# DANBY AREA NEWS

#### TICK TALK

Submitted by Cathy Darrow, Danby Community Council

THE TICK POPULATION and infections caused by tick bites have been increasing in Danby. Learn more about this problem and what we can do about it!

Danby's Community Council is sponsoring a Tickborne Infection Prevention Program presentation on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 7-8pm, in Danby's Town Hall. The presenter will be Celeste Rakovich, a Community Health Nurse with the Tompkins County Health Department.

Celeste's program will focus on tick-borne infection prevention, including these topics:

- Tick Identification and Habitat
- How to prevent a Tick bite
- How to remove a Tick
- Signs of infection/when to call your Doctor

There will also be educational materials for some hands-on learning and information to take home. Come learn more about how you can protect yourself and your family.



Submitted by Susan Franklin, Danby Community Council

ANBY'S TOWN HALL is once again hosting Free Tax Preparation on Saturday, March 16, 10am-2pm, in Danby's Town Hall. You must make an appointment by calling 2-1-1 or 877-211-8667.

IRS-certified Volunteers and staff from Alternatives Free Tax Program (VITA) will help town residents with incomes under \$55,000 to prepare and E-file their Federal and State tax returns for 2018. This free service, sponsored by Danby's Community Council, is supported by the Tompkins County Legislature, United Way, and the IRS. \$



## DCC CONCERT: GRADY GIRLS

Submitted by Ted Crane, Danby Community Council

This month, the Grady Girls return to Danby for the sixth year in a row. The Sunday, March 10, 3pm concert is sure to be packed, so be sure to arrive at Town Hall, 1830 Danby Road, on time for a good seat.

The Gradys are very much a family band. They travel,

for music, for inspiration, and for fun, but always return to Ithaca...to play in Danby, of course.

Saoirse (fiddle) is a few years older than pictured above, but she's a good reason to bring your young to this concert. There's nothing like seeing one of your age peers on stage (playing with three more, not very much older musicians), to inspire a budding musicians.

As always, 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.

Refreshments will be served and a good time is promised for all!

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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

**T**ear in Review

The lull between winter storms is a good time to reflect on the various activities in the Clerk's office during 2018.

A snap-shot of business is recorded in the "Town Clerk's Annual Report," which lists receipts and disbursements of monies. A total of \$25,157 was received for such things as certified copies (primarily, marriage transcripts), marriage licenses, hunting and fishing license sales, building permits, dog licenses and impoundment

fees, and fees related to Planning Board and Zoning Appeals hearings. This is a bit under the average of \$28,481 received over the past 8 years. The difference reflects fewer marriage licenses (4 vs 7 during 2017), fewer Zoning Appeals (4 vs 8 in 2017), and fewer Building Permits (59 vs 64 in 2017).

Last year was a normal year, and that's OK.



The annual report for receipts and disbursements also shows slightly fewer dog

licenses in 2018 than previous years. The past four years have seen a gradual decline in dogs licensed, down to 473 dogs in 2018 (\$6,520) from the 9-year averge of 560 dogs. It seems that, as with all living things, dogs eventually get old and die. There seems to be a larger number of these losses in recent years than the number of new dog arrivals.

Dog care comes with a cost for owners and municipalities. In addition to license fees, the Town makes a monthly payment (\$1,462) for Animal Control Services. This helps fund the mandatory dog control officer and municipal dog shelter required by NYS law. In Tompkins County, most municipalities are part of the Tompkins County Animal Control consortium, managed by the SPCA of Tompkins County. Dog control services include seizure and impoundment of dogs running loose and not wearing the tag required by law. The shelter also provides proper care for lost, stray, abandoned, or homeless dogs. Efforts are made to return dogs to their owners. Dogs not claimed are available for adoption.

Licensing your dog and ensuring that its wearing its tag helps everyone. Keep your dogs safe, keep them at home.

#### Final Tax Collection

Alex Pfeifer and I continue to collect property tax through the end of March. The 1 percent per month service fee that is added to tax bills goes to Tompkins County. After April 1, all tax collection is managed by the Tompkins County Finance office. Please note that second installment payments are made to the County. It is the responsibility of property owners whose taxes are not paid by an escrow service, to notify the Clerk's office if they have not received their tax bill. Payment must be made by cash or check. We are not set up to receive credit or debit card payments.

For all services, the Town Clerk's office is open 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 10am-Noon on Saturdays through the Spring. As always, we are closed on Thursdays and Sundays--and the chocolate bowl remains well supplied.

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

## PANCAKES FOR YOU!

Info from Steve Hilsdorf, DVFC, and Marrell Cortright, WDFD

THE WEST DANBY FIRE DEPARTMENT'S next breakfast event is for St.Paddy's Day, but on March 16, 8-11am.

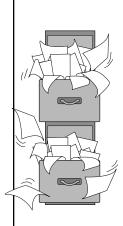
West Danby is a small, special community in its own right, and they do breakfast right. It's well worth a trip downhill to see how they do it! All you can eat pancakes, sausages, bacon, homefries, eggs made to order, coffee and juice.

In uphill Danby, the Danby Volunteer Fire Company, continues its Pancake Breakfasts on March 3.

All you can eat for the price of a donation! Pancakes, french toast, eggs made to order, home fries, sausage, toast and oatmeal. You don't want to miss it! Serving 8-11am.

After March, if you want pancakes or breakfast on a weekend, you'll have to make it for yourself.





## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Submitted by Carl Seamon, Highway Superintendent

This winter has certainly been a challenging one. The weather has been so different that it has been difficult to maintain the stability of our dirt and gravel roads.

Our first snow came at the beginning of November with ice and freezing conditions. Very shortly after, it became warm again and this pattern has continued.

What happens with this fluctuation of cold, precipitation and warm weather, is that the frost in the ground heaves up, expands and causes instability that leads to lose soil. Yes, we do experience ruts and mud every spring, and that is common with dirt roads. However, this is a much more damaging situation than a typical spring thaw.

Other Towns are experiencing the same situation this year and we are communicating with other Highway Superintendents so we can all work together and share ideas as we run through options to mitigate the problem that arose this month.

We now have a good handle on the current situation and have put down layers of limestone crusher run to stabilize our worst areas. I am in the process of putting together a five-year plan to completely replace the road beds of our worst roads and to prepare drainage plans that will make a real difference in the longevity of our surface treatments.

I would like to thank the Town Supervisor for all his support in our efforts at the Highway Department. His

confidence and daily communication with us make it possible to stay focused on the needs expressed by the public and brainstorm together to keep you safe. I would also like to thank the Town Board for all its support; for understanding the needs of the Highway Department when approving expenditures and for having confidence about road selection.

We work together as a team, not only between us internally, but with the public as well. I will be presenting this plan to the Town Board and sticking to a tight budget to get things done. That doesn't mean that we will not be handling emergency situations or other damage or maintenance in the meantime.

I would like to thank those members of the public who have called in with their concerns during this difficult situation. By following a plan and prioritizing the roads based on need and safety, we will continue our goal to make stable, oil and stoned roads that will last. Drainage and new road beds are the answer for lasting, stable, surface treated roads in the Town. It will take time but we can plan and achieve our goals.

It has been a pleasure serving you over the years and being your Highway Superintendent has been the source of great pride to me. I am ready and excited to get started this summer and to kick our plan into action. I will keep you posted as we make progress. Thank you all for your support. Please feel free to call the Highway Department, 607.272.9169, any time with your thoughts and concerns.

I wish you all well.

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## **GROWING TREES FOR FRUIT & NUTS**

Submitted by Don Schaufler, Conservation Advisory Council

Danby's Conservation Council is presenting another program for homeowners and landowners. On Wednesday, March 20, 7pm in Danby's Town Hall, Akiva Silver of Twisted Tree Farm will be talking about his passion for growing trees that yield fruits and nuts.

Twisted Tree Farm is a 20-acre homestead and nursery tucked back in the hills of Spencer, NY. The farm is dedicated to growing healthy trees, food, and family. All of its plants are raised naturally without synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, or herbicides. Instead, its well-rooted young trees are raised in living soil using compost, wood chips, and low tech common sense.

### **New Court Hours**

Submitted by Garry Huddle, Town Justice

THE TOWN COURT SCHEDULE has changed slightly. The Court Clerk and one or both Justices are available Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 9am-1pm. The Court is closed Thursday thru Sunday.

Court will be held every Tuesday morning, starting at 9am, until all cases have been heard.

Pretrials with the District Attorney being present take place the first Tuesday of every month, beginning at 9am, until all case have been heard.

## SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

ONE OF THE BIG QUESTIONS that I frequently ask myself is, "How can I make Town of Danby topics relevant to residents?"

Different winter this year, and yes, that question needs context. What makes this winter different: water.

I have a pond that normally only overflows in spring when the snow melts all at once. It is a ground water pond: the more moisture in the ground, the higher the pond level. I have watched, over the years, as the water level rises during the late summer months. I think it's because, well, the more moisture in the ground (usually from more rain), the higher the level of pond.

Even during the not-so-nor-

mal normal years with lots of moisture from hurricane season, the pond fills for a while and then gradually loses momentum and goes back to ground water level.

Not this year. The pond ran at or higher volumes all summer, fall, and winter.

Even through sub-zero temperatures, the water just kept rising.

Newer residents in Danby—and even some of the folks who have been here a while—may not have experienced these conditions on our roads before this year.

Context is everything, and the feedback I have received seems to be blaming the Highway Department for the failing roads. In past articles I have tried to explain how the Town is committed to resolving these problems to the extent we are able. We are expending a great deal of Town resources toward these ends. A great deal of staff time is spent going to schools, workshops, and seminars, to learn the best tools and thinking to use. When training leaves room for doubt, we hire engineers.

I do not know of another Town of similar size that is more dedicated to working together to resolve the issue of moisture and drainage than the Town of Danby.

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

## Danby Receives Conservation Easement

Submitted by C.J. Randall, Town Planner

Kate O'Neal, a long-time supporter of the Town of Danby Conservation Advisory Council and champion for the conservation of farmland and natural resources in Danby has donated a 40-acre Conservation Easement to the Town.

The property contains important agricultural soils and wetlands, and adjoins and includes parts of the Danby Fir Tree Swamp. Preservation of this key parcel supports the continuity of the Emerald Necklace, identified as a priority project in the New York State Open Space Conservation Plan.

A portion of the property covered under the recent gift to the Town has been protected by a conservation easement held by the USDA NRCS by previous owners, the Van de Bogart Family.

The Danby conservation easement program seeks to protect open space in Danby by permanently limiting development rights on the properties of willing donors so that the conservation values are protected in perpetuity.

The Town of Danby currently holds three other conservation easements, protecting more than 90 acres. If you are interested in preserving your land, please contact Matt Ulinski, [mulinski@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 Council**

Grady Girls Concert: Sunday, March 10, 3pm, Town Hall. The best in Irish traditional music!

*Tick Talk*: Wednesday, March 6, 7pm, Town Hall. All about those dangerous little biting bugs.

Free Tax Prep: Saturday, March 16, 10am-2pm, Town Hall. Sppointment required, call 2-1-1.

Funeral Planning: Sunday, March 17, 3pm, Town Hall. A great gift to your loved ones as it will relieve the anxiety of planning a funeral.

Off The Rails Concert: Sunday, April 7, 3pm, Town Hall.

The Rock Show: Sunday, May 12, 3pm, Town Hall.

#### The Great Room at Slow Lane

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

Scandinavian Music and Dancing: Sunday, 2-5pm, March 3 and 31. Music by Stefhan Ohlström and Friends. Info: 607.273.8678. Also March 10.

#### **Danby Community Church**

Chicken and Biscuits: Friday, March 8, 5pm.

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

Soup, Games, and Fun: Monday, March 18, 12:15pm. All are invited! Also on March 18.

#### **Danby Gathery**

Tickets and more info at [danbygathery.com].

Spring Fever Sale—Local Arts and Food: Saturday, March 23, 1-5pm.

#### Moon Gatherings

Community potluck, nature connection, meditation, songs, story sharing at each New Moon, for all ages. For dates and directions, contact [honeysharmony@gmail.com].

## COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, , Tompkins County Legislator

I used to accompany my parents into the voting booth as a child. I started voting eagerly at age 18. I have worked as an election inspector. So the raft of election and voting reforms being passed in NY State in the last two months has been very exciting for me to watch.

New York will now be joining 35 other states in having early voting. The first election at which we will experience this is November 2019. After that, all general, special, and primary elections will have early voting available. Early voting will not apply to villages (there are no villages in Danby) nor to school elections.

Early voting will start the second Saturday before Election Day, will include two full weekends, and will consist of nine days in total. The polls will be open eight hours on the weekdays, and five hours on the weekends.

County governments are responsible for running elections.

There will probably be two polling places open for early voting in Tompkins County, and those locations have not yet been determined. On Election Day itself, the regular polling places will be open (West Danby Fire Station on Sylvan Lane in West Danby, the Danby Fire Station on route 96B for the rest of Danby).

One change that may come with early voting is the use of electronic poll books, which look like computer tablets or laptops. These will ensure that a person does not vote in early voting, and then again on Election Day. Electronic polling books are not yet legal in NY State due to security issues. They are also very expensive. So stay tuned to see how that issue develops.

Another voting reform recently enacted include combines the federal, state, and local primaries to one day, the fourth Tuesday of June (June 25 this year). However, when we have a presidential primary next year, it will be on a different day.

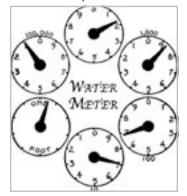
A new, optional, pre-registration of 16 and 17-yearolds has been created. A person who pre-registers is automatically able to vote when they turn 18.

Some voting reforms that still may be coming include voting by mail, same-day voter registration, and making Election Day a holiday.

I am glad to see efforts made to make it easier to vote. \$\frac{1}{3}\$

## WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner



WE HAD OUR MOST recent Commissioner meeting in the WD Fire Station on February 6 at 5:30pm. The agenda was minimal, mostly to verify and sign payment vouchers. We also discussed replacing the pressure switch in the pump house.

The current switch is operating on lower pressures than it previously did. We have a spare from the old tank which Finger Lakes Electric sent to Square D (its manufacturer) for testing. It tested as fully functioning so we may re-install it. The only cause for delay is to be sure we can reset it to operate at the pressures required of the new tank.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2019, 5:30pm, in the West Danby Fire Station conference room.

## ART WITH CAMILLE

Submitted by Camille Doucet, Danby watercolorist

I'M OFFERING AN OPEN ART STUDIO during the week, sketching on Sundays, and a summertime art camp for both adults and children.

The open art studio happens every
Tuesday and Saturday, 10am1pm. You can work with any
2-D media, any ability, and
I have plenty of art exercises.

Come try one class for free.

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Sundays of Sketching in the Cornell Greenhouses is happening from March 17 to April 7, 1-4:30pm.

The summer art camp happens at my studio and and.

- July 8 to 12, 9am-4pm, Julie Kulik of EarthArt in the morning and Camille in the afternoon
- July 22 to 26, 9am-1pm, with Camille
- August 5 to 9, 9am-1pm, with Camille

If you have questions, call me at 607.272.8781.

### HISTORY IN 2019

Submitted by M.A. Barr, Town Historian

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH. You can check out some ideas about that on the Historian's bulletin board in the display area of the meeting room in Danby's Town Hall. It describes activities going on around the state during February.

Also check out the rest of the Historian's display. We are interested in feedback about what is there. Contact me, [mbarr@townofdanbyny.org] or 607.277.4788.

As mentioned in January, one project that is being worked on this year is a compilation of historic or older homes in Danby. If you have photos of your house, or know interesting stories about it from the past, you can add them to the list and help record some of Danby's history.

Another project in the works is an activity for the young people of Danby. If you have an old artifact, know some Danby history or are just interested in seeing what other young people think about Danby history, watch for announcements of an event or activity geared just for you.

One fun activity sponsored by the Danby Community Council can be interpreted, loosely speaking, as an activity about history. That is the Rock Show on Sunday, May 12. Do you have an historic rock? One from the Devonian period...or some other historic period in Danby? This is the event to rock your rock.

School kids from Middle School and up who are interested in history: there is an upcoming challenge just for you, the "Student Resarch Awards." Watch this column and the Historian's display area for more information. Meantime you can learn more at [archive.nysed.gov] (click "education").

## 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 every other week 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.

## DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

THE NEXT MEETING of the Danby Seniors will be on . Thursday, March 7, at Noon in the Danby Community Church, for a dish to share luncheon.

Our hosts for February were myself, Donna Donnelly, and the exercise ladies. Helen Street, Sarah Spearman, Sharon Siegard, and Margaret Shisler all pitched in after their exercise class, hauling chairs, setting out place settings, whatever's needed. What a great group; they help every month!

Jim Holihan, a Coop Extension volunteer, spoke to us about energy navigation programs. In March, Jeff Dunn will come and speak to us about recycling. The travel committee spoke about upcoming trips they are working on. The first will be May 7 to Penn's Peak, PA for a Johnny Cash tribute show and luncheon. Contact Nancy Weitzel, 607.272.6570; Ann VanDeMark, 607.539.7928; Pat Phelps, 607.539.6477; or Nancy Gould, 607.273.8705 for more information.

## PAINT YOGA AT EARTH RHYTHMS

Submitted by Alison Rawlins

PLEASE JOIN ME FOR A RELAXING EVENING of acrylic painting fun at Farth Dhank on Thursday, March 14, 2019, 6:30-8:45pm.

The intention of Paint Yoga is relaxation and creativity. Come with your smile and leave with a lasting reminder.

The inspirational image is, "March Hare." I provide stretched canvas, paint, use of brushes, water, and other supplies with instruction to paint something similar. Feel free to follow where your own inspiration guides. This is a sober event suitable for adults and teens. There will be yoga mats, backjacks, and easels set out for you to use, along with alternate seating for those unable to work on the floor. I'll be demonstrating a similar artwork throughout the activity, offering pointers, and guiding our movement breaks.

Please arrive on time or a few minutes early to help us all keep on schedule. There will be two breaks, at 7 and 7:45pm, so we can move and breathe together while the paint dries a bit. Painting will stop at 8:30pm. This last few minutes together lets us appreciate each other's work and bask in the feelings of accomplishment.

This is a highly participative event, no two are ever the same!

## It's Your Funeral: WILL IT BE WHAT YOU WANT?

Submitted by Cathy Darrow, Danby Community Council

This program on Sunday, March 17, 2019, ▲ 3-4:30pm, in Danby's Town Hall will be presented by Donna Scott, President of the Funeral Consumer's Alliance of the Finger Lakes.

The Funeral Consumers Alliance helps you and your loved ones plan ahead for the inevitable. Make sure your funeral is what you want it to be. This is a great gift to give your loved ones as it will relieve anxiety about funeral planning.

In her talk, Donna Scott will address the following topics and much more:

- What does your local Funeral Consumers Alliance do that can help you and your loved ones plan ahead for the inevitable—your own death and the deaths of your loved ones? Will your funerals be what you and they want?
- Funerals can be very expensive. Do you know about a funeral home's General Price List and how to read one? We'll show you how. Our local Funeral Consumers Alliance does a funeral price survey every two years. What does the price survey show about local funeral prices? How does this benefit you?
- Did you know that the price of Death Certificates varies by county in New York State?
- Why is New York one of only nine US states who law requires that a dead person be handled by a funeral home, even if home care of the body and "green" burial are desired and planned by the family?

Learn the answers to these questions and more, and start planning ahead!

The program is sponsored by the Danby Community Council.

## Mobile Food Truck Update

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

ONDAY, March Moon, Danby Community Church, for anyone needing food. Please bring your own bags or boxes.





# Community Council Youth Programs

What a winter! Between freezing temperatures and snow days, Danby programs have been up and running. There is still space in current programming for any youth who would like to join in the fun.

More information can be found on the web at [danbycc.org/YouthPrograms] or by contacting Maddie, [mu33@cornell.edu] or 607.379.0245.

**Let's Build!** 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders Mondays, January 21-March 11, 2:30-5:30pm Danby Community Church

Have you ever wanted to build a sculpture? Plan, measure, cut and build? Create your own masterpiece using chicken wire and plaster. Trips to local attractions to see the sculptures all around us, weather dependent.

#### Iron Chef

Wednesdays, 4:30-6:30pm Danby Community Church

Challenge yourself in this culinary adventure! Practice your cooking skills with new and old friends!

#### Crochet & Play

Thursdays, 3:25-5:30pm Boynton Middle School

Join Maddie and Beth of JYC to learn how to crochet! Whatever inspires you—animals, dolls, hats, and more! If yarn isn't your thing, there are also games being played.

#### **Lunch Bunches**

Thursdays at Boynton Middle School, Grades 6, 7, 8
Fridays at South Hill Elementary School, Grades 4, 5
Lots of fun with rousing games of Uno and Zombie
Fluxx enjoyed by all.

## Danby Community Library

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

JUST A REMINDER that we have rotating collections from the downtown Tompkins County Public Library (TCPL) and we borrow them for six months. On each shelf will be a label indicating when they need to be returned to TCPL, so keep that in mind when signing the books out; we may be calling you so that we can have the books back and ready to be packed for return

New book purchases include: *Death on Crooked Lake* and *The Haunting of Hawk's Nest*, both by Robert W. Gregg (local author); *The Light Over London*, by Julia Kelly; *Educated*, by Tara Westover; *Becoming*, by Michelle Obama; *Make Me* and *No Middle Name*, both by Lee Child (both Large Type); *Bear Needs Help* by Sarah Brannen (picture book).

In new DVDs, we have: Pay it Forward, The Wife and Strawberry Shortcake: The Berryfest Princess. If you are interested in binge-watching a series, we have Mad Men, Call the Midwife, Midsomer Murders, and Foyle's War available.



## LOCAL SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY

Submitted by Mary Kozak, Pond Cordinator

Interested in Being a full-time lifeguard this summer, right here in Danby?

The Jennings Pond Swim Program will need lifeguards this summer. Now is the time to get the training, if you are not already certified. The YMCA of Ithaca is offering Red Cross Lifeguard Certification courses in March, April, or May. They are offering Waterfront Training—which you will also need—in May or June. The YMCA is also conducting required CPR training in May or June.

If you are a Danby resident, 16 years old or older, and you are interested in becoming a lifeguard for the Jennings Pond Swim Program during July and August, contact Amy Cusimano, [myemail607@gmail.com] or Jeremiah Kozak [jeremiah.kozak85@gmail.com]. We will interview you and, if you are eligible, sponsor your lifeguard training.

Jennings Pond is a beautiful place to work!



## Danby Area News: Event Calendar

Mar 2 • Sat

9am Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

Mar 3 • Sun

8-11am Danby Fire Hall • Pancake Breakfast

Mar 4 • Mon

7pm Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

Mar 6 • Wed

7pm Town Hall • Health Issues: Tick Talk!

Mar 7 • Thu

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

Mar 8 • Fri

5pm @ Danby Comm. Church • Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

Mar 10 • Sun

2am Everywhere • Clocks Spring Forward
3pm Danby Town Hall • Concert: Grady Girls

Mar 11 • Mon

7pm Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

7pm A Danby Fire Hall • Fire Dep't Meeting

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

Mar 12 • Tue

7pm Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

7pm Town Hall • Conservation Advisory Council Mtg

Mar 15 • Fri

1pm and Danby Comm. Church • Red Cross Blood Drive

Mar 16 • Sat

8-11am West Danby Fire Hall • St.Patty's Breakfast 10am-2pm Town Hall • Free Tax Prep

Mar 17 • Sun

7pm A Town Hall • Consumer Issues: Funeral Planning

Mar 18 • Mon

12:15pm 🙀 Danby Comm. Church • Soup, Games, Fun

Mar 19 • Tue

7pm @ Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Mar 21 • Thu

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

Mar 25 • Mon

Noon @ Danby Comm. Church • Mobile Food Truck

Apr 1 • Mon

All Day & Everywhere • Day of the Fool 7pm & Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

Apr 4 • Thu

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

Apr 6 • Sat

9am Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

Apr 7 • Sun

3pm Danby Town Hall • Concert: Off The Rails

#### Ongoing Events

Danby Community Library Town Hall
Open whenever Town Hall is open!
Librarian on duty when the Open flag is out.

Seniors Strength Training Group Danby Community Church Mondays and Thursdays, 9am.

Tai Chi Classes Danby Community Church Mondays and Wednesdays, 11am.

AA Meeting Danby Community Church Wednesdays, 7pm.

Danby Quilters Group **2** 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 Drive, off Rt.34/96
- Danby Community Church 1859 Danby Road
- American Legion Post 221 1231 Danby Road