

DANBY AREA NEWS

ANNUAL MEETINGS COMING UP

The West Danby Community Association is holding its Annual Meeting, combined with a Winter Community Dinner and a Music Jam, on Saturday, January 20, 5pm, in the West Danby Fire Hall.

The WDCA will provide the ham. Everyone else is asked to complement that with their own offerings of sides and desserts. There will be an old-time music jam for anyone who wants to join in with instrument and/or voice to accompany the meal and, of course, the annual meeting of the West Danby Community Association will follow dinner.

Meanwhile, over in uphill Danby, the Danby Community Council is holding its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 7pm, in Danby's Town Hall. Come share the cocoa (hot) and pies (hot, just not necessarily the same kind of hot) and participate in this wonderful annual event! ❁

BLACK BEAR SIGHTINGS

Submitted by Kathryn White

THE ITHACA College Department of Environmental Studies and Sciences wants to thank you, the Danby community, for informing us of your sightings of the American Black Bear. You have contributed significantly to our ongoing research, tracking the repopulation of the American Black Bear in Tompkins County.

Since black bears are still active in early winter as they prepare for hibernation, we would love to keep receiving signs of bear activity. To report sightings, please contact Jason Hamilton, [jhamilton@ithaca.edu] with the location and time of the last bear sighting.

Keep trash cans and open food sources as contained as possible. These will attract black bears and potentially put them in danger. But if you see a black bear, don't panic. Black bears will often retreat before they even interact with a human. ❁

GRASSANOVA: MORE THAN BLUEGRASS

Submitted by Ted Crane, Danby Community Council

GRASSANOVA BRINGS ITS SPECIAL VERSION of Bluegrass to Danby's Town Hall, 3pm on Sunday, January 21. This free concert is presented by Danby's Community Council with support from the Town of Danby and grant support from the **COMMUNITY ARTS PARTNERSHIP** of Tompkins County.



Grassanova has the impressive tempo and energy of bluegrass music but goes out and beyond the standard BG repertoire. You'll recognize bluegrass favorites, but you'll hear tunes from other genres. Think, "Beatles on bluegrass." What a thought. You might exchange, "Bluegrass with a Music style," for, "Music with a Bluegrass style."

This is a five-piece band: four musicians and Marilyn, a blond bass. Edna Brown does percussion, Paul Fairbanks motors the banjo, Dave Richman holds forth on guitar and Brian Burtt holds Marilyn. Contrary to stereotype, we won't have to mop up the floor around Paul's feet after the concert. This is a *college-educated* banjo player. And this is a great band. ❁

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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

Property Tax Collection

IWRITE THIS EVERY YEAR and it still is news and, unfortunately, still true. The cruel month of January is upon us. Just barely past the holiday indulgences of parties and staying up late...reality hits us. There is no escape from the Cold, the Dark, or Taxes. It's hard to say whether 2018 will be especially cold or snowy, but there is no question that January, at least, will be dark. In these times, it seems that the only thing that will

get us through is massive amounts of chocolate.

Tax bills are sent out at the very end of December and should be in your mailbox by the first week of January. The first day for property tax collection in 2018 is Tuesday, January 2. If, for some reason, you do not receive your Town and County property tax bill by the end that week (January 6), please call us as soon as possible. We can print and send a duplicate. Please note that if your taxes are paid by an escrow service, the

original bill is sent to the bank or to the payment service. If there has been a change in your escrow status and the bill should come to you, let us know. Again, we can send you a copy.

Remember, Town Clerks are only tax collectors. We don't set your assessment or your tax rate. We face the same "tax pain" as all of the rest of the property owners in Danby. I know that there's little I can do to make January better, but I can promise that the candy bowl will be filled with chocolate kisses including plenty of dark chocolate. Thanks to the generosity of the "loose change chocolate fund," there will be plenty for all.

Oaths of Office

January also the time for start-of-year business, including the swearing in of elected officials. One of the more esoteric jobs of the Town Clerk is to be the officiant who administers Oaths of Office. As an elected official, I have the honor to take this Oath as well. My next Oath will be the fifth time I solemnly swear that I will, "support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Town Clerk according to the best of my ability." Each year, especially in the past 12 months, this Oath has become more precious and important.

In this case, you might say that I'm pleased to have people "swear at me." In Danby, swearing the Oaths of Office mostly takes place every two years, after a general election. In addition to myself, our "newly elected officials" include two Town Board members, the Town Supervisor, and the Highway Superintendent. I administer the Oath to each, as well as to all those who serve on appointed boards and to the elected Fire Commissioners.

Who swears in the Town Clerk? This job is assigned, by law, to the Town Supervisor. First, he swears at me, then I swear at him, then we're good for another two years.

January Hours

During January Tax Collection, the Town Clerk's office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays, 10am-5pm, and Saturday mornings, 10am-1pm. Saturday hours return to 10am-Noon in the month of February. We are closed on Sundays and Thursdays. The first day for tax collection is Tuesday January 2.

You can always reach us at 607.277.4788 and [townclerk@townofdanbynny.org]. And yes, I'll say it once again: the chocolate bowl still is kept full. It is January, after all. ❁



LEGAL NOTICE

DANBY FIRE DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Submitted by Sharon Gaden, Fire District Secretary

Notice is hereby given that the Organizational Meeting for the Danby Fire District of the Town of Danby, County of Tompkins, New York, will be held on Tuesday the 9th day of January 2018, at 7:00 P.M. at the Danby Fire Station, 1780 Danby Road, Town of Danby, County of Tompkins, New York. The regular meeting will follow.

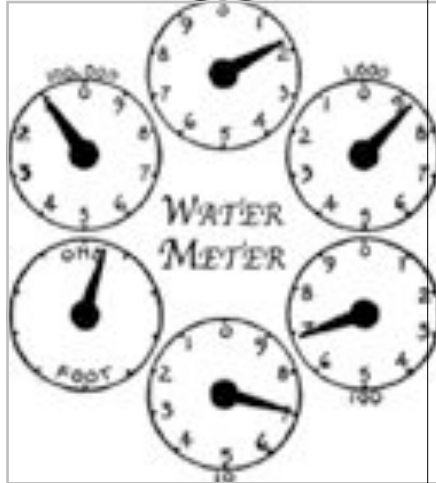
By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Danby Fire District. ❁

WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

THE DISTRICT SCHEDULED A REGULAR Commissioner meeting for December 13, but we had to cancel because we didn't have a quorum. Two of our five Commissioners were sick, so we will reschedule for a date in the future.

We did, however, host a meeting of the Community Science Institute's Drinking Water Wednesday series on December 13. It was an informational meeting designed for people who had private wells. Information was provided concerning what sorts of issues homeowners should be aware of and concerned about.



Claire Weston from the Community Science Institute gave a general presentation, then she and Chris Laverack from the Tompkins County Health Department responded to audience questions. There were lots of informational handouts. We had a better turnout than any of their previous Drinking Water Wednesdays!

Thanks to all who came out and to the West Danby Fire Department for allowing us to use its station. If you missed this one and think it might be something you'd like to attend in the future, there are other meetings scheduled around the County. ❧

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. ❧

BOARD VACANCIES

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

THE TOWN BOARD of the Town of Danby invites residents to apply now for volunteer municipal boards seats starting January 2018. Your involvement is welcome and needed.

Each year, one seat opens on each of the Planning Board (7-year term) and the Board of Zoning Appeals (5-year term). The Planning Board review subdivisions and development applications. The Board of Zoning Appeals meets as needed (usually 4th Tuesday) to hear and decide variance requests related to the Zoning Ordinance.

The 2-year terms of several Conservation Advisory Council members are ending. The CAC advises the Board in the development, management, and protection of the Town's natural resources. The full charge of the CAC, is available in the Town Clerk's office.

The West Danby Water Commissioners, have at least one and possibly two vacancies. Contact the Town Clerk or Tod Sukontarak for more information.

An appointment application is available through the Town Clerk's office. This simple form includes contact information for the applicant and three simple questions: any experience (professional, educational, etc.) that would assist in the position, a brief description of why you would like to be considered, and what you would hope to accomplish in this position.

If interested, or for more information on these positions, contact Town Clerk Pamela Goddard at [townclerk@townofdanby.ny.org] or 607.277.4788. ❧

WORD OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Ted Crane

I HEARD ABOUT *whataboutism* early in 2017, when it was mentioned by [electoral-vote.com]. As you might guess, the author was talking about politics, Washington politics, but the word fits into many situations, even Danby situations.

Merriam-Webster defines it as, *the technique of responding to an accusation or a difficult question by making a counteraccusation or raising a different issue.*

Can you think of an instance of *whataboutism* that's happened in your daily life? How many? Today? ❧

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

I'M FACED WITH MY MONTHLY DILEMMA, that what is news now might not be news—or even relevant—by the time you read it. The big takeaway, this month, are the dividends returning to the Town from our invested efforts.

This month we have seen money provided to cover the cost of increased energy efficiency at the Highway Barn, and serious money for present and future road repair.

In past columns, I've written about the potential—and real—collapse of our Town's infrastructure. It's one of the Town's biggest challenges. One particular example has been occurring in West Danby, where Brown Road has been deteriorating due to erosion by the adjacent creek. The Brown road project, alone, was estimated to cost approximately more than \$400,000.

To solve this problem, the Town initiated a study of the problem and of the feasibility of remediation. The study gave us the information we needed to apply for a grant to cover the cost.

Engineering studies aren't cheap, but they are only a drop in the bucket compared to the eventual cost of construction. This is a big big deal for the Town. We

can afford a small study, but we cannot afford larger studies and cannot even consider the cost of actual remediation, at least not without the help of County, State, and Federal agencies. And there is no question that infrastructure maintenance is absolutely required.

It is all about having a plan, about getting the grant money to hire an engineer to support the plan, about getting grant funding to implement the plan. All of this requires networking to garner support from funding agencies, then using this support to apply for the money to pay for construction.

These monies are all directed toward the Highway Department. Its goal is not just to repair the obvious damage, but to solve the problems that lead to damage and deterioration...into the future.

Grants like this bring hundreds of thousands of dollars to Danby, that helps our most precious resources—including your tax dollars—go further.

As I have said in past articles, our staff are the engine that run Danby. All this money flowing into the Town is the result of long-term planning and of the quality of staff who implement and execute these endeavors.

I cannot say enough about the staff who are charged with accomplishing these vital tasks for the Town.

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

PANCAKE BKFST SEASON IS HERE!

Submitted by the Breakfast Committee

THE WEST DANBY FIRE DEPT will be holding its annual *Sweethearts Breakfast* on February 17 and its *St. Patty Breakfast* on March 17 (a.k.a., St. Patrick's Day). Both will be in the West Danby Fire Station on Sylvan Lane in West Danby, Saturdays, from 8-11am.

West Danby's breakfast is ALL YOU CAN EAT pancakes, home fries, bacon, sausage, and eggs to order. \$7 for an adult. \$6 for seniors, \$5 for kids 5-12 years old. Under 5 years old? Free!



MEANWHILE, UP ON THE HILL, the DVFC continues its breakfast offerings on Sundays: January 14, February 11, and March 4, all 8-11am. ❧

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BROWN ROAD STREAMBANK STABILIZATION

Submitted by CJ Randall, Town Planner

THE TOWN OF DANBY HAS BEEN AWARDED \$435,222 from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in order to stabilize the stream alongside Brown Road in West Danby.

Like many watercourses, the stream is constantly changing its form, and this has led to problems with both the stream and the adjacent road. Because the stream is between the road and a very steep bank, there is little room for the stream to meander. The Brown Road embankment has been damaged by a head cut (an over-steepened and unstable short section of channel) that has progressed upstream.

Town of Danby Highway Supervisor Carl Seamon and Deputy Highway Supervisor Jack Shawley, in cooperation with Town of Newfield Highway Supervisor Kevin Berggen, initiated planning of this project more than two years ago, in October 2015. Both Highway Departments had spent significant resources shoring up the road, especially after the destructive flooding in June 2015.

Because of the anticipated project costs, the Highway Departments approached me to explore funding sources outside of the usual Highway tax levies. The engineering investigation was kicked off by generous funding from Tompkins County for a design study in 2016.

That study investigated the issues with the Brown Road stream. It found that part of the west streambank was severely undercut, that a number of trees had fallen and created natural dams. The engineers then assisted in the preparation of a grant application to the DEC's Water Quality Improvement Program.

During the study, the Highway Department coordinated with a geotechnical firm (investigating the road subsurface) and with arborists (to estimate costs to remove fallen trees). The Highway Department personally notified residents adjacent to the roadway about the

investigation and offered the trees to nearby property owners as free firewood.

The Design Work stage of the project will include further notification and coordination with adjacent landowners. A public information session will be held in early 2018. Property owners on Brown Road will be notified again by the Town of Danby and Town of Newfield in writing of the scope of the project, locations that may be affected, and the anticipated time-

line. The public information session will include these elements and also offer a chance for residents to speak with the Town Supervisor, Highway Supervisors, Town Planner, members of the Town Board, and the consulting engineers about the project.

The project will return the creek bed to an elevation similar to what it once possessed. This will avoid the use of large stones on the road embankments which, in turn, would require expensive shoring. A series of rock chutes will force fast moving water into a hydraulic jump, which will rapidly slow it down. Looking forward, the project will be designed to anticipate larger floods from future extreme weather events.



The Design Study found that the stream has been eroding rapidly, dumping an estimated 2,000 tons of sediment into the Cayuga Inlet watershed every year—a dump truck full, every day. The project will stop this erosion along 2,200 feet of stream bank, greatly reducing the load on the Inlet.

The Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District has pledged technical assistance with the physical implementation of this project. In addition, the Town will actively participating in the forthcoming Cayuga Lake Watershed Plan, scheduled to begin in early 2018. Town Supervisor Ric Dietrich has championed this kind of holistic and collaborative approach to reducing the amount of sediment going into Cayuga Lake.

Please contact me, [cjrandall@townofdanbyny.org] or 607.277.2400 with any questions or concerns. ♣

OUR NEIGHBORS: SHELLEY AND RON COOPER

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

IMET WITH SHELLEY AND RON COOPER and their two dogs on a windy day in December. Their house on Updike Road is sometimes known as the Cooper-Meier Gallery. It's a large, white, modern structure with lots of windows that make you feel more like you're sitting outside than in.

The 110 acre property has 75 acres of woods, a pond, and two small water features. A small house on the property was built in the 1800s, according to Shelley, and may have belonged to a fellow who was a boat captain on Cayuga Lake.

The previous owners of the property were Arch and Esther Dotson. Award-winning architect Richard Meier designed the initial part of the house while he was a Cornell architecture student. Other architects have brought it to what it is today. You can see a few photos of the house at [jakerudin.com/cooper-meier-gallery].

Shelley was born and raised in East Aurora, New York and has a Cornell degree in agricultural economics. Ron was born in Alabama and has lived all over the world. He went to Emory and other universities until he was 35 and has a number of degrees, including one in dentistry and orthodonture.

Shelley and Ron were living in Jacksonville, FL in 2010, when, one October weekend, Shelley brought Ron up to Cornell. According to Shelley, Ron said, "You know, I think I could live here." Back in Jacksonville, Shelley began to surf the Net to see if she could find a house near Ithaca. "I'll tell you," said Shelley, "there isn't one night, when we're sitting outside, when we don't ask ourselves How did we get so lucky? Thank goodness the Dotsons had the foresight to make this property part of the Finger Lakes Land Trust. Some people think that's a detriment to the property value. To me it's a boost. This property, this gorgeous property, will be forever preserved."

"Having property in an easement doesn't affect the property value," continued Shelley, "it just protects the property you've loved for the last 40 or 50 years from

changing in its integrity. We couldn't have made a better decision," said Shelley about buying the property. "We have been so happy."

Both Shelley and Ron complained that, in spite of the size of the property, they are still routinely disturbed by noises traveling long distances—mostly ATVs and guns. The noise ruins what they consider the peace and quiet of the rural landscape. According to Ron, to protect the rural character of Danby, the Town needs to take the best plans from other Towns and make sure that, "You completely explain what you want [for the future] and the nature of that rurality. Then you can hammer out the code."



Shelley said that, when they bought the house, their original vision was to be off the grid and to grow their own food. They are not off the grid, but they do grow their own food. The orchard has apples, pears, peaches, apricots, nectarines, and sweet

cherries. Shelley also grows two hop vines and makes beer. Ron makes 40 to 50 gallons of hard cider a year in the basement. They also grow all their own vegetables.

Ron always wanted a vineyard. So he planted grapes despite all the negative comments from experts who said the land and the climate were all wrong. The vineyard is called Stone Post after the stone post Ron built at the end of the driveway. He put up a mile of deer fencing and tilled the soil. He has grown six grape varieties: Cabernet Franc, which died in the first year; a no-name experimental variety; Arandell, which he turned into rose; and three grapes that produce white wine—Frontenac gris, Elvira, and La Crescent. The first decent crop arrived in 2016. The one acre of grapes produced 59 cases of wine with a future potential to produce up to 200 cases per harvest. Ron is not selling the wine, yet, but Danby does have its first winery.

"We get to do everything we ever wanted to do. We get to have our hands in the dirt, love our land, and the land loves us back by producing these wonderful gifts. And we get to do it in an absolutely beautiful place surrounded by a community of fascinating, wonderful people. What more could you ask for?" said Shelley.

If you would like to suggest someone to be interviewed, feel free to contact me at [rondaroaring@hotmail.com]. ❁

COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, , Tompkins County Legislator

AS I START my second term on the Tompkins County Legislature, I want to say thank you to the residents of Danby who have entrusted me to be the caretaker of their interests. I believe my job is to represent all the residents of Danby, the residents of the rest of the County, and also the public service employees who deliver the programs we all rely on.

I often sing the praises of our public service employees, and will continue to do so. In today's column though, I want to single out those public service workers who are generally referred to as "blue collar".

My job mostly consists of sitting and talking. I am not belittling talking—it's vital to thoroughly discuss public issues and to make sure everyone who wants to be heard from has the opportunity to have input. However, it's probably safe to say that there is not a shortage of talking in this world. What we are a little short of though are people who can do more than just talk. This column is dedicated to them.

On a snowy winter's night, the last place in the world I want to be is out on the roads. I am grateful to the people who do just that for us so that we can go about our lives with ease. Thank you to all the highway crews!

As with many people, my computer is the single most important tool of my job. The Town and County web sites are the primary ways local governments communicate information to residents. Thank you to the people who know how to fix computers and websites and keep us connected to the world!

A core value of a democracy is the right to observe your government in action. Municipal meeting rooms are sometimes filled with concerned citizens, protesters, and reporters. Thank you to the people who come in to

take away the garbage, clean the bathrooms, and make sure the heat is working!

Thank you to the bus drivers who work long, late hours, who have to navigate our steep narrow roads in all weather, and then be courteous to all their passengers. Thank you to the airport workers who operate under exacting federal regulations and who have to work even on the holidays. Thank you to the workers at the recycling

center who have to surround themselves with garbage every day but do it to keep everyone's environment cleaner.

There are other people who do public

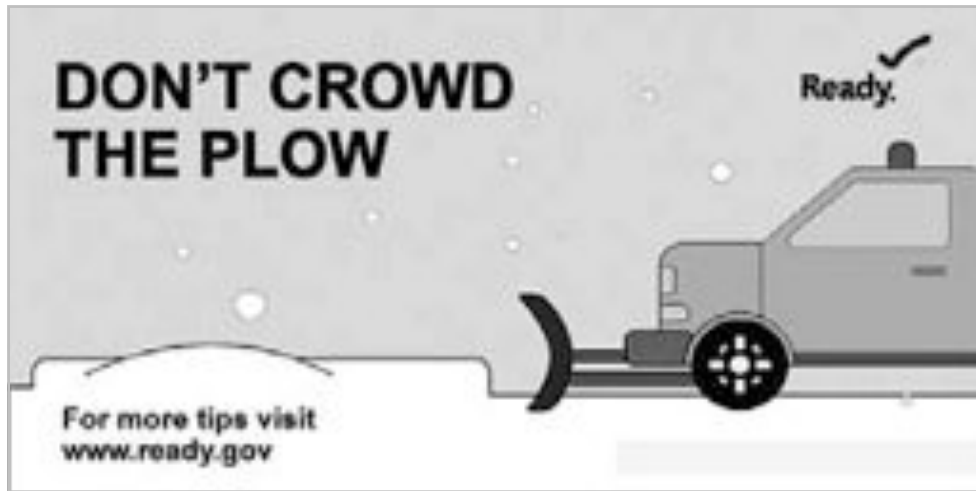
service than involves more than just talking. I can't list them all here, but I can say thank you.

I would like to end with gratitude to the emergency services workers, some of whom are paid and some of whom are not. Police, fire, and ambulance workers take care of vital services that most of us do not want to be involved with. We owe them our thanks.

I have been involved in a task force (more talking) that is looking at the issue of the strain on ambulance service in Tompkins County. It has led me to the conclusion that perhaps the single most valuable contribution a person could make to their community would be to volunteer for their local emergency medical service organization. Thank you to those who already do. If interested in volunteering with your local emergency medical services or fire service, go to [tompkinsfireems.org].

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns that I can help you with; [danbydan@hotmail.com] or 607.272.7582. ♣

Fire and EMS services are provided locally in Danby by the Fire Companies. They're always looking for volunteers for everything from firefighters to EMS to support staff. See the volunteer page of [danbyfiredept.com] or [[facebook.com/westdanbyfire](https://www.facebook.com/westdanbyfire)].—Editor



TAI CHI IN DANBY

Submitted by Margo Yntema

THE ITHACA BRANCH of the Taoist Tai Chi Society of the USA is continuing its 30th anniversary celebration with a demonstration of the Taoist Tai Chi at the newly renovated Danby Market, 1774 Danby Road, on Wednesday, January 17, 10:30-11:30am. The Danby Market is now home to Vintage Spirit Studios.

The Ithaca TTCS offers numerous classes in Ithaca at 1201 North Tioga Street and also holds satellite classes in both Newfield and Trumansburg. We are excited to begin classes in Danby this January.

Regular Tai Chi practice is commonly known to improve balance, flexibility, mood, and the immune response. Taoist Tai Chi is a complete form of exercise, improving performance and reducing the risk of injury. Sometimes referred to as “moving meditation”, or “reverse aging”, Tai Chi practice may provide great health benefits, and slow disease process.

Please come out and meet the two Danby resident instructors, observe a short demonstration in the lovely Vintage Spirit Studios space, and learn the first few moves of the Taoist Tai Chi set.

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of the USA, Ithaca Branch is a non-profit, charitable organization with accredited, volunteer instructors. Local information can be found by visiting [ithaca.ny@taoist.org] or calling 607.277.5491. ❀

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:

Annual Meeting: Wednesday, January 10, 7pm, Town Hall. Hot cocoa, hot pies!

Concert: Sunday, January 21, 3pm, Town Hall. Bluegrass and more with *Grassanova*.

West Danby Community Association

Annual Meeting: Saturday, January 20, 5pm, West Danby Fire Hall. They bring the ham, you bring all the sides. Music Jam for all who will.

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, January 7, 2pm. Also February 11, call for info 607.273.8678.

Danby Community Church

Chicken and Biscuits: Friday, January 12.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Friday, January 19, 1-6pm. ❀



A filled hall greeted Jazz greats Scarpulla, Robinson, and Aceto to Danby's Town Hall.

Photo by Ted Crane using Sabine Lessmeister's camera

MOBILE FOOD TRUCK

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

COMING FROM THE FOOD BANK of the Southern Tier and sponsored by the Danby Community Church, the truck comes once a month to distribute a variety of food items to all who need it.

It's always the fourth (not last) Monday of the month, Noon to 1pm in the parking lot of the church. This year we will not be using the Fire Station for the winter months but will remain in the church lot. Clients may get food for their family and one additional family. Please bring your own bags/boxes. Dates for 2018 are Jan 22, Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 23, Jun 25, Jul 23, Aug 27, Sep 24, Oct 22, Nov 26; due to holidays, the truck will not visit in May or December.

Contact me, 607.273.8046, if you have questions. ❄

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Saturdays 10am–Noon

AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marvin Eastman, Post Manager

WELL, THE WIND IS WHIPPING and the snow is falling, just a typical day in January in Ithaca. I hope that the New Year finds all you in good health and spirits. But on those type of days, remember that the Ithaca American Legion is there for you.

On January 6 we will be having a Steak Dinner; cooked to order and smothered with either sauteed mushrooms or onions, salad bar, choice of baked potato, onion rings, or french fries, and homemade desserts. All for just \$13.



On January 19, it's a Fish Dinner with your fish being either baked or fried; choice of baked potato, french fries, or onion rings, salad bar, and homemade dessert. Cost is \$13.

We will be starting our Wednesday night Pasta Dinners this month on January 10. Check for details, 607.272.1129.

Looking for a place for that special get together? Garage too small or too cold? Check us out we have the space for a few or for 100 people.

Start the New Year off right, thank a vet for his/her service. Remember: Freedom was not free. ❄

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE DANBY SENIORS will be on Thursday, January 4, Noon, in the Danby Community Church. Beth Harrington, of the County's Department of Emergency Response, will be with us to share helpful information. All seniors 55 and over are welcomed to attend. Please bring a dish to share and your table setting.

A large group—71 of us—enjoyed a lovely holiday lunch at LaTourelle on December 7, and twelve lovely poinsettias went home with lucky raffle winners. The following week, on December 12, a bus full—54 of us—had a great meal at the Spaghetti Warehouse in Syracuse, followed by a tour of the Lights on the Lake. Thank you travel committee for planning this fun trip!

In November of 2018 the Danby Senior Citizens will become fifty years old! The group was started in 1968 with Emily Wiggins as President, Emma Johnson as Secretary and Ralph Sager as Treasurer. Current officers are Judy and Bill Cuyle as President/VP, Margie VanDeMark as Secretary, and Dan Clements as Treasurer. ❄

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]. ❄

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! ❄

Community Council Winter Youth Programs

A FALL FULL OF PROGRAMMING for Danby youth has come to a close, ending with a field trip of epic proportions. On the second Saturday of December, 43 people piled into a bus and rode together to Syracuse. Once there, we traversed the Syracuse Museum of Science and Technology, watched an IMAX movie, and enjoyed dinner inside a beautiful old church that once served as a stop on the Underground Railroad.

It was a cold day, and for me, seeing more than forty Danby-ites fill up the space and enjoy a warm meal together was the highlight of the trip.

A new round of programming will start during the second week of January, but at the time that I'm writing, the schedule has not yet been finalized. However, we are working on putting together programs that will allow youth to learn about homesteading, maple syrup production, theatre, and book-binding. I'll be sending information to families who have participated in past programs; if you are not among that group and would like to receive updates, please feel free to shoot me a call, 585.236.6304, or Email [mas759@cornell.edu] or visit [danbycc.org/YouthPrograms].

Wishing you all a cozy January. —Melis ❧

YOUTH GRANTS

Submitted by Susan Franklin, DCC Youth Grant Coordinator

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD going to camp or participating in another program during the next few months? Financial assistance is available for Danby youth up to age 21, in the form of grants of up to \$100 per youth per year.

Grants are awarded quarterly for lessons, after-school programs, and more. The deadline is March 15 for programs beginning (or with payment deadlines) in April thru June (but funds for January-March 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. ❧

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

LIBRARY REGISTRATION CARDS ARE UPDATED every five years; patrons from 2012 should expect to be contacted so that we can update our contact information.

The *Outlander Series* by Diana Gabaldon has been requested for purchase. We have the first book in the series and will be purchasing the rest. Book suggestions are welcome; when making a request please leave a name so that you can be contacted when your request has arrived.

A shout out to home schoolers—you might consider meeting at the library sometime...free parking, free WiFi and a great selection of books!

A selection of Adult Fiction books will be arriving from TCPL this month.

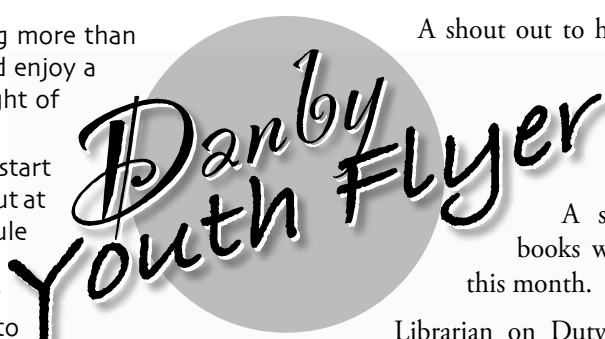
Librarian on Duty hours are Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30pm, and Saturdays, 10am-Noon. ❧



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SCIENCENTER: FREE ADMISSION

ON SUNDAY, January 14, Noon-5pm, admission to the Sciencenter is free for all. Catch the new exhibit, *Sonic Sensations!* ❧



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DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Jan 4 • Thu

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

Jan 6 • Sat

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

Jan 8 • Mon

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

Jan 9 • Tue

5-9pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall(s?) • Fire District Election
7pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Jan 10 • Wed

5-7pm 🏛️ American Legion • Pasta Dinner
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • Danby Community Council
Annual Meeting

Jan 12 • Fri

5-7pm 🏛️ Danby Comm Church • Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

Jan 14 • Sun

8-11am 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • Pancake Breakfast

Jan 15 • Mon

7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

Jan 16 • Tue

7pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Jan 18 • Thu

7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • Planning Board Meeting

Jan 19 • Fri

5-7pm 🏛️ American Legion • Fish Dinner

Jan 20 • Sat

5pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall • WD Comm Assoc
Winter Community Dinner and Annual Meeting

Jan 21 • Sun

3pm 🏛️ Town Hall • Community Council Concert
Bluegrass w/ Grassanova

Jan 22 • Mon

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

Jan 25 • Thu

3-6pm 🏛️ Danby Comm. Church • Food Pantry

Feb 1 • Thu

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

Feb 3 • Sat

9am 🏛️ Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

Feb 9 • Fri

5-7pm 🏛️ Danby Comm Church • Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

Feb 11 • Sun

8-11am 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • Pancake Breakfast

Feb 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

Feb 13 • Tue

7pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Feb 17 • Sun

8-11am 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall • Sweethearts Breakfast

ONGOING EVENTS

Danby Community Library Open 🏛️ Town Hall
Tuesdays, 1-3:30pm, Saturdays, 10am-Noon,
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