 5 • Thu

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

Oct 7 • Sat

9am 🏛️ Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**
5-7pm 🏛️ American Legion • **Steak Dinner**

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

2-5pm 🏛️ Dotson Park • **5th Annual Harvest Festival**
Trebuchet • Music • Games • Rides • Porcupine

Oct 16 • Mon

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

Oct 17 • Tue

7pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall
Fire District: **Public Hearing: 2018 Budget**

Oct 19 • Thu

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

Oct 20 • Fri

5-7pm 🏛️ American Legion • **Fish Dinner**

Oct 21 • Sat

Noon 🏛️ American Legion • **Chicken BBQ Benefit**

Oct 22 • Sun

3pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Community Council Concert**
Uncle Joe and the Rosebud Ramblers

Oct 23 • Mon

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

Nov 2 • Thu

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

Nov 4 • Sat

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

Nov 5 • Sun

2am 🏛️ Everywhere! • **Clocks Fall Back!**

Nov 11 • Sat

10am 🏛️ Danby Comm Church • **Holiday Craft Fair**

Nov 12 • Sun

3pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Community Council Concert**
Turkish Music w/ Dara Anissi and Friends

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