

DANBY AREA NEWS

ORGANIC GARDENING WORKSHOP

Submitted by Theresa Joseph

LEARN ALL THE BASICS about how to start a garden this spring by attending two free classes in Danby's Town Hall: Wednesdays, May 22 and 29, 6:30-8:30pm.

There will be power point presentations describing garden planning, seed sowing, and weed and pest identification practices. You may attend one or both of the classes.

Class 1: Instructions on soil and garden bed planning and preparation, including composting, fertilizing, container planting, sowing and transplanting. Please bring in a soil sample and photo of your planned garden area.

Class 2: Instructions on maintaining and harvesting your garden, including watering, identification and control of weeds and pests, and harvesting. Please bring in photos of weeds and insects that you'd like to learn to identify.

These classes, brought to Danby by the Community Council, will be taught by Theresa Joseph, who has been an organic farmer/gardener for 30 years. Each student will go home with a container of sowed seeds and seedlings to transplant. ❁

YOUR EV FUTURE: WHAT'S A WATT?

Submitted by Ted Crane

CHANCES ARE, if your next car is a passenger car, you'll be looking at some EV—Electric Vehicle—models. If you aren't needing a car until a few years from now, you'll be looking at a lot of EV choices. There will even be EV trucks by then.

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JAZZ SHARKS PLAY IN DANBY

Submitted by Bill Evans, Danby Community Council

PLEASE JOIN US at Danby Town Hall on Sunday May 5, 3pm, to hear the Jazz Sharks, a youthful jazz band directed by Danby's own Gabriel Condon and including Bald Hiller Kate Keresztes on Bass.

Kate's a 9th grader at Ithaca High School and her band mates are at Ithaca High School and Boynton. The band formed through the non-profit *Opus Ithaca Music School* and has been playing together for about a year and a half.

The Sharks' debut performance delighted all in attendance at last fall's Harvest Festival in Dotson Park. It was a truly wonderful experience to see and hear such talented kids play music together. We can't wait to hear their upcoming performance!

The performance is part of the Community Council's concert series. It's free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. ❁

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DANBY ROCK & FOSSIL SHOW

Submitted by Bill Evans, Community Council

ROCK OUT when Danby's Community Council brings fossils, meteorites, crystals, and more to Danby's Town Hall on Sunday, May 12, 2-5pm.

The event will include the monthly meeting of the Finger Lakes Mineral Club. On display will be a diverse array of fossils, meteorites, crystals, and other rocks...with some for sale. There will be several unique collections exhibited by Danby residents.

The event is free and open to the public. Everyone is encouraged to bring and share some interesting rocks and fossils they have collected in Danby or abroad. Experts from the Finger Lakes Mineral Club will be on hand to help identify unknowns. If anyone has a larger collection they would like to share, a display table can be reserved by contacting me at [wevans@danbycc.org]. ❁

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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

Time To Go Fishing

TROUT SEASON OPENED APRIL 1. Fishing is a very popular sport in NY, and fly fishing is especially popular in our local rivers and streams. If you are fishing for trout or salmon, you will want to know where the public fishing spots are. This information and much more can be found on the NYS DEC web site and in the April 2019 Fishing Digest available at the Town Clerk's office.

Anyone over the age of 16 needs to have a freshwater fishing license to fish legally in New York State. Residents are allowed to fish on their own lands without a license. If you fish anywhere other than your own property, you need to purchase a license. These are available from Town Clerk's office during our regular hours. And, yes, you need a license even if you release all the fish you catch.

A resident license—valid for one year—costs \$25. We accept cash or check (no credit card payments). You can purchase it any time during the year and the license doesn't have to start on the purchase date; you can choose any start date that doesn't

overlap with a current license. Many people buy these when they get their hunting license in the Fall. Others, particularly those who don't hunt but only fish, often get their license in the spring, at the start of trout season.

If you get caught fishing without a license, the violation could have a fine as large as \$250 and/or 15 days in jail. Why take the risk, when a fishing license costs such a relatively small amount? Your license fee goes to help protect the waters we all enjoy for recreation.

A few days each year, New York allows *try before you buy* fishing, when a license is *not* required. The dates for 2019 are June 29-30, September 28, and November 11. If you've been interested in fishing, these could be good dates to try it out. Avid anglers can bring a friend or relative fishing along on those days.

Housing Survey

Danby has been awarded a \$30,000 Community Development Block Grant to update information on the state and condition of housing in Danby. This Housing Survey needs to be complete by February 17, 2020. The exact details of the housing survey are still being formulated. The public will be informed when it is underway.

When the grant funding is 75 percent expended, there will be a public hearing to inform residents and property owners of the preliminary findings of the Housing Survey. Public participation is an important part of CDBG projects. So, keep your ears and eyes open for more details in the future.

Summer Hours

As the brown flora around us turns green, thoughts turn to gardening and spending time outdoors. Summer hours for the Town Clerk's office begin in May. Our last open Saturday (until the Fall) is May 4. We begin summer hours on Mother's Day weekend.

The Danby Library is still open, and you can take out books on Saturday mornings, 10am-Noon, in addition to any time the Town Hall is open for regular business during the week.

For all services, the Town Clerk's office is open 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. 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@townofdanby.ny.org]. ❁

W. DANBY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Submitted by Sandy Fish

The annual meeting of the West Danby Cemetery Association will be held on May 18, 2019, 10am. Join us in the West Danby Fire Hall, 47 Sylvan Lane, West Danby. All members and extended family are encouraged to attend. Questions? Please call me, 607.592.5923. ❁

PET CARE WANTED

Danby resident looking for someone who offers pet care services in Danby by coming to pet owner's home. References required. Please contact Kate, [sebshek12@gmail.com]. ❁

RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

The Tompkins County Health Department is offering free vaccinations for dogs, cats, and ferrets! Thursday, May 2, 7-9pm, at the Fire Station on Danby Road. ❁



BRINGING HISTORY ALIVE

Submitted by M.A. Barr, Town Historian

Reminder: Young People Interested In History

THE FUN AND CHALLENGE OF The Student Research Awards! Check the Historian's bulletin board in Town Hall where you can scan all the info into your smart phone right off the big poster. There are also small size posters on the bulletin board you can pick up and put in your pocket. Or you or your parents can get in touch with me.

Oral Histories

People who have lived many years in Danby have interesting stories to tell. Many of these tales are worth preserving. One effective way to keep these tales going is with Oral Histories: recordings of people telling their

experiences. If you have a story to tell let me know. If you like learning these stories and making recordings of them, let me know. This kind of project brings history alive. Think about it.

There has been response to the call for Historian assistance which is much appreciated. However, someone to help plan an event is needed. This is a one-off project or if someone gets really interested they can help with further events. Get involved. Another way to make Danby history come alive.

You can contact me at 607.277.4788 or [\[mbarr@townofdanbyny.org\]](mailto:mbarr@townofdanbyny.org). ❁

COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, , Tompkins County Legislator

TOMPKINS COUNTY IS ABOUT TO PURCHASE a piece of downtown property. As of this writing we have voted to purchase the property, but the closing has not yet happened.

The property, which you may know as Baker Dental Associates, is located half a block from most of the other County buildings: the Old Jail, the legislature chambers, the courthouse, and the building that houses the Board of Elections and the Assessment Department.

There is no definite plan of what will happen on this site, but the intention is to solve several problems:

- Most of the current office space is badly overcrowded.
- There are insufficient parking spots for the employees and no parking spots for the public.
- We currently rent several office spaces around town to house all our programs.
- We are working on getting a third County Court Judge to ease the caseload on the overcrowded system, and we will need to make space for that court.

The goal would be to pay for the cost a new building without raising any new taxes. We would do this through a combination of the fund balance (the "savings account"), money saved from no longer having to rent some of the office space we currently pay for, possibly selling off one of our less-functional buildings, and

modifying the capital spending plan that we currently have in place.

The property spans the block from Sears Street to Tioga Street. About 30 years ago, 3 houses were knocked down on the Sears Street portion of the property, and it has been used illegally as a parking lot ever since. We would likely restore some or all of that housing, and seek to make it affordable housing.

The County currently has 65 parking spots, but about 110 employees who drive to work. You can imagine how this can be a very unpleasant and stressful experience for the employees. In addition to the new building, the new property will help a lot with making a reasonable amount of parking available for County employees. Plus, I am hoping that we can finally give some parking to the public who are coming to the County buildings to conduct business and for public meetings.

Every time the County spends money on big projects like this, we get a lot of complaints from the public. I believe that this project is very justified, and I wanted to try to lay out some of the reasons why I think that. As always, feel free to contact me with questions or comments.

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

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

HELLO TO THOSE OF YOU who are reading this. Here is my monthly report to the Town on relevant events.

The year-end report to the State on Town finances is out, kind of like our tax returns. This has freed us to explore different parts of the Town infrastructure. Roads, buildings, and equipment are not the only things holding the Town together.

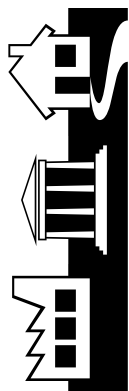
Finances are at the heart of the matter, with things like insurance being thrown into the mix. Danby is a two million dollar Town. This money is dispersed, if we have budgeted properly, over the year. This means a lot of money sits in the bank for extended periods.



In May, I will be bringing a proposal to the Town Board for its consideration. We have been working with our bank to understand this issue, and feel we are ready to share what we have learned. This proposal would have the Town do some investing of idle funds.

The Town also puts money away for certain long-term purchase plans; things like the solar project, equipment purchases, and building reserves. I believe these funds should be working harder for us.

New offices and space at the Highway Department includes a wash bay and heat pumps. Garage door construction can begin now that our energy loss survey is accomplished.

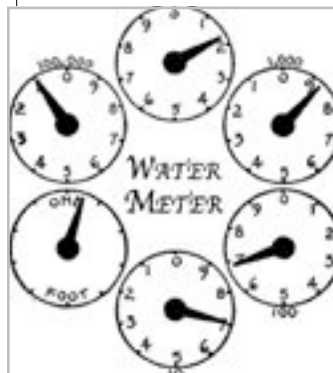


Final approval of our housing grant has happened, and we will be looking for a consultant to do the work. Housing in the Town will be evaluated, the different aspects of the Town will be looked at, and action plan will be generated. This project will evolve over a number of years, and position us to apply for funds for remediation.

The process is similar to what we've done with work on stream stabilization: pick a problem, hire an engineer to draw up recommendations, and then seek money to remedy the problem.

WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner



THE DISTRICT HAS APPROVED Tod's request to attend the New York Rural Water Association Annual Workshop, held at Turning Stone from May 20 to 22. It is a good opportunity for water operators to meet their necessary training hours as well as to get first hand feedback on issues confronting our system.

We are currently looking at more accurate ways to monitor our water disinfection and hope to discuss them with other system operators.

The next water district meeting will be held at the West Danby Fire Station on May 29, 5pm. ❁

By next month, our roads will have dried enough for actual work to begin. My June report will have a update on roads, bridges, and culverts.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at [\[supervisor@townofdanbyny.org\]](mailto:supervisor@townofdanbyny.org). ❁



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EVENTS 'ROUND TOWN

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

Community Council

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.

Dogs and Cats and Ferrets

Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic: Thursday, May 2, 7-9pm, Danby Fire Station. Provided by Tompkins County Health Department.

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, April 28, also May 19. Music by Stephan Ohlström and Friends. Info: 607.273.8678.

Danby Community Church

Ladies Tea: Saturday, May 11, 3pm.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Friday, May 24, 1-6pm.

Danby Gathery

Yin & Yang Yoga with Katie Arnold: Mondays, 8-9:15am. Props are provided, no experience necessary. \$20/class, every 5th class is free. Contact Katie with questions or concerns at 607.319.9329 or [katiearnoldyoga@gmail.com].

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]. ☸

☞ EV: What's Watt?, cont'd from front page—

We all live with electricity and gasoline, but few of us have a gut feeling for how the energy in a kilowatt-hour of electricity compares to the energy in a gallon of gas.

A kilowatt-hour (kWh) is 1000W (watts) for 1 hour. Your toaster uses 1000W, but only for a minute or two. Toasting a bagel is maybe 0.033kWh; not much compared to the average home, which uses about 28kWh (about 840 bagels) per day. Let's roll that bagel down the road.

A reasonably efficient EV passenger car, say, a Prius Prime, gets about 4 miles per kWh during the summer. So 28kWh of daily home electricity rolls that Prius 112 miles down the road.

Gasoline has a *lot* of power in it and that power can be expensive. Play with numbers and units, and it turns out that 1 gallon of gasoline is the same thing as 33.7kWh. Wait a minute, here. If 28kWh gets you 112 miles, then 33.7kWh gets you...almost 135 miles down the road.

Does this mean EV cars are getting 135MPG? It's not that simple, but yes. Electric motor drive, thanks to fewer moving parts and no energy going out a tailpipe, converts about 60% of the power in a battery to motion; a gas engine drive uses only about 20% of the power in its fuel. Fewer parts also mean lower maintenance cost (imagine no more motor oil changes).

But, wait, it gets better. If you charge the EV battery at home, the fuel cost savings (electricity vs. gasoline) is amazing.

The \$3 you pay per gallon at the pump would buy you about 20kWh. The gallon might get you maybe 40 miles but the 20kWh could get you 80 miles. Not bad at all but, if you have extra Solar PV power that you sell back to the power company, the \$3 could get you 120kWh...or 480 miles. Your fuel cost savings can help finance those Solar PV panels! ☸



DANBY COMMUNITY PARK UPDATE

Submitted by Michelle Lenhart, DCPA Board

YOU HAVE QUESTIONS about Dotson Park...and we have answers!

What's up with the natural playground?

Thanks to park donors and a recent grant, we now have funding to begin phase one of the playground construction! Climbing boulders and a slide should be arriving in May.

Now we just need a few volunteers to help our project leaders get the work done. Our first work party will be on Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19, Noon-4pm both days. Projects for the weekend include bench and boardwalk construction, story walk development, and sign installation. DCPA will provide food and drinks each afternoon, along with guidance on what work needs to be done. Bring a cordless power drill, if you have one. Please contact [dotsonpark@gmail.com] if you want to volunteer!

How does DCPA prioritize its budget?

The DCPA receives an allocation from the Town of Danby that covers the cost of the equipment and gas to mow the park, as well as the cost of insurance. All other funding for the park is by donation. For example, the DiscIthaca members donate all of the materials and labor to build and maintain the disc golf course, and we appreciate their commitment!

Speaking of mowing, who does that?

Volunteers! There is a core group of folks who are trained to drive the tractor, and they donate many

hours of their time each summer and fall to keep the grass under control. The tractor can only go so far back into the park, because the ground is so wet. In fact, sometimes you might see tire tracks where the tractor starts to sink in.

Any plans to work on the trails soon?

Some of the trails overlap the mowed areas of the park, and those are in pretty good shape. In areas the tractor cannot access, the trails can be rough. We are looking for volunteers to help trim branches and keep the trails clear. Please contact [dotsonpark@gmail.com] if you are interested in helping with this!

We are also building some new boardwalks—make soggy areas easier to traverse—during the May 18/19 workdays.

What's the deal with the new parking area by the Dotson Park entrance?

TCAT and the Town of Danby worked together to build a new park and ride area on the east side of Danby Road. In the near future, they will build a shelter to protect people waiting for a bus.

This did not cost the park any money, DCPA simply agreed to host the parking area. Good news for park patrons: with the addition of the park and ride, the Highway Department will be plowing the park road, which will make the park more accessible during the snowy months!

If you have a question for the DCPA, Please contact [dotsonpark@gmail.com], and we'll get back to you right away! ❁

MANAGING YOUR WOODS

Submitted by Brett Chedzoy, Coop Extension of Schuyler County

DO YOU OWN A WOODLOT and wonder if you could manage it to produce quality timber long into the future? What would your options be? Would your work be worth the effort? Would climate change mess it all up? Is it better to leave things alone, or get involved as an active steward of your woods?

Brett Chedzoy, a regional forester with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schuyler County, will speak to all of that and more on Thursday, May 30, 7pm, in Danby's Town Hall. Brett has a wealth of practical hands-on experience to draw on from thirty years of experience in forestry, including his long-time management of fam-

ily tree farms in Argentina and NY. He knows how to integrate tree growing with other uses of the land—like pasture, “silvopasting”. There are many considerations to successfully achieve one's objectives. Come find out what works now and what has the best chance of succeeding going forward in light of current challenges to healthy and sustainable woodlands.

This presentation is part of a series of seminars on rural land use, brought to you by Danby's Conservation Advisory Council. The presentation is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact me at [bjc226@cornell.edu]. ❁

NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

Submitted by Matt Ulinski, Danby Conservation Council

DURING A RECENT MEETING of Danby's Conservation Advisory Council (CAC), C.J. Randall, the former Town Planner, presented the final version of the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI). This was a milestone for the CAC, completing one of its major tasks—a process that had been ongoing since its inception in 2010

The NRI collects information about the natural resources of our town in a usable format and interprets the findings. The NRI is digitally stored in map format in a geographic information system. This provides a visualization of the patterns of natural and cultural resources and land uses within the Town and its surroundings. It's easy to see the relationship between the resources and features like roads and residential neighborhoods.

The primary purpose of an NRI is to provide data that can form the basis for municipal planning in the preparation of plans, review of proposed development plans, and completion of environmental assessment forms. The NRI also serves as an informational document for those looking to learn more about the natural environment of Danby. It clarifies information such as the location of prime agricultural soils and steep slopes.

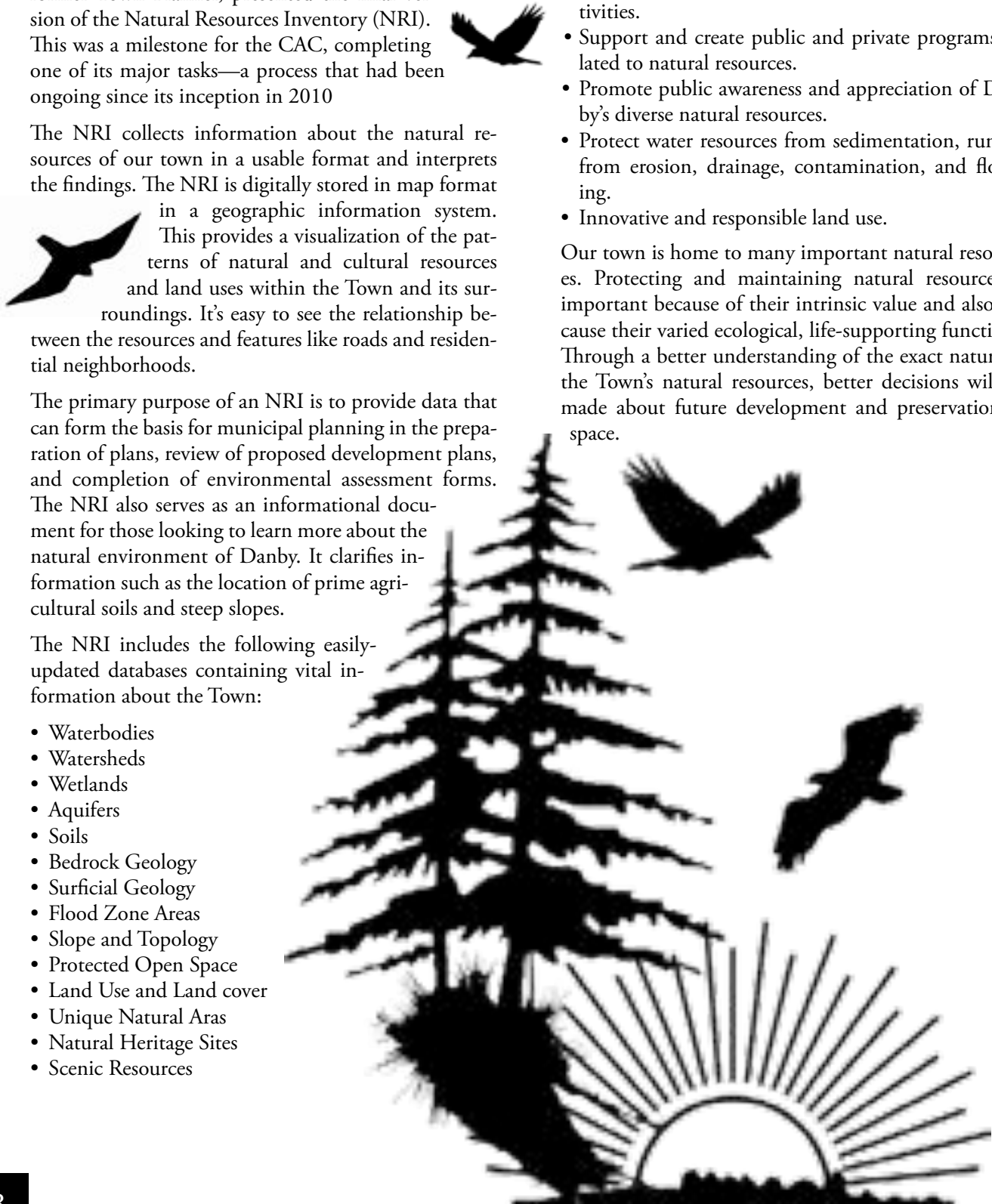
The NRI includes the following easily-updated databases containing vital information about the Town:

- Waterbodies
- Watersheds
- Wetlands
- Aquifers
- Soils
- Bedrock Geology
- Surficial Geology
- Flood Zone Areas
- Slope and Topology
- Protected Open Space
- Land Use and Land cover
- Unique Natural Areas
- Natural Heritage Sites
- Scenic Resources

The creation of this natural resource inventory also supports several goals set forth in the Town of Danby's Comprehensive Plan. These goals are:

- Maintain, enhance, and protect Danby's natural resources and natural areas for public and private activities.
- Support and create public and private programs related to natural resources.
- Promote public awareness and appreciation of Danby's diverse natural resources.
- Protect water resources from sedimentation, run-off from erosion, drainage, contamination, and flooding.
- Innovative and responsible land use.

Our town is home to many important natural resources. Protecting and maintaining natural resources is important because of their intrinsic value and also because their varied ecological, life-supporting functions. Through a better understanding of the exact nature of the Town's natural resources, better decisions will be made about future development and preservation of space.



EV IN YOUR FUTURE: GETTING CHARGED

Submitted by Ted Crane

ASK YOURSELF, “What is my average daily travel?” Work, shopping, and back home. If the battery in an EV (electric vehicle) has the moxie (a.k.a. kilowatt-hours or kWh) to take you that far, you don’t need a gasoline engine. An EV car with a smallish battery—like the Prius Prime—may have enough kWh to complete simple daily travel: Danby to downtown and around, and back.

Do you need to go farther than that? Two choices: a bigger battery or a hybrid EV with gasoline backup. When the Tompkins County Health Department began converting to EV vehicles, it knew the average daily travel per car was less than 50 miles. To stay on the safe side, it purchased Chevy Volts because the Volt’s battery will go 50 miles and...it has a gasoline engine as backup. The Volt was a safe choice but, fact is, the Department hasn’t bought gas for those cars.

What about long trips? Last weekend, I drove about 650 miles. The overnight charge in my Prius ran out after 25 miles...but the gasoline engine—augmented by energy captured and recycled by the battery—averaged almost 70MPG for the rest of the trip.

There are currently few EV options that will take you 650 miles, or even close to that, on one charge. You have to plan your trip around recharges: know where the chargers are and build charging time into your travel (and time to wait for an available charger).

Some drivers enjoy this twist to long-distance travel but it’s not everybody’s cup of tea. This will change in a few years, as the infrastructure providing the “gas station model” of charging improves.

How about charging for short trips? EVs with smaller batteries can easily charge up overnight from a household outlet (a “Level 1” charger). Bigger batteries could require “Level 2” chargers with wiring and outlets similar to an electric oven, electric dryer, or electric water heater.

Home charging is not without cost but, compared to gasoline, home electricity is cheap. The \$3 you pay per gallon at the pump would buy you about 20kWh. That gallon gets you maybe 40 miles, while the 20kWh could get you 80 miles. If you have Solar PV panels, the \$3 gets you maybe 120kWh...or 480 miles. Your fuel cost savings can help finance those Solar PV panels!



AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marvin W. Eastman

FIRST OFF, LET ME THANK all who have attended our dinners. We will be having our last dinner of the season on May 19. The dinners will resume in the fall... hopefully bigger and better.

On May 4 we will be having a Steak Dinner (cooked to order, salad bar, choice of baked potato, french fries, or onion rings, and home-made desserts) made by the Ladies Auxiliary. All for just \$13.



On May 8, we will have our last pasta dinner of the season. The menu includes pasta, a choice of marinara Sauce, meat sauce, or loaded sauce, and chicken parmigiana. You can also get meatballs and sausage added to your meal. Price ranges from \$7 to \$9 and includes salad bar.

Finally, on May 19, we’re offering a Chicken BBQ, Noon until gone. \$10 for the full meal (choice of two: salt potatoes, mac salad, BBQ beans) or \$6 for just a half chicken.

Looking for that special place to have a graduation party or other event, give us a look. We have a nice pavilion, a banquet room, and just a small room for any size function.

Need a place of a special function, check us out, we can help 607.272.1129.

Remember to thank a Vet as freedom is not free. ❁

It is easy to make an argument that destination businesses—and government offices—should provide free charging for customers and clients as a “de minimis” cost of doing business. The operating cost for two dozen chargers, continuously used in its parking lot, would be comparable to the living wage for one greeter at Walmart—the new name is “customer host”—at its front door.

The same holds true for supermarkets, movie theaters, restaurants, or parking lots. Hmm...did you know that several of the parking garages in downtown Ithaca already offer free charging (while you pay for parking, of course).

Widespread adoption of a free-charging policy would be a terrific boon to the adoption of EV technology. New York State is doing its part of the effort by offering substantial funding for charger installation to businesses and governments. How long will it be before businesses take advantage of this and begin using free charging as a sales incentive? ❁

3RD ANNUAL BIG PUMPKIN CONTEST

Submitted by the Danby Community Council

USING SEEDS FROM THEIR 94 POUND PUMPKIN, the 2017 champion, the Evans Family from the vertical real estate on Bald Hill Road grew a 100 pound behemoth in 2018. It soundly defeated the nearest competition, grown on the rocky moraine on the east side of Rte. 96B.

During the awards ceremony, Bill Evans mentioned how honored his family was to bring the championship home to the Bald Hill community again, stating, "We used no pesticides and channeled the wisdom of historical farming traditions on Bald Hill."

No, really. The Community Council is again sponsoring a contest for the largest pumpkin. A competing pumpkin must be grown in Danby and cared for by the contestant or their family. If it looks like a pumpkin, we will call it a pumpkin (no gourds allowed). Only one pumpkin can be submitted per contestant (multiple contestants per family okay).

Weight in pounds and girth in inches will be used to determine the champion. The weigh-in will happen during the Danby Harvest Festival in Dotson Park on October 13. All contestants will receive a certificate of participation and awards will be given for the top three largest pumpkins, the most beautiful pumpkin, and other categories to be determined.

Seeds from last year's winner are available from the Town Clerk's office. We recommend planting indoors around May 15 and transplanting outdoors after June 1. Seedlings will be available during the Community Council meeting at Town Hall on June 6, 7-8pm, or by contacting Bill Evans at [wevans@danbycc.org].

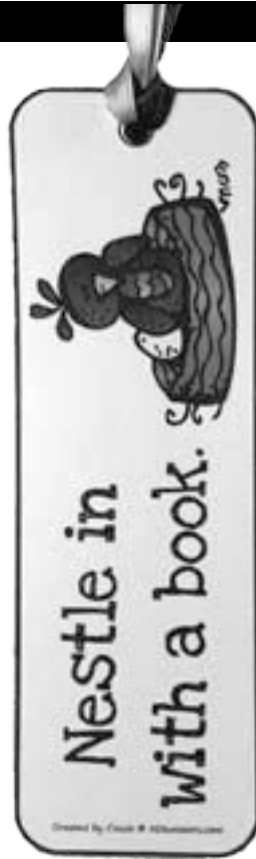
SOUTHERN TOMPKINS TOWN TALK

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 COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

A NEW SELECTION of Juvenile books will be arriving from TCPL this month.

New DVDs

Green Book, The Favourite, Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse.

New Books

The Last Romantics by Tara Conklin; The Last Man by Jane Harper; Celtic Empire (A Dirk Pitt Adventure) by Clive Cussler.

I think of life as a good book. The further you get into it, the more it begins to make sense. -Harold Kushner

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark and Nancy Gould

THE NEXT MEETING of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, May 2, at Noon in the Danby Church. All seniors 55 and over are welcomed to join us for a dish to share lunch.

We thank our hosts in April, Bill and Judy Cuyle and Pat Phelps, assisted by the Senior Exercise gals as always. We had three fun games of Bingo with multiple winners this time!

Another Danby Seniors Trip is coming up on Thursday, June 27, to Uncle Sam's Boat Tours' *Two Nations Tour*, with a luncheon at *Riley's By The River*, both in Alexandria Bay, New York. Returning home, we'll pause at the Ice Cream Stop in Homer.

Cost is \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members... and the ice cream is at your own expense. For more information, contact Nancy Gould, 607.273.8705 or [ngould1@yahoo.com].

MOBILE FOOD TRUCK UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

REMINDER - NO FOOD TRUCK in May due to the Memorial Day Holiday.



Danby Youth FLYER

Community Council Youth Programs

It has finally felt like spring! With the warmer weather, youth programs are able to run more consistently outside! Danby youth joined with the JYC youth to participate in some fun April break activities, which included cooking, hiking, and crafts.

Spring programs are up and running, and there is still space if additional youth are interested in seeing what Danby Youth Programs have to offer. More information can be found at [danbycc.org/YouthPrograms] or by contacting Maddie, [mu33@cornell.edu] or 607.379.0245.

BBQ and Yard Games - 4th & 5th Grade
Mondays thru May 20, 2:30-5pm
Danby Community Church

Birds, Bees, and Butterflies - 4th & 5th Grade
Mondays, May 27-June 24, 2:30-5pm
Danby Community Church
Gardening and pollinator habitat building.

Lunch Bunch - 4th & 5th Grade
Fridays during school year
South Hill School cafeteria



THE SHARKS ARE CIRCLING

Stay tuned for the performance by the Jazz Sharks, a group of really cool yoots who play...jazz! Sunday, May 5, 3pm, in Danby's Town Hall. ❄️

BBQ and Yard Games- 6th, 7th, & 8th grade
Tuesdays thru May 21, 3:25-5:30pm
Meet at Boynton Middle School

With Enfield Youth, walk to Stewart park to grill and learn lawn games.

Outdoor Adventure - 6th, 7th, & 8th grade
Fridays thru June 21, 4:30-6:30pm
Danby Community Church

Made possible by a grant, the program is focused around the book series, *My Side of the Mountain*. There will be outdoor skills and crafts as well as exploration, and a trip to the Catskills on June 27-29.

Pokemon Go, Hiking, and Board Games - 6th, 7th, & 8th grade
Thursdays, thru June 20, 3:25-6:20pm
Boynton Middle School.

A continuation of the popular games programs. Danby youth will join with JYC youth to play board and cards games, as well as outdoor activities. New players are always welcome!

Lunch Bunch - 6th, 7th, & 8th grade
Wednesdays, during school year
Boynton Middle School cafeteria
Lots of fun! ❄️

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 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! ❄️

May 2019

DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

May 2 • Thu

Noon 🏛️ Danby Comm. Church • **Seniors**
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**
7pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • **Rabies Vaccination Clinic**

May 4 • Sat

9am 🏛️ Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**
5pm 🏛️ ALP 221 • **Steak Dinner**

May 5 • Sun

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

May 6 • Mon

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

May 8 • Wed

5pm 🏛️ ALP 221 • **Pasta Dinner**

May 11 • Sat

3-6pm 🏛️ Danby Comm. Church • **Ladies Tea**

May 12 • Sun

2pm 🏛️ Danby Town Hall • **The Rock Show**

May 13 • 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**

May 14 • Tue

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

May 16 • Thu

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

May 18-19 • Sat-Sun

Noon-4pm 🏛️ Dotson Park • **Work Days!**

May 18 • Sat

10am 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall • **WD Cemetery Association**

May 19 • Sun

5pm 🏛️ ALP 221 • **Chicken BBQ**

May 21 • Tue

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

May 22 • Wed

6:30pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Organic Gardening Workshop**

May 24 • Fri

1-6pm 🏛️ Danby Comm. Church • **Red Cross Blood Drive**

May 27 • Mon

Noon 🏛️ Danby Comm. Church • **No Mobile Food Truck**

May 29 • Wed

5pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall • **WD Water District Mtg**
6:30pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Organic Gardening Workshop**

May 30 • Thu

7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Managing Your Woods**

Jun 1 • Sat

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

Jun 3 • Mon

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

Jun 6 • Thu

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

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