

DANBY AREA NEWS

IT'S NOT IF, IT'S WHEN

Submitted by Cathy Darrow, Community Council

GET READY TO CELEBRATE National Healthcare Decisions Day on Saturday, April 13! Join Angela Menitto, death midwife, in Danby's Town Hall, 3-4:30pm, to learn about Advance Care Planning.

Learn more about types of advance directives, including the Health Care Proxy form and living will, and the importance of completing your paperwork and sharing it with all the right people. You'll go home with a lot of useful information, forms, and hopefully some encouragement and inspiration to start your planning. ❁

BURN BAN: MARCH 16 TO MAY 14

Submitted by George Jakubson, Danby Volunteer Fire Company

ON MARCH 12, 2019, the NYS DEC announced the burn ban dates for this spring: March 16 thru May 14. During this period, residential brush burning is prohibited across New York State. For more information you can go the DEC website, [dec.ny.gov/press/116481.html]. ❁

SPRING CHICKEN BBQ, CRAFT SHOW, OPEN HOUSE

Submitted by Marrell Cortright, West Danby Fire Department

THE WEST DANBY FIRE Department will be holding its Annual Spring Craft Show and Chicken BBQ on April 27 this year, in conjunction with an Open House and "Recruit NY".

Recruit NY is an initiative of the Fireman's Association of the State of NY, to help local Fire Departments across

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DCC CONCERT: OFF THE RAILS

Submitted by Ted Crane, Danby Community Council

ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS about living in Danby is the richness of its community. We have among us an awful lot of interesting people including artists, farmers, writers, toolsmiths and tradespeople, professors, and musicians.

Come meet a few of these special people during the Community Council concert on Sunday, April 7, 3pm, in Danby's Town Hall. Some of them will be sitting next to you, and others will be up front, playing music.

Off the Rails is a band from Danby and its surrounding area, and brings a mix of original and cover tunes with its own unique blues-infused style. You'll hear music inspired by Blues greats like Muddy Waters, Buddy Guy, and Albert King with further influences by Junior Wells, Bonnie Raitt, Etta James, and Cocoa Taylor.

The band's original lyrics are sometimes sarcastic but always soulful and engaging. You will find yourself bouncing along to their rhythm and blues. The band includes Danby-ites

Bev and Bernie Fitzpatrick, vocals and lead guitar; Joe Hillebrandt, bass and vocals; Mitch Weidemann subbing for Danby-ite Roger Hecht on drums, and Danby's own Asher Hockett with highlights on the trumpet!

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

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

Spring Rabies Clinics

THE DATES HAVE BEEN SET for the Spring Rabies Clinics run by the Tompkins County Health Department, Environmental Health Division. A free rabies clinic will be held in the Danby Fire Station on Thursday May 2, 7-9pm. Proof of prior vaccination is required to receive a three-year certificate for cats and dogs. Online preregistration is available at [tompkinscountyny.gov/health/].

NYS law requires all dogs to be licensed in the municipality where they live. In order to have a complete and updated license, dogs must be vaccinated against rabies. The rabies clinics are offered to help with this requirement. In addition to the Danby date, rabies clinics will be held in Lansing on May 1, Dryden on May 8, Enfield on May 9, and at the Ithaca Highway garage in May 15. Fall clinics will be held in Newfield, Caroline, Trumansburg, Groton, and Ithaca. All of these are open to any pet owner.



Animal Control Update

Dog care comes with a cost for owners and municipalities. There are municipal fees for Animal Control Services required by NYS law. Tompkins County Animal Control (TCAC) services include seizure and impoundment of dogs running loose. Animal control also shelters and provides proper care for lost, stray, or abandoned dogs. Efforts are made to return dogs to their owners.

When the owner of an impounded dog is known, they are required to pay the impoundment fees set by the Town Board. Those fees are collected by TCAC and the Town receives a portion. In March, the Board voted to update the fee schedule, so that it is consistent with other municipalities. All municipalities are being encouraged to adopt the same fee schedule, so dog owners know what to expect.

The fees are now \$25 for the first impoundment of any dog. The fee goes up to \$50 for the second impoundment of any dog owned by the same person and \$75 for the third impoundment of any dog owned by the same person within 12 months of the first impoundment. If more than one dog owned by the same person is impounded at the same time, the impoundment of each dog is considered a separate impoundment.

Dogs not claimed are available for adoption. Keep your dogs safe, keep them at home.

Final Tax Collection

As of April 2, Alex Pfeifer and I are done with the 2019 property tax collection. April 1 was the final day for property tax collection at Danby's Town Hall. All property tax collection after that date is turned over to Tompkins County Finance. This includes second installment payments. Call 607.274.5545 for more information.

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

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

NOISE NEAR TROY/NELSON ROADS

Submitted Matt Ulinski

IAM LOOKING FOR RESIDENTS in the Troy and Nelson Road area who have noticed a loud hum noise in the last year or two. Some residents in this area have come to me regarding this and I am trying to collect information to see if this is a broader issue.

Please contact me, [mulinski@townofdanbyny.org] if you have information. Thanks. ❁

MOWING PROPOSALS SOUGHT

Submitted by Sharon Gaden, Danby Fire District

THE DANBY FIRE DISTRICT IS SOLICITING proposals for lawn mowing at the Danby and West Danby Fire Stations for the 2019 season. Anyone interested in submitting a proposal should contact the Danby Fire District, 1780 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 or call 607.319.4721, for a list of requirements.

Proposals will be considered during the April 9 meeting of the Danby Fire District, in the Danby Fire Station at 7pm. ❁

ALWAYS SOMETHING INTERESTING GOING ON

Submitted by M.A. Barr, Town Historian

Young People Interested In History

Here is a fun opportunity for you: the Student Research Awards.

“Research” may be intimidating or off-putting, so ignore the word. Go for the presentation aspect of this project. You can create an exhibit, do a performance, create a web site, do a regular paper, or present your information in your own creative way.

A poster with all the information about this program is next to the History Display case in Town Hall or you or your parents can get in touch with me at 607.277.4788 or [mbarr@townofdanbyny.org]. There are small size posters you can pick up and put in your pocket. Or scan all the info into your smartphone right off the big poster.

March is Women’s History month. Do you know any historic women? It could even be someone in your family--a great source for tidbits of history. Where was your grandmother born? What was the neighborhood like where she grew up? Was she a suffragette?

Addie E. Beam was my great grandmother. She lived with us for a year and a half when she was 92. I was a teenager living in a suburban Connecticut town. Grandma came from a small Iowa farm town where she had lived all her life. Quite a gap from her life to mine. She wasn’t necessarily a notable woman in history but I started asking her questions and got a wonderful look into life on the prairie in the last half of the 19th century.

Grandma was born in a one-room log cabin several miles from town. Roaming Indians would come to the door asking for food. She and her sister had a pony they rode in tandem. They rode bareback and astride. Not side-saddle as their refined, “city sisters” did. These are just a few topics she touched on; real stories, first-hand insights that made history more than just facts.

Help! I am still looking for assistance with the stuff of history. Anyone who can spend just an hour once a month or even an hour just once, or anyone who would like to get involved with one particular event will be welcome. Get in touch with me. Thank you. There is always something interesting going on regarding history that needs attention. ❁

COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, , Tompkins County Legislator

YOU DON’T LIKE TAXES.

YOU CAN BLAME ME for your County taxes. The Town Board is responsible for your Town taxes. The School Board is responsible for your school taxes.

But don’t blame the County Assessor. The Assessor is independent and fair. The Assessor determines how much your property is worth. They do not set the budget, tax levy, or tax rate.

Tompkins County is one of only two counties in NY State to have a countywide tax assessment office. And this is the 50th year that we have been doing this. Having a countywide assessment office makes things fairer and saves money through efficiency. The estimate is that we save \$619,000 a year by having countywide rather than individual town assessors.

Here are some assessment-related trivia questions for you: If all 35,459 parcels in Tompkins County were for sale and you wanted to buy all of them, how much would it cost you?

What was the average sale price of a home in Tompkins County in 2018?

See the answers at the end of this article.

If your assessment changed this year, you should have received something in the mail in mid-March. If you feel like your change in assessment was unjustified, you have the right to formally challenge it. The mailing you received contains the information necessary to file a challenge.

If your assessment went up by 10 percent, for example, it does not necessarily mean your taxes will go up 10 percent. The amount of taxes you pay is based on the total tax levy and on the tax rate, which has actually been falling in many municipalities in the last few years. Also, the large amount of new construction in the County helps spread out the tax burden. More people are contributing to the cost of snow plowing, school teachers, etc.

The fact that the average sale price of a home in Tompkins County in 2018 was \$268,340 probably has an influence on the increased assessed value of your property.

It also would affect your ability to buy every property in the County. That will cost you \$13.5 billion, half a billion dollars more than it would have last year.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me; [danbydan@hotmail.com] or 607.272.7582. ❁

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

THE MONTH, I HOPE, WILL BRING warmer temps, but I'm saving that line for August, when I probably will say, "waiting for cooler weather."

I heard the first geese flying north, the robins have touched down south of us, and I expect to see our robin families soon. And let's not forget that its time to think about finding, cleaning, and getting ready for our hummingbirds. The big spring event is our ice going out and the frogs and toads who come back to their pond every year to sing, that the koi all made it through the winter.

Spring will also allow us to move ahead on the Town's various projects, bus shelter, wash bay, bridges, and culverts.

Change is in the air and is also playing out in a restructuring of Town staff. Circumstances have contrived a scenario in which both our Planner and Code Officer have been replaced.

John Norman, Code Enforcement Officer, and John Czemanske, Planning and Zoning Officer are now engaged in their positions. The Town was very fortunate in being able to fill with such qualified staff who have made their transition. I expect they will continue the fine work of Paul and CJ.

Paul and CJ, although gone, will still be assisting new staff to ensure a smooth transition. We have decided to go ahead with the housing inventory and will share information about what this is about in later articles.

The big gorilla in our room this month is getting our year-end report to the State and working on our transition team. The week by week projects of reviewing our insurance, banking, and investments needs, are also on the agenda. So for now it's getting the house clean in anticipation that spring means change.

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

YOU AND YOUR ASSESSMENT

Submitted by Ted Crane

IT'S NEVER A PICNIC when your property is reassessed, but it's not always a reason to panic, either. Here's some rules of thumb about assessments and appeals:

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WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner



THE NEXT WATER DISTRICT MEETING has been rescheduled from Wednesday, April 3 to Tuesday April 2, 5pm, in the West Danby Fire Station conference room.

We plan to flush hydrants in the distribution system on Monday, April 15 and Tuesday, April 16, beginning

at approximately 9am each day and ending before 4pm. Hydrants north of the fire station will be flushed on the 15th and those south of the station on the 16th.

Due to bad weather, the last two years, we have had to postpone our April flushing to May and that is a possibility this year as well. As we flush twice a year and it is most effective to schedule the two as far apart as possible, it is preferable to do the first flush in April and the second in October. We will aim for April and schedule another in September; sometimes scheduling even in October is too late to allow for contingencies. ☞

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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

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

Advance Care Planning: Saturday, April 13, 3-4:30pm, Town Hall. Advance directives, including the Health Care Proxy form and Living Will.

The Jazz Sharks: Sunday, May 5, 3pm, Town Hall. Local yoots toot cool jazz.

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

Dennis Winge and Michelle Gordon: Sunday, Jul 21, 3pm, Town Hall.

Harvest Festival: Sunday, October 13, 1-5pm, Dotson Park. It's not too early to begin planning for Danby's premier outdoor event.

The Great Room at Slow Lane

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

Bal Folk (Breton, French) Dancing: Sunday, 2-5pm, April 14. Music by Becky Tracy and Rachel Bell. Info: 607.273.8678.

Scandinavian Music and Dancing: Sunday, 2-5pm, May 5. Music by Stephan Ohlström and Friends. Info: 607.273.8678.

Danby Community Church

Soup, Games, and Fun: Monday, April 8, 12:45pm. All are invited!

Chicken and Biscuits: Friday, April 12, 5pm. Last bird of the season!

Food Pantry: April 25, not April 18.

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

Danby Gathery

Tickets and more info at [danbygathery.com].

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]. ❧

➤ *Spring Craft Fair, cont'd from front page—*

the state band together to attract new members. There is a great need for volunteers all across the state but especially in your own local department.

The West Danby Fire Department currently has only 19 members on its roster to respond to the needs in West Danby and as backup to the Danby Volunter Fire Company (Fire, MVA, COs and service calls). We are hoping to get new members to join our team to help meet these needs.

This event, 10am to 2pm, will include local crafters and tours of our trucks and station. Visitors can meet our members and pick up free information to make you, your family and your home safer. There will be free fire hats and stickers for the kids and free travel first aid kits for each family.

Our really, really good BBQ chicken will be ready to eat around Noon. Whole dinners are \$10 and just a chicken half is \$6.

Please come and join us for a fund day and consider joining your local fire department. There are many jobs and ways you can help. There is so much more to this than running into burning buildings or responding to car accidents. Please, talk to one of us about finding a way you might be able to help! ❧

➤ *Assessments, cont'd from page 5—*

- If all properties—including yours—increase in value by the same proportion, your share of the total tax bill doesn't change!
- Budgeting and Tax Factoids: in 2018, the total value of all the properties in Danby was (very roughly) \$300,000,000. Danby's total budget was (very roughly) \$2,400,000.

Therefore, every \$10,000 of assessed value means you pay about \$80 to Danby (Town and Fire). A \$250,000 property pays about 25x80, or \$2,000 tax.

If you don't think your new assessment is correct (that is, the facts about your property are wrong) or fair (that is, the assessment is not reasonable, compared to other similar properties), you can ask for an informal review. Before an informal review, you should do a little homework:

- browse the NYS Assessor Manual, so you can talk the same lingo as the assessor. It's online; google "NYS assessor manual". Pay attention to the way "Construction Grade" and "Overall Condition" are deter-

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TICK TRICKERY

Submitted by Mary Woodsen

Every month the whole year long, the ticks in your backyard are ready and able to do you harm. Not that they mean to, exactly; it's just their nature. But if you value your health, read on.

Baby deer ticks usually start becoming a health hazard sometime in May. Two years ago—not that I was looking—I noticed the first tick of the season on the cuff of my pants leg on Earth Day (coming right up on April 22). It was an all-of-five minutes foray into a weedy, abandoned field on my way home from Elmira. That critter was out and about, looking for a meal, and I was in its territory. So I brushed it off and went on my way.

I always carry my basic tick prevention kit with me regardless where I am. It's a pair of fine-tipped tweezers attached to my car keys. Had I found that tick later, I'd have needed those tweezers to remove the tick.

Never use run-of-the-mill tweezers; They'll just make that tick throw up inside you. Fine-tipped tweezers (great for plucking eyebrows) are your one-size-fits-all tick removal tool. True, you can find no end of gizmos for removing ticks and some are best used on dogs and cats, but these tweezers, properly used, will do the job well under every circumstance.

Four species of ticks now call New York their home. Deer ticks remain enemy number one, but we are best informed about the other three as well. I will describe each as the months go by. ❀



NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law

§1146-a. Approaching horses.

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any horse being ridden or led along a public highway.
2. Every driver of a vehicle shall approach a horse being ridden or led along a public highway at a reasonable and prudent speed so as to avoid frightening such horse and shall pass the horse at a reasonable distance.
3. No driver of a vehicle shall sound the horn when approaching or passing a horse on a public highway.

MEETING A HORSE ON THE ROAD

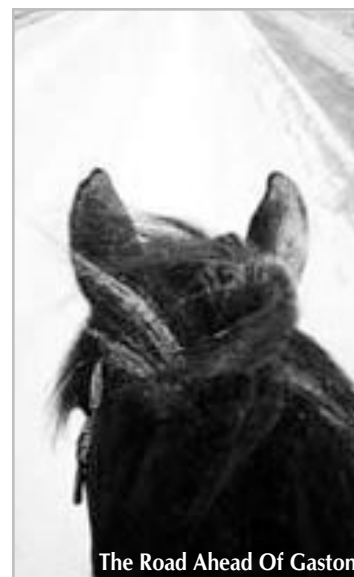
Submitted by Joan Curtiss

As a horse owner and rider, I feel blessed to live in such a beautiful, rural area, especially one with wide-shouldered roads that are perfect for a ride through the countryside. I was recently asked what people should know when they encounter a horse on the road and realize people may not understand a horse's natural flight instincts and the danger this creates.

Here are some simple tips to help keep everyone safe. What should one do if they encounter horses on the road?

- Understand a horse's natural desire to flee. Horses are flight animals and their natural instinct when frightened is to escape. In this frightened state there isn't a lot of thinking going on, and this can be dangerous for everyone.
 - Slow down. A car flying by, possibly kicking up stones and dust can be scary for both the horse and rider.
 - Pass wide. Give as much room as you can to the horse and rider. This gives everyone a buffer, just in case something does happen.
 - Be prepared for the unexpected. Horses stumble, dogs run out and chase us, deer leap out of the woods—all things that can cause a horse to spook.
 - Use common sense. No one wants a horse and rider as a hood ornament.

I think every rider has a story of something spooking them or their horse and it can be downright scary. Even the best trained horse can become afraid and make unexpected movements, possibly jumping into the roadway. Hopefully these tips will help everyone stay a little safer. ❀



The Road Ahead Of Gaston

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

THE NEXT MEETING of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, April 4, at Noon in the Danby Community Church. All seniors 55 and over are welcomed to share in a dish to share luncheon.

We thank our March hosts: Sharon and Rollie Boda, Dan Clements, and the Senior Exercise gals! We learned some new tips from Geoff Dunn and Jeremy Betterly from the Recycling Center.

The travel committee is planning a May 7 trip to Penn's Peak, PA for a Johnny Cash tribute show plus luncheon. Contact Pat Phelps, 607.539.6477; Nancy Weitzel, 607.272.6570; Ann VanDeMark, 607.539.7928; or Nancy Gould, 607.273.8705 for more information. ❁

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. ❁

➤ Assessments, cont'd from page 6—

mined. Do your grades match your property? Does your property look better from the road (where the assessor sees it) than it does up close? It may be to your advantage to invite the assessor to have a look.

- use the Assessment Department's online tool to identify comparison properties. The default search may show you the same properties the Department used to assess your property. Do they look like yours? Expand the search (allow a basement even if you don't have one, or more bathrooms, or more floor space). In theory, "better" houses should be assessed for more than yours. If not, figure out why and bring the info to your review, to help make a case for the assessor.

Remember, the assessor is just following rules. As carefully as they do it, when they do thousands of properties, they may miss details that are obvious to you. They don't mind if you provide them with information in your favor, and it may help them revise your assessment. ❁

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

LOTS OF ITEMS have recently been purchased for use in the library; there is something for everyone!

DVDs

Alpha, The Hate U Give. The Grinch, A Star is Born, Mary Queen of Scots.

Children's Books

The Franklin series by Paulette Bourgeois: Franklin's Halloween, Franklin's Blanket, Franklin's Valentine, Franklin Goes to School, Franklin's Christmas Gift, Franklins' New Friend, Franklin's Neighborhood.

Children's Picture Books

Madeline and the Bad Hat by Ludwig Bemelmans; Those Darn Squirrels! by Adam Rubin; Grandpappy Snippy Snappies by Lynn Plourde.

Adult Books

The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict; Behind Closed Doors by Sherri Hayes; The Library Book by Susan Orlean; Promise by Primrose Gwin; A Well Behaved Woman: A Novel of the Vanderbilts by Therese Anne Fowler; The Gown: A Novel of the Royal Wedding by Jennifer Robson; Next Year in Havana by Chanel Cleeton; Odessa Sea and The Emperor's Revenge both by Clive Cussler; Home by Carlan Hoben and The Huntress by Kate Quinn. ❁



MOBILE FOOD TRUCK UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

MONDAY, APRIL 22 at Danby Church for anyone needing food. Please bring your own bags or boxes! ❁



Danby Youth Flyer

Community Council Youth Programs

Danby Youth Programs are taking off, but there is still space available for youth to join! New programs will be starting up after the ICSD April break. Until then, More information can be found on the web at [danbycc.org/YouthPrograms] or by contacting Maddie, [mu33@cornell.edu] or 607.379.0245.

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.

Iron Chef -- Grade 4, 5

Mondays, 2:30-5:30pm
Danby Community Church

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

Animation Exploration

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

Learn all about different forms of stop-motion animation!

Lunch Bunches

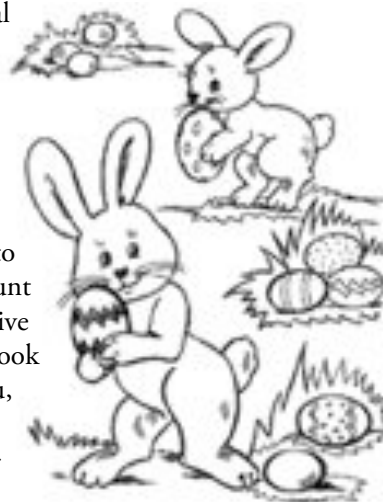
Grade 4,5: Friday, South Hill Elementary
Grade 6, 7, 8: Thursday, Boynton Middle School

Lots of fun with games of cards enjoyed by all. Join Maddie, Beth, and Eric during lunch period. ♣

WEST DANBY EGG HUNT

Submitted by Alison Christie, West Danby Community Association

It's time for our annual egg hunt extravaganza. Come to the Pavilion in West Danby (at the corner of Short and Brown Roads) on Saturday, April 20, 11am, and say hello to the Easter Bunny, hunt for eggs, see some live bunnies, choose a book to take home with you, and enjoy the return of spring in our beautiful hamlet.



Danby's Youth Program Manager, Maddie Ulinski, will be on hand to lead cooperative games and a craft with the kids. We will have healthy snacks for all, and delicious freshly brewed coffee to keep the adults warm while they chat with neighbors and watch the children play.

The egg hunt will start promptly at 11am. Sponsored by the West Danby Community Association with generous support from Alternatives Federal Credit Union. Our event location is courtesy of Mike McLaughlin. ♣

LOCAL SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY

Submitted by Mary Kozak, Pond Coordinator

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! ♣

Apr 2019

DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Apr 1 • Mon

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

Apr 2 • Tue

5pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • **WD Water District Mtg**

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**

Apr 8 • Mon

12:45pm 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Soup, Games, Fun**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire Dep't Meeting**
7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • **WD Fire Dep't Meeting**

Apr 9 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Conservation Advisory Council Mtg**

Apr 12 • Fri

5pm 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Chicken & Biscuit Dinner**

Apr 13 • Sat

3pm 🏠 Town Hall
Consumer Issues: Advance Care Planning

Apr 15-16 • Mon-Tue

all day 🏠 West Danby Pipes • **Spring Flush!**

Apr 16 • Tue

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

Apr 18 • Thu

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

Apr 20 • Sat

11am 🏠 Hatch Pavilion (corner of Short and Brown)
West Danby Egg Hunt

Apr 22 • Mon

Noon 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Mobile Food Truck**

Apr 25 • Thu

3-6pm 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Food Pantry**

Apr 27 • Sat

10am-2pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall
Spring Craft Fair, Chicken BBQ, Open House

May 2 • Thu

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

May 4 • Sat

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

May 5 • Sun

3pm 🏠 Danby Town Hall • **Concert: Jazz Sharks**

May 6 • Mon

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

May 12 • Sun

3pm 🏠 Danby Town Hall • **The Rock Show**

ONGOING EVENTS

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

Food Scrap Recycling 🏠 Town Hall ♻️
Saturdays, 9am-Noon

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 ☎️ 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