

DANBY AREA NEWS

DID YOU KNOW: DANBY'S DIVIDE

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

I'M SURE YOU'VE ALL HEARD OF THE GREAT DIVIDE, now known as the Continental Divide of the Americas, that runs all the way from the Bering Strait in Alaska in the north to the Strait of Magellan at the southern tip of South America. It divides two watersheds: on the east side of the divide, the water runs into the Atlantic Ocean, while on the west side of the divide, the water runs into the Pacific.

The Great Divide is only one of six continental divides in the Americas. Did you know that we have a divide right here in Danby?

It's called the St. Lawrence Seaway (or River) Divide. It runs from northern Minnesota to Cape Canso in Nova Scotia. In Danby, the divide runs east and west, so that water flowing to the north runs into Lake Ontario, and water flowing to the south runs into the Susquehanna River. All of it winds up in the Atlantic Ocean, but thousands of miles apart.

So where, exactly, is this divide in Danby? It's not something you can see, like a line in the sand, but an acute observer will notice the difference in the direction of water flows. For example, when the divide enters West Danby from



Newfield, you'll notice that the water in the wetland just south of Walding Lane runs north and becomes the Cayuga Inlet but, in the wetland on the south side of Hillview Road, water runs south and joins Michigan Creek to become Catatonk Creek.

Between those two waterways, the divide runs deep underground. It continues in the area of Hillview Road and the gravel pit and curves up along Bald Hill Road to the "back" (south side) of Jennings Pond. Most of the pond runs north into Buttermilk Creek but, at the back of the pond (more like a wetland) the water runs south into Michigan Creek. The divide is right there!

The divide continues across NYS Rt.96B, through Dotson Park, under the northern end of Durfee Hill Road and then along that road, to a wetland at the end of Marsh Road, and then eastward to the Danby-Caroline border. It divides Six Mile Creek to the north from Willseyville Creek to the south.

If you're good at reading topographic maps, you can follow the divide all the way across Danby. If you're home-schooling kids, this is a great way for them to learn geology and water flow.

Do you know something neat about nature in Danby? Consider writing something for the Danby News! The deadline for articles is the 15th of the month. Contact [danbynews@tedcrane.com] for more information. ❁

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Deadline is the 15th of the month. Materials may be accepted later if time allows. Submissions should generally not exceed 250-350 words (one column). We cannot print political material or letters of opinion.

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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. ❁

DURING COVID - 19

Submitted by Steve Cortright, Code Enforcement Officer

AS I AM SURE THAT MANY OF YOU ARE AWARE that all non-essential construction work was shut down by executive order of the Governor, but you may not be aware that construction that is deemed essential may continue or on going projects can continue to a point where it is safe to shut down.

Essential projects include roads, bridges, transit facilities, utilities, hospitals or health care facilities, affordable housing, and homeless shelters, as well as any work required to protect the health and safety of the occupants of a structure.

Also, any construction work being done by a single worker, who is the sole employee/worker on a job site may continue. Home owners performing their own work they may continue as well.

Therefore, at this time the Town of Danby will not be issuing new building permits unless the project fits the category of emergency work or work being performed by one worker or home owner on their own property.

If you do have a project planed for later this summer I do encourage you to submit your application and supporting documents to the Code Office for review and then, when the ban is lifted, a building permit can be issued and your contractor can start.

If you are considering a project for later this year, please contact me at [code@townofdanbyny.org] and I will send you a building permit application packet for you to fill out and return to me to start the process. ✂

ONLINE MAPPING WEBINAR

Submitted by Jason Haremza

SEVERAL FOLKS HAVE ASKED ABOUT the extensive online mapping features that Tompkins County provides. I will be hosting a webinar via Zoom on Saturday, May 16, 10-11:30am. There will be a short presentation and demonstrations of the various information and features provided by Tompkins County.

To have an effective interactive discussion, space is limited to twelve people, so if you are interested, contact me 607.592.0417 or [planner@townofdanbyny.org]. If there is enough interest, additional webinars will be scheduled.

To explore Tompkins County mapping on your own, google "mapping tompkins" to see the County's web site. The webinar will mainly look at Property Viewer, Natural Resources, and Environmental Health. ✂

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Submitted by Jason Haremza

LIKE OTHER MUNICIPALITIES, the Town of Danby has moved its meetings to an online video conferencing platform called Zoom. If you have a good internet connection and would like to participate in meetings, please visit the Calendar on the Town web site [townofdanbyny.org]. There, you can click on a link to join the meetings. There is a dial-in option; not all features of Zoom will be available to those who call in.

To dial in to meetings, use either: 646.876.9923 or 312.626.6799. Be ready to enter the meeting-specific ID and password. For information on how to access Town Board meetings, contact the Town Clerk; for other meetings, contact me (contact info below). ✂

Meeting	Date	ID	Password
Planning Group	May 5	757 048 628	007661
Town Board	May 11	167 301 596	020277
CAC	May 12	994 105 955	914302
Planning Board	May 19	849 552 886	732304
Town Board	May 20	662 388 273	532761
Planning Group	June 2	674 959 701	307602
Town Board	June 8	378 373 301	945487

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Town Court • [courtclerk@townofdanbyny.org]

Phone: 277.0095 • Fax: 277.0031 • Tue, 9am **CLOSED**

All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Joel Gagnon, Town of Danby Supervisor

A LOT CAN CHANGE IN A MONTH, AND HAS. Your Town government has gone from shutting down in response to a threat from the novel coronavirus to regrouping so we can safely provide most of the services you expect. All of our meetings are now by videoconference and the links to them are on Danby's web site calendar, [townofdanbyny.org]. If you do not have a good high speed connection—still an issue for many, we know—the audio of meetings can be accessed by telephone. That information is also on the calendar, but if you can't get at that you will find it here in the Danby News for the regularly scheduled meetings.

That was the easy part compared to figuring out how to ease back into some of the other things we normally do. The library is shut down. Is there a safe way to resume operation? Ditto for the Town Court. Danby's Town Hall remains closed so, for the moment, we are limited to providing services remotely; planning is well along to safely provide that which can only be done in person. Find what is available for each department on the web site or by calling.

Can we have our summer swim programming at Jennings' Pond? Can we do a community garden for our children, something Melis would like to do? It gets very difficult to plot a way to safely undertake activity that is usually communal. Even our Highway Department, which is very hands-on, has had to rethink how to operate and will ease into a rather different approach to what they do. We are planning, talking to others, and responding to guidance from higher levels of govern-

ment. Some of this forced change is a temporary accommodation to an extraordinary situation; some of it will become a permanent new way of life.

What we are doing has slowed, but not stopped. All of our boards and committees have resumed their normal work, conducted online, and there are many meetings of the working groups of the Planning Group. You can read about the whole planning initiative in a separate article in this issue of the Danby News.

We are not out of the woods yet on this coronavirus business. Until there is a vaccine developed or the population of susceptible individuals shrinks greatly, this threat is going to remain out there, poised to resurge wherever we let our guard down. That disturbing reality will influence our options and behavior for months more, if not longer.

One big upside is the growing recognition of how much we need and depend on each other, and how important our in-person gatherings are for our well-being. Imagine how much worse it could have been were it not for access to social media to blunt the impact. Let me add that although connecting in virtual space helps, so does connection to the natural world. We who are fortunate enough to call Danby home have a beautiful outdoors to savor and explore.

Feel free to contact me about any of this and anything else, 607.564.7647, 607.227.4440, or [supervisor@townofdanbyny.org]. ❁

CAC WANTS, "DID YOU KNOW?"

Submitted by Katharine Hunter, Conservation Advisory Council

A GROUP OF DANBY RESIDENTS, the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC), meets once a month to consider ways to "conserve" our Town for generations to come? Did you know that you are welcome to attend our meetings?

The CAC meets at 7pm on the second Tuesday of every month in Danby's Town Hall—except during pandemics, when the meetings are held online via Zoom. All meetings are open to the public.

To join a Zoom meeting, go to the Town's web site, [townofdanbyny.org], and click on "Calendar," choose the meeting and then click on the link to Zoom.

If you do not know much about the CAC, start at the CAC page on the Town's web site for the nitty gritty,

including the names of the appointed members of the CAC. In the meantime, the meetings encourage us to consider our Town in a way many of us may not do regularly. What do we love about living in Danby? The fields? The woods? The wetlands? The diversity of flora and fauna? The waterfalls? Do we appreciate its rural nature--and what exactly does that mean to you? Do we hope to conserve Danby for the future?

I hope to bring you a regular short article from the Conservation Advisory Council each month (contributions and ideas can be sent to me for consideration). Inviting your interest in saving Danby for future generations. ❁

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Submitted by M.A. Barr, Town Historian

OUR HISTORIC TIMELINE IS PEPPERED with crises that affect large segments of the population, bringing sorrow and hardship. A look at American history shows the Spanish Flu in 1918, the Great Depression that started in 1929 and lasted ten to twelve years, the oil and gas crises of 1973 and more.

On a global level, the Greek city/state of Athens made history as early as 429 BC when hit with what was called the plague. Now, in 2020, Coronavirus is affecting the whole world.

These tough periods test just about everybody in one way or another. They become waymarks in the story of nations, communities, and individuals.

How does a major negative event affect towns the size of Danby? Each town will be impacted in many similar ways but also in different ways depending on the size of the town, its location, and—especially—what the individuals who live there do and how they react to the situation. People are really the history-makers.

Notes in a personal journal mark specific *history* in that person's life such as the current pandemic and these notations often expand to include what is happening on a broader basis. Diaries, journals and letters make good sources for people who study and preserve history. Even though we might not want to rerun some past events, when we look at records of those events we often gain valuable insight for going forward.

What will be written about this period of history in Danby? ❧

MOWING PROPOSALS SOUGHT

THE TOWN OF DANBY IS SEEKING proposals for lawn mowing for the 2020 season for the following properties and cemeteries: The West Danby Water District, Danby Town Hall, Jennings Pond, the Bald Hill Road Cemetery, the Peter Road Cemetery, the Nelson Road Cemetery, and the West Danby Cemetery.

If interested, please contact Joel Gagnon, [supervisor@townofdanbyny.org] for more complete information. ❧

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!

Danby Community Council

On hold, pending a return to normality.

Danby Community Church

On hold, pending a return to normality.

The Great Room at Slow Lane

Contra Dancing: Most Fridays, 8pm. Beginners welcome, no partner needed, dances taught. Also: *Scandinavian music and dance*, Sunday, 2pm, May 3. Info: 607.273.8678. *On hold, pending a return to normality*

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]. ❧

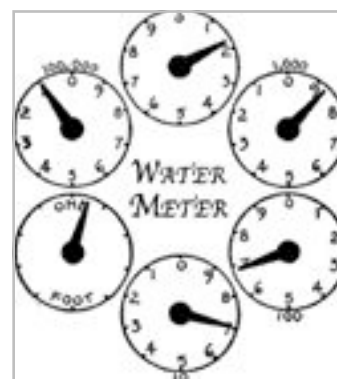
W.D. WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak

WE PLAN TO FLUSH THE HYDRANTS in the District on Monday and Tuesday, May 11 and 12. Work will begin each day at 9am, with the hydrants north of the fire station done on Monday and those south of the station on Tuesday.

Our April District meeting was cancelled due to Coronavirus spread concerns. A new meeting has not yet been scheduled. The County Health Department asked all county water systems to update their emergency response plans which we did. We also put our operators on a list of volunteers to help other districts operate their systems should they have labor problems to the pandemic.

Hopefully you are all staying healthy. ❧



COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, Tompkins County Legislator

THE DEADLINE FOR THE DANBY NEWS is more than two weeks before residents start getting it in the mail. So this is not the forum for giving you the most up-to-date information about corona virus. However, there is little else that people are talking about, so I will say a few things that I hope can add something to the conversation.

I believe that the County staff people who are in charge of the emergency response are doing an excellent job. They are trained, they have more the most up-to-date information, and they are looking at the big picture. I have felt that the best thing I can do is to stay out of their way.

Here are a few examples of things that have helped make me understand why we need a big-picture focus during this crisis.

Should we act to let people not pay their rent? The County is not allowed to do that, but even if we could, how would that affect the landlords? Would we also be allowing the landlords to then not pay their taxes?

Should we try to provide masks for everybody in the County? How would that impact the supply of masks to medical personnel? How would we train everybody to properly use the masks we would be distributing? An improperly used mask can be more dangerous than not using a mask at all.

Should we try to have elections with all-mail voting? It seems like that makes the most sense from a public point of view. But our local Board of Elections has told us that the logistics involved in that are formidable, and that they can't guarantee how well it could be handled locally. The County legislature did end up asking NY State to implement all-mail voting, and now the decision is up to NY State.

These are examples of questions I have received from constituents, along with some of the ways in which the solution to one problem might be the cause of a different problem.

I would estimate that my Email volume is double what it has been during normal times. The amount of information that is being circulated is difficult to digest. Lack of information does not seem to be a problem for most people. Which information to pay attention to though might be a problem.

PLANNING OFFICE UPDATE

Submitted by Jason Haremza, Town Planner

Planning and Zoning Department Updates

EVEN THOUGH MEETINGS HAVE MOVED ONLINE and I'm working remotely, the Planning and Zoning Office continues to support the citizen volunteers of the Planning Group, as well as Planning Board, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Conservation Advisory Council. Please check the Planning and Zoning Department and Boards & Committees pages on the town website [townofdanbyny.org] for updates, or call or text me at 607.592.0417. Let's enjoy the natural world around us as spring returns to Upstate New York while following the guidance of county and state health departments. Stay safe everyone. ❁

If you have questions, I believe that the best advice is to look on the Tompkins County Health Department web site, [tompkinscountyny.gov/health]. They update it daily with the latest information. For those who do not have access to the internet, you can call 211 with your questions.

My personal feeling is that beyond not getting sneezed on, the best thing we can do is to keep our immune systems healthy. Stress and depression are bad for your immune system. So to the extent possible, do what you can to de-stress yourself. If you are de-stressed and healthy, you are in a better position to reach out to friends, family, and neighbors and help them deal with whatever difficulties they may be encountering.

One final thought is that you should fill out your census information if you have not done so already. Getting an accurate count of who lives here will help us in the future with economic aid from the state and federal governments. This is particularly important because the absence of the college students during the census could potentially have negative consequences for us for the next decade. We don't know much yet about the how and when of economic recovery, but filling out your census data is one small but important step towards economic recovery that you can do right now. If you can't find the census information you got in the mail, more reminders will be coming.

Stay healthy and keep your spirits up. You can contact me at [danbydan@hotmail.com] or 607.272.7582. ❁

MAP OF THE MONTH CLUB: ASSESSMENT CHANGES IN DANBY

Submitted by Ted Crane

THIS MONTH'S MAP IS A CRUDE INDICATION of changes to property assessments in Danby.

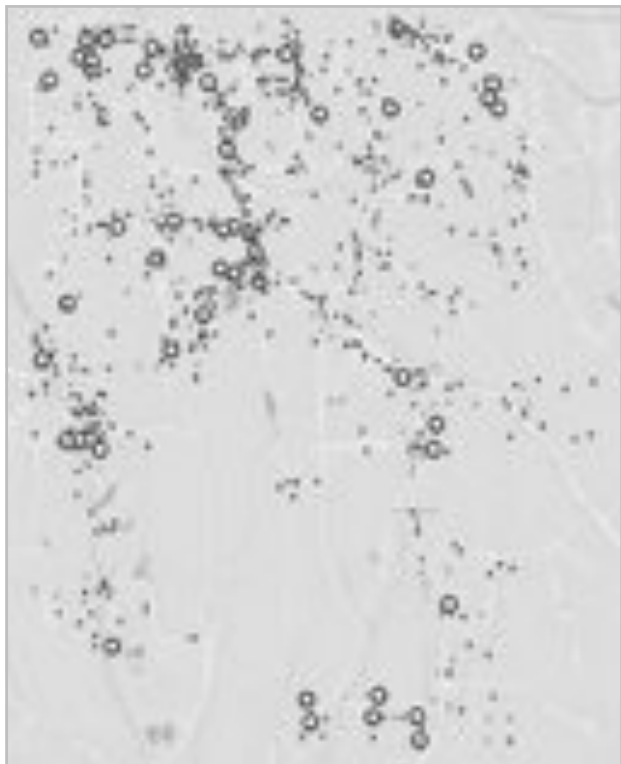
This approximation joins two metrics available from the Tompkins County Department of Assessment: sales price and current assessed value. Without going *into the weeds* about the data, it's worth noting that the map includes only properties with a sale price recorded.

The average increase from the sale price to the assessed value for these properties is about 44 percent. The difference for each property is compared to that average, and split into three groups:

- small light circle, 320 properties, 10 percent or more (54%+) than the average property value change
- small dark circle, 520 properties, 10 percent or less (34%-) than the average property value change
- larger circles, 52 properties, within 10 percent of average property value change

There are a lot more dark circles—slower appreciation—than light ones, and they tend to be located near roads. The lesser number of light circles are more scattered...and they are absorbing an ever-increasing share of the tax burden.

If you'd like to see the interactive, online version, please Email me, [danbynews@tedcrane.com]. ❧



28TH ANNUAL PLANT EXCHANGE

Submitted by Dan Klein

THE 28TH ANNUAL PLANT EXCHANGE is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 17, 2020, Noon-2pm, at the Danby Fire Station pavilion NYS Rt.96B.

At the time of this writing, there is no way to know if mass gatherings will be allowed by then. If there is a way to have the event happen, then we will try. If there are still zero mass gatherings permitted, then the event will not happen.

You can check on the status of the event by contacting me the week before it is scheduled, [danbydan@hotmail.com] or 607.272.7582.

The Plant Exchange is a free event to swap, donate, and try new perennials, houseplants, seeds, annual seedlings, and anything else garden related. It is not necessary to bring a plant in order to get a plant; nor is it necessary to stay the whole time. ❧

FRUIT TREES AND MORE

Submitted by Eric Banford

HELLO, THIS IS ERIC BANFORD. Our family lives on East Miller Road and we have been planting lots of fruit and nut trees on our property. I was hoping we could use the annual plant exchange as a way to connect on a more continuous basis, gathering information on who has what plants and is willing to trade with each other.

Though this might be more difficult due to the pandemic, I'd still like to initiate this, so am proposing we start to gather online via email and perhaps a Zoom meeting to chat. I would like to include anyone has or would like to grow lots of perennial edible plants. You don't have to already have anything established, I am willing to give plants away for free to get you started. The beauty of many perennials is they are easy to split out and share once you get started, so let's get started!

I'd also like to connect with people growing nuts trees: hickory, hazelnut, chestnut, black walnut, pecan, walnut, etc. If you have any, please contact me.

If we are able to hold the plant exchange, I will set up a sign up sheet to gather information. Regardless we can start now by contacting me, [brew_bird@yahoo.com] or 774.212.2872. ❧

PLANNING GROUP UPDATE

Submitted by Jason Haremza

AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED in the Danby News, the Town has embarked on a wide-ranging planning effort. In January, the Town Board authorized the formation of the Danby Planning Group, an advisory body made up of representatives from the Town Board, Planning Board, Board of Zoning Appeals, the Conservation Advisory Council, augmented by any and all interested in Danby's future.

The Planning Group met twice in person in late February and early March before COVID-19. Since March, the Planning Group has formed four working groups:

Conservation Working Group—focusing on what areas of the Town need protection from further development. This group is also discussing fundamental questions including what natural habitats are most important and how “rural character” is defined.

Hamlets Working Group—focusing on how to strengthen and revitalize the hamlets of Danby and West Danby and what areas of the hamlets can accommodate new development. This group is also discussing how to improve the hamlets and what would make them even more desirable places to live.

Tax Policy Working Group—focusing on how to provide tax relief for owners of large parcels of open space or

wild land. These large undeveloped parcels are enjoyed by many people, not just the owners, for the natural landscapes and habitats they preserve and how these lands help define the “rural character” that many people in Danby really value.

Public Outreach Working Group—focusing on how to engage the larger Danby community with the work of the Planning Group. This is made more challenging during this period of physical distancing.

The work of the overall Planning Group, as well as the working groups, has successfully migrated to an online videoconferencing platform. Meetings are posted on the Calendar of the Town's web site, [townofdanbyny.org]. The full Planning Group will meet on May 5, 7pm. Also, there is much more information on the Planning Group page of the web site. Click on *Boards & Committees* and then *Planning Group*.

Please help spread the word. Contact the Town Supervisor, Joel Gagnon, 607.227.4440 or [supervisor@townofdanbyny.org]. You can also contact the Town Planner, Jason Haremza. Get involved as much as you can! Even if you can't attend a regular meeting online, you can read the meeting summaries or minutes to get up to speed, and you can share your thoughts on Danby's future by telephone or Email. ❁

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

THE DANBY SENIORS WILL NOT MEET in May due to COVID19 rules.

The May trip was postponed until September. ❁

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. ❁

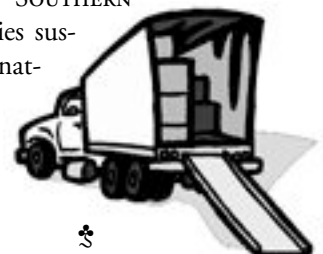


Danby Town Board Meets Online with Zoom

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

THE FOOD BANK OF THE SOUTHERN TIER has all mobile pantries suspended at this time. It is coordinating county drive-through pantry locations during this time of COVID-19 regulations... therefore no mobile food truck at Danby Church in May. ❁



Community Council Youth Programs

Now more than ever, staying connected within our community is incredibly important. With the end of shelter-in-place orders still far out on the horizon, we must find ways to connect with each other from a distance.

Over the past several weeks, I have been working with fellow educators to bring online programming to youth living in the Danby community. I plan to offer opportunities for socially distanced programming until we are allowed to meet in person once again.

Please check out the listings below, and keep in mind that program offerings may change due to the fluidity of our current situation. If you would like to take part in any of the programs listed below, please call or email me directly.

And remember to look out for your neighbors and get outside! Danby is truly a beautiful place to wait out the storm.

Please visit [danbycc.org/YouthPrograms] or contact me, 585.236.6304 or [mas759@cornell.edu], for the most up-to-date program schedules.

—Melis Schildkraut ✨

Dungeons & Dragons -- Grades 6-7-8

Mondays & Thursdays, 4-6PM

Ongoing

Join me online for a virtual D&D campaign. During the first two sessions, we will work together to design our own characters. Then, we'll dive headfirst into our unique Dungeons & Dragons adventure!

Homebound Adventures -- Grades 4-5

Tuesdays & Fridays, 1-2:30pm

Ongoing

We may not be able to leave our homes, but we can still have fun together! Join me twice a week to catch up with your friends and participate in new games and activities. Activities will include backyard nature scavenger hunts, cooking demos, story-telling, games, and more.

Yoga w/ Mosaic Studios: Vinyasa Flow

Families & kids of all ages

Thursdays, 5/7, 5/14, 2-3pm

During this low to medium energy class we will practice a breath-centered, moving flow that facilitates a connection with our mental, physical, and emotional strength, power, and flexibility. Join this virtual community as we focus on flowing from pose to pose in standing, seated, and lying down positions. You do not need to be flexible or strong to practice yoga—just curious and willing to show up!



#stayathome w/ Gaia Grrls Circle -- Grades 6-7-8 Fridays, 5/1-6/12, 3:30-5:30pm

Gaia Circle in the Garden is for middle school aged grrls of all kinds: those who love their girl selves, those who are uncomfortable with girlness, or for whom girlness has never felt right; those who haven't thought much about what it means to be a girl, and those who feel no gender limits at all. We will use garden and nature-based activities to explore ourselves, our world, and relationships with one another. Participants will receive plants and materials to start a small garden of their own.

This program is co-facilitated by Beth Bannister, Lauren Salzman of the Ithaca Children's Garden, and Lyn Staack of the Advocacy Center. ✨

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED until further notice. ✨



May 2020

DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- May 5 • Tue
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Planning Group Meeting ^{ONLINE}
- May 7 • Thu
Noon 🏠 Community Church • Seniors ^{CANCELED}
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Danby Community Council Mtg ^{ONLINE}
- May 9 • Sat
9am 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting ^{CANCELED}
- May 11 • Mon
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting ^{ONLINE}
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire Dep't Meeting
7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • WD Fire Dep't Meeting
- May 12 • Tue
7:30pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Conservation Advisory Council Mtg ^{ONLINE}
- May 16 • Sat
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Mapping Webinar ^{ONLINE}
- May 17 • Sun
7:30pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Plant Exchange ^{STAY TUNED}
- May 19 • Tue
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Planning Board Mtg ^{ONLINE}
- May 20 • Wed
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting ^{ONLINE}
- May 21 • Thu
3-6pm 🏠 Community Church • Danby Food Pantry ^{STAY TUNED}
- May 22 • Thu
1-6pm 🏠 Community Church • Red Cross Blood Drive
- May 25 • Mon
Noon 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • Mobile Food Truck ^{CANCELED}

- Jun 2 • Tue
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Planning Group Meeting ^{ONLINE}
- Jun 8 • Mon
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting ^{ONLINE}
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire Dep't Meeting
7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • WD Fire Dep't Meeting

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