

DANBY AREA NEWS

SHARE YOUR GIG

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Community Council

PEOPLE IN DANBY DO INTERESTING THINGS...and, mostly, most of the time, we have no idea. Pandemic “lock down” has presented an opportunity to change that. The Danby Community Council is helping people *Share Your Gig* through “at home” programs using Zoom.

On Sunday, July 19, wildflower expert Robert Wesley guided a group of more than thirty people along a virtual stroll through three seasons of local wildflowers. The stunning photographs walked us through fields and swamps, rich bottomlands and rocky outcrops. We saw hundreds of flowers, up close and personal. And, we asked lots of questions!



On the Summer Solstice, Therapeutic Harpist (and retired Town Clerk) Pamela Goddard offered a 45-minute concert of relaxing songs and harp tunes to celebrate the season. People attended from across town and across the country. One person visited from the Seattle region!

Both of these programs are still available on YouTube. To find them, visit the Danby Community Council web site, [www.danbycc.org].

We know there are many other musicians, nature experts, craftspeople, and hobbyists in

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FISHING NETS IN THE SKY

Submitted by Ted Crane

THE WEEKS AND MONTHS PASSED quickly as I idly lounged outside, watching the clouds roll by. The number and shapes of those clouds is amazing.

But, wait, there’s something missing from that sky. The clouds are puffy, round, horsetail-ey, but not extended in long, straight lines. There’s no contrails!

The enormous downturn in air travel has had a beneficial side effect for us sky-watching dreamers. We’ve returned to a more natural pattern of clouds and—when it’s not overcast—wide open spaces of clear blue. Not since the sad days after 9-11 has the sky been this free of airplanes, and this time around it’s been free for months.

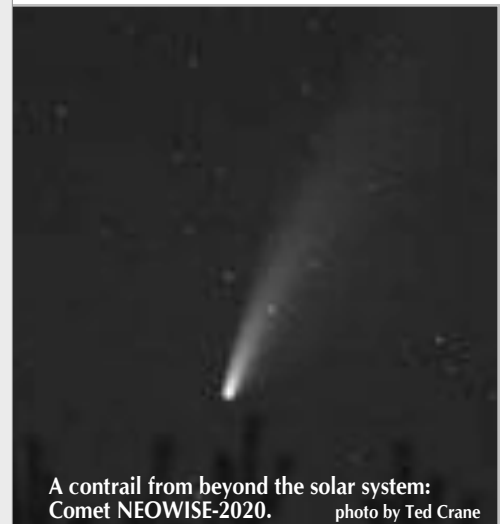
Even the regular chop-chop of low-flying helicopters has been absent. I can hear the flap-flap of passing birds.

I recently read that airlines are planning to resume 25,000 daily flights. Or was that just one major airline? Pre-COVID, Danby’s sky was marked with—literally—a dozen or dozens of trails during any daylight hour.

If you’re sad to be stuck at home, go outside. Look up. Enjoy a real, clear blue sky. ❁

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A contrail from beyond the solar system: Comet NEOWISE-2020. photo by Ted Crane

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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. ❁

CODE OFFICE UPDATE

Submitted by Steve Cortright, Code Enforcement Officer

THE *UNIFORM Building and Fire Prevention Code of New York State*, simply put, is a set of nine volumes that encompass approximately 3250 pages of text. This text is the rules and regulations adopted by New York State and the Town of Danby in order to build safe structures.

The “Code”, as we call it, has been around since 1984 when New York first adopted a State wide code. It started out as a one book experiment, three and one half inches thick and has evolved over the last 36 years into what it is today. It will change again in approximately three years.

The Code contains minimum standards required to build safe structures.

As I have written in previous articles, there are certain structures that require a building permit and certain ones that do not. If you have not seen these articles and if you are uncertain whether your project will require a building permit...please contact me and tell me what you would like to do. I will probably ask you a couple of questions to help me determine if a permit is required. Once we have that figured out I will help you through the permit process.

Along with Code requirements, projects will also be reviewed for compliance with the Town of Danby Zoning Code and be required to meet all other requirements to obtain a building permit:

- septic system approval by the Tompkins County Health Department
- a driveway permit from the County Highway Department (if located on a County road) or the NYS Department of TransportaDOT (if on a State road)
- a stormwater management permit (if more than an acre of soil is to be disturbed)

The code is tied into other laws as well, such as the NYS Education Law (any project over 1500 sq.ft. must be stamped by a NYS licensed design professional) and the NYS Labor Laws (insurance requirements for contractors).

Once the permitting process is completed and a building permit has been issued there are requirements for the permit holder to meet, such as scheduling inspections for the project at appropriate times, so that methods and materials can be inspected and--in some instances--tested. The scheduling of inspections is the responsibility of the permit applicant but its always a good idea for the project owner to be on top of this; sometimes contractors get rolling along and forget...and then the project gets held up. Without proper inspections, Certificates of Compliance or Occupancy can not be issued. This may lead to a non-compliant structure being torn down.

As always if you have any questions please contact me at 607.277.0799 or [code@townofdanbyny.org]. ☘

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UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Submitted by Jason Haremza

AT THE TIME OF THIS WRITING, COVID-related physical distancing continues. The Town of Danby is continuing to hold its meetings via an online video conferencing platform called Zoom, which also allows for people to dial in by telephone (call 646.876.9923 and enter the MeetingID and PassCode). However, guidance from New York State regarding public meetings is subject to change.

Please visit the calendar on the Town web site [townofdanbyny.org/calendar] for updates and links to the Zoom meetings. For more information about Town Board meetings, contact the Town Clerk; information about Planning Board, Board of Zoning Appeals, Conservation Advisory Council, and Planning Group meetings can be had from the Town Planner. ☘

—see meeting info on back page calendar ➔

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Joel Gagnon, Town of Danby Supervisor

ALTHOUGH OUR LIVES SEEM in some respects to be moving in slow motion in the midst of the Covid 19 pandemic, some initiatives are still being pursued, and some have actually been enhanced by the new framework and tool of videoconferencing. I would like to call your attention to a couple of recent developments that might be of particular interest to the readers of this newsletter.

Road Committee Forming

Many people have expressed concern over the years about excessive speed on our Town's roads. Did you know that the Town does not have control over the speed limits on its roads? The NYS Department of Transportation has to approve any deviation from the default state speed limit of 55MPH. We have petitioned many times for reductions in speed limits on a variety of Town roads, with mixed success. Perhaps the time has come to consider again going to the state legislature with a request that Towns be given control over speed limits on local roads. We did that a decade or so ago and the proposal was opposed by both the Town and County Associations of Highway Superintendents on the grounds that they did not want to be in a position of having to determine for themselves what an appropriate speed should be while assuming some liability risk in the process. If we want to revisit this issue, it should probably be pursued by approaching those highway associations from the outset.

Lowering speed limits might help, but it has its limits. Enforcement is also an issue. With limited human resources, the County Sheriff's Office needs help to target enforcement where it is most productive. Identifying who is doing the speeding and when makes it possible to talk to offenders without necessarily having to stake out a section of road. The sheriff's office is willing to work with us on enforcement, but they need our help with it.

Beyond both speed limit reduction and enforcement there is the issue of road design and traffic calming measures. When a road readily accommodates higher speeds than the posted limit, there is a natural tendency to want to go faster. Designing for slower helps prevent speeding in the first place and makes roads inherently safer.

So, here is the bottom line. Road safety is a concern of many and it is not so easy to address. I proposed, and the Town Board supported, creating a committee to focus

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PLANNING OFFICE UPDATE

Submitted by Jason Haremza, Town Planner

Planning Group

THE WORK OF THE PLANNING GROUP continues! Efforts include drafting a potential tax policy to encourage large landowners to preserve their land, outlining some policy changes to protect water resources (riparian areas, wetlands, flood plains) from development, and advancing research into how to address water and waste water to encourage infill development in the hamlets.

The Planning Group meets at 7pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

The main group has split the tasks into four working groups, each focusing on a different aspect of planning, policy, or land use. Please check the Town web site calendar for details or contact me for information.

Even if you can't commit the time to attending a regular meeting, the Town Planner would love to hear your ideas, thoughts, or concerns about the future of Danby! Please call or Email and we can pick a time to chat on the phone, online, or outside in person.

Dishing the Dirt

Did you know the Town of Danby Stormwater Management, Erosion, and Sediment Control Law requires a Ground Disturbance Form any time you are doing any kind of "land development activity"?

Land development activity is defined as clearing, grubbing, grading, excavating, stockpiling or placing fill, installing utilities, and constructing buildings. If you have any questions, please contact the Town's Stormwater Officer. That's me. ❁

⇨ Share Your Gig, cont'd from front page

town. Small engine repair? Hatchet throwing? Master gardeners or end-of-season canners? Music from Opera to Old Time...all are welcome. If you would like to Share Your Gig and get to know your neighbors better at the same time, the DCC is eager to make this possible. All from the comfort of your own home, through a computer or device.

Contact [contactUs@danbycc.org] with your idea and to set up a time. ❁

BROADBAND IN DANBY UPDATE

Submitted by Ted Crane

CLARITY CONNECT'S WIRELESS NETWORK has operated in Danby for several years. While it doesn't provide cutting edge speeds (the basic 6Mbps down, 2Mbps up service hasn't met the Federal definition of broadband, 25/3, for quite a while), our experience—prior to the rapid increase in work-from-home network congestion brought on by the COVID pandemic—was that it provided reliable service meeting household needs. Even now, we get by although Zoom sometimes complains about, “unreliable internet.”



Danby has a significant presence from Time-Warner, uh, call them Spectrum now, in several neighborhoods. Haefele has been expanding coverage in South Danby, and Clarity extended a fiber connection to a few homes near its antenna on Durfee Hill Road.

Fiber is the king of bandwidth. The medium offers Gigabit speeds (that's 1000s of Mbps), but usable bandwidth is often limited by how much data can be pumped out by web sites and routed by service providers. Some providers choose to limit bandwidth, based on a progressive fee structure. And, to tell the truth, our household computers simply can't process everything at gigabit speeds.

Funded by the *New NY Broadband Program*, Clarity is now installing fiber service in a limited, underserved region of Danby. Starting from its antenna at the end of Curtis Road, Clarity's new fiber will run north on Curtis, west on NYS Rt.96B to the corner of Bald Hill Road, and then south on Michigan Hollow Road. Most of the fiber is being strung on poles, but there are also underground sections.

Houses within 1100 feet of the fiber route—most of a hundred in Danby—can take advantage of Clarity's service. The buildout has already begun and is anticipated to be complete by the end of August.

If you're in need of internet and live in the to-be-served neighborhood, contact Chuck Bartosch, [chuck@clarityconnect.com].

If you're poorly served and anywhere close...push for fiber to roll out on your road, too. ❧

CHILD CARE IN THE FALL?

Submitted by Jude Keith Rose, Child Development Council

DEMANDS ARE BUILDING to get back to work, local school districts are beginning to announce their plans and parents of preschool-aged children are considering what the proposed school schedules might mean for their families. If you have spent the last few months at home together, you likely have many questions about your child's health and safety while in child care.

What can we all do to keep children safe? Child Development Council staff are here to help parents and providers understand the parameters of legal care, new requirements and best practices due to the coronavirus during this challenging and often confusing time.

Although child care programs and school districts have different regulatory bodies, both are required to adhere to NYS Department of Health (DOH) guidelines in the case of a national pandemic. At this time, about 60 percent of our child care programs are open. Like all businesses in NYS, they must document, post for review, and implement policies and procedures that adhere to current DOH requirements before they can operate. Some important new requirements and considerations include:

- Child care is basically well-child care at this time. It used to be common to bring your child off to school or child care when you felt sick, then go home and take care of yourself. Now, children must be excluded if they or anyone in their home has symptoms of COVID-19 or while waiting for test results.
- Plan ahead in case someone in your family needs to quarantine for 14 days.
- Child care providers are required to wear masks at all times. Find out if your program is requiring children to wear them as well. There will definitely be more handwashing!
- Increased cleaning and sanitation demands have caused some programs to offer fewer hours, some no longer offer part-time care, others are staying outside as much as possible.
- It may take more time to drop-off and pick-up: procedures will include attestation to a health screening and you may need to sign-in and say good-bye outside.

Starting back can be hard. We are here to help with child care referrals and help you weigh options. If paying for care is a challenge, please ask about our Emergency Child Care Scholarship Fund. Feel free to contact us with any questions. Visit [childdevelopmentcouncil.org]. ❧

COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, Tompkins County Legislator

YOU MAY BE AWARE that the worldwide recycling market collapsed a few years ago, when China refused to continue to accept recyclables from around the world due to high contamination rates. Tompkins County has been looking into our contamination rate locally. Contamination refers to both soiled material and also to the wrong materials being put in the mix.

It turns out Tompkins County has one of the lowest contamination rates in the country—approximately 5 percent by weight. The most common contaminants are plastic wrap, plastic garbage bags, Styrofoam, food waste, and batteries. Maybe the hardest thing for the diligent citizen-recycler to figure out is plastic containers. Currently, we can only recycle plastic with the numbers 1, 2, or 5 printed on them. If there is a different number—or no number—you have to throw out that item.

An interesting recycling fact is that the price of cardboard for recycling doubled in the first few weeks of the pandemic, due to the demand for cardboard boxes for shipping by Amazon, etc.

Tompkins County, the City of Ithaca, New York State, and just about every agency that I am aware of, are facing severe economic difficulties. TCAT, Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, received an allocation of \$7.8 million from the federal CARES Act. Another million dollars will go to Gadabout, our paratransit agency. This is a significant amount of money for TCAT. It will ensure that TCAT is financially solvent in the short to medium term. It will also give TCAT some cushion as we try to understand what public transportation may look like in the coming years. It's easy to imagine a scenario where, due to fear of being in close quarters and a large increase in the number of people who work from home, future bus use may look very different.

The County is still looking at a \$5-10 million hole in the 2020 budget. We will be making some decisions this month about possible layoffs of County staff. I hope it does not come to that. We were able to get through the entire 2008 financial crisis without any layoffs. Also, this month, we will get our first projections of what the 2021 budget may look like.

If you have questions or comments, you can contact me at [danbydan@hotmail.com] or my home phone number, 607.272.7582. ❁

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on this issue and to develop ways to tackle it meaningfully. Town Board member Leslie Connors has agreed to chair that committee. She has a long-time interest in this concern and has amassed quite a lot of material on the subject. The Town Planner, Jason Haremza, will be involved, as will Jack Shawley, our Deputy Highway Superintendent. What gets addressed and how will depend a lot on who else volunteers. If you are interested, contact Leslie, [lconnors@townofdanbyny.org].

Broadband Committee Forming

Another long-time concern, and one that has become more pressing in the face of the need for more work-from-home during the pandemic, is the inadequate availability of broadband internet to many in the Town, despite multiple efforts over the years to expand coverage. This was a focus of my predecessor in office, Ric Dietrich. Despite his work, which led to cable system extensions and a supplementary network of telephone pole towers by Clarity Connect, there are still many without a good option. Chuck Bartosch of Clarity Connect contacted me asking for help in identifying those in need that could be added to his network (see separate article about that in this issue), and Haeefe has

similarly reached out to those within its territory in the southeast part of Town. These initiatives are welcome, but they are limited by the bottom line need to see investments pay back in a reasonable time frame. They won't work for everybody. Broadband access is coming to be seen as almost essential at this point, much as electricity was in the 1930s. Dryden has secured funding and regulatory approval for installing municipal fiber throughout the town. Danby is not in a position to follow suit, given our much smaller size, but we could play a leadership role in exploring our options, with a good hard look at the potential for collaboration with others. Town Board member Sarah Schnabel has agreed to chair a broadband committee. She has the energy and commitment to effectively lead this effort. Contact her to volunteer, [sschnabel@townofdanbyny.org] or 607.351.1045.

Remembering Jim Herson

Many of you will remember Jim Herson, who served as Town of Danby Judge for decades and went on to serve as Clerk of the Court after retiring as judge. He recently passed away. His life was spent in service to the

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CAC UPDATE

Submitted by Clare Fewtrell, Conservation Advisory Council

THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL held its monthly meeting (via Zoom) on July 14, the night before the deadline for DAN submissions, but here is a brief summary of what we discussed.

Don Schaufler and George Adams reported that the logging subcommittee has been reactivated. In addition to reviewing the previous work of the committee it's members have been reading the logging ordinances of a number of Towns in our area and were interested to find that they were often very similar. The subcommittee will continue to work on a proposal for a logging ordinance for Danby and will report back to the CAC in a month or two.

It was brought to our attention that the three properties that were so disastrously logged in Deputron Hollow a few years ago, are now for sale. Possible approaches for ensuring that these properties are conserved and not developed in future, were discussed. We also reviewed a number of attractive designs for a sign that might be displayed on Town of Danby easement properties.

Jon Zisk, with input from the management plan subcommittee, provided an initial draft of a management plan for the Town of Danby's property in Deputron Hollow. The CAC will continue to work on this and also on a plan for the Town's West Danby Water District property on Sylvan Lane. In both cases the recommendation is for passive management of the properties.

Our next meeting will be held (via Zoom) on Tuesday, July 14, 7pm. ❁

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public. Before his extraordinary commitment to the Town, he served as City of Ithaca Chief of Police, having risen through the ranks to do so. The Town Board passed a resolution of appreciation at the July 13 meeting, a small gesture of recognition for what is too often taken for granted. Jim was an effective mentor to many and will long be remembered for the high standards he set and the integrity he embodied.

Other Ways the Public is Served

The creek and creek bank stabilization project beside

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FIRE DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Andrea Hazard

A TRIBUTE TO RALPH BOWLES Danby Fire Department's Longest Serving Member

Until he moved to Danby, Ralph Bowles had never heard of a volunteer firefighter. Fortunately for us Danbyites, this did not dissuade him from joining the

Danby Fire Company on September 10, 1956, becoming a lifetime member, and serving the company for more than sixty years.

Ralph grew up in Westchester County, near New York City, and moved to Ithaca to attend Cornell University. After studying engineering for four years he got a job at NCR, bought a house in Danby, and joined the Fire Company. He mostly served as a driver and pump operator

(meaning he supplied water to the fire hose), but he also trained other drivers and served as a first responder and as a fire police officer.

Early in his volunteer service, Ralph would tell others that if they don't like the way things are done they should do something about it. One day, a peer told him he should take his own advice, and he did: he ran for president of the Danby Fire Company and won. He served as president for 25 years and as a Fire District Commissioner for 30 years. Not one to shirk duty, he was also always available to do any other odd job that needed doing, including barbecuing chicken and washing dishes for district fundraisers.

Ralph served as a mentor to Danby Fire Chief John Gaden, telling John, shortly after he became assistant chief, to respect everyone even if you don't agree with them. John follows this advice to this day, and says it helps him always come up with a plan that works.

Ralph's wife, Deanna, who currently serves as the Danby Fire District treasurer, says that Ralph believes that everyone should do something for the community in which they live. Ralph has certainly lived up to his own beliefs, and we all thank him for his service. ❁



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. ❀

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Brown Road in West Danby is about to begin. The winning bid, by JB Excavation, was accepted by the Town Board during its July 13 meeting. It was the only bid within the budget for the project and more than a half million dollars under the remaining bids. JB has a sterling reputation for quality work and honest dealing. How can he possibly do this project well for so much less than others? He owns a rock quarry and can supply the large amount of stone needed at much lower cost. He could have increased his bid in the knowledge that he had a considerable edge in the competition, but he did not. The public is well served by that kind of dealing and I think it deserves to be pointed out.

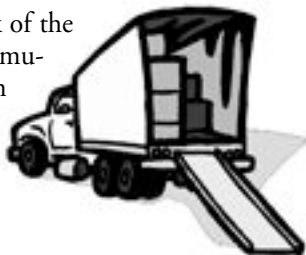
Another example comes readily to mind. In order to prepare the Town offices and the court for safely reopening for in-person business, acrylic shields needed to be made as separators between public and staff. Tod Sukontarak, a man of many talents, stepped up to create oak-framed beauties that go way beyond functional and may well become permanent enhancements. Yes, we paid him, but the quality and pride of workmanship stand out. We are well served.

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

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

Through August the Food Bank of the Southern Tier is doing Community Food Distributions rather than local mobile pantries, therefore no mobile food pantry at Danby Church in August. ❀



DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

WE HAVE STARTED our outdoor pick-up option for library materials. Here is one of our patron comments: "The set up of the online Danby library is wonderful! I love all of the searching options and having the book covers makes a huge difference. It's very user-friendly and easy to navigate, as is the check out form."



The contactless pick-up of books and movies begins with an online view of Library's collection. Almost 2600 books and 400 movies can be seen at Danby's web site. Click on the Community Library link to access the library materials.

We look forward to providing you with some amazing entertainment! ❀

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

THE DANBY SENIORS remain on hiatus at this time... and our trips have been canceled. Hopefully we can come together sometime in the fall. ❀

REUSE SALE AT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

SO MANY TREASURES to dazzle your eyes only. Wear your mask. Indoors and out at the Danby Community Church, 1859 Danby Road.

It's a two-day extravaganza, Friday, July 31, 3-7pm and Saturday, August 1, 9am-Noon. It's never too late to visit; 30 percent off during the last hour!

For more information or to donate your treasures for reuse, call S. Boda at 607.273.8241. ❀



The Danby Bear is on the move again, further up Danby Road. Protect your pantry! photo by Theresa Joseph

Community Council Youth Programs

In-person programming is finally underway, and it's been a blast so far! During the month of July, we explored the Danby State Forest, learned about plants and fungi, fished at Jennings Pond, learned how to make cyanotypes, and more.

During the month of August, I am excited to offer a few new programs. The first, Kitchen Superstars, will be similar to the Chef's Corner program that I ran during April and May. However, this time I will send youth home with a box of ingredients so that we can cook together in real time instead of just watching each other share recipes.

I am also offering a program called Plant Connections that I will teach alongside herbalist and educator, Nikki Nease. During this program, we will go into depth about identifying wild edible plants and will learn how to use them to create tasty treats.

I am not yet sure what the rest of August will hold. For the most up to date program schedule, or to enroll your child in either of these programs, please contact me.

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

—Melis Schildkraut ❧

Kitchen Superstars

August 3-August 7

Monday, 3-5pm at Jennings Pond

Tues-Wed-Thu-Fri, 10am-12:30pm on Zoom

Do you love to cook? Are you excited to share a favorite recipe with your friends? During this program, youth will have the opportunity to host cooking demonstrations while their friends join from their home kitchens. Youth will sign up for both teaching and cooking slots before the program begins, and we will meet on Monday to distribute boxes of ingredients.

Plant Connections

August 18-August 20, 10am-2pm

Jennings Pond and the Danby State Forest

Get closer to nature and learn which plants from your local landscape can sustain you! Educator, Nikki Nease, will walk us through in-depth plant ID skills, teach about the ethics of sustainable foraging, and show us how to prepare wild ramen and pickles. ❧

DID YOU KNOW?

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

I hope you had a good time looking at fireflies. Many people reported seeing lots of them in their yards. It's been a good year for fireflies.

This month we will learn about pill bugs and sow bugs. There's lots of information about them on the web, and I'm going to give you some links so you can read all about them.

For young children:

- Read the wonderful picture book *I'm a Pill Bug* by Yukihisa Tokuda, available at TCPL
- Look for pill bugs and sow bugs where you live. Remember that pill bugs can roll up and sow bugs can't. Can you find both? Look under leaves, under flower pots, and in the woodpile

For older children:

- Read the great article by Paul Hetzler. To find it, google "pill bugs primer hetzler"
- Use a magnifying glass to look at what you find around the house
- Write a short poem and submit it to the Danby News.

For everyone:

- On [[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)], search "roly polies came sea" and watch it.

Adults can google "all about sow bugs landmark".

I get them in my basement sometimes, but never felt the need to get rid of them. They are habitat specific. If your basement is a bit wet, try to dry it out with a dehumidifier. The pill bugs will leave. Don't allow anyone to consume them. They are thought to sometimes carry a tiny worm that, when consumed, will embed itself in the stomach wall with unpleasant consequences. Don't blame the pill bugs, I'm sure they don't want the worms either.

If your dog likes to chew on sticks, make sure you check the sticks first to make sure they're clean. When handling any creature, make sure you keep your hands away from your face and wash your hands after you're finished. If the creature is dead, be sure to wear rubber gloves. ❧

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DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- Jul 31/Aug 1 • Fri/Sat
Community Church • Reuse Sale
- Aug 1 • Sat
9am 📍 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting
- Aug 4 • Tue
7pm 📍 online • Planning Group Meeting
- Aug 5 • Wed • Happy Birthday, everyone who turns 66 today!
- Aug 6 • Thu
Noon 📍 Community Church • Seniors (cancelled)
7pm 📍 online • Danby Community Council Mtg
- Aug 10 • Mon
7pm 📍 online • Town Board Meeting
7pm 📍 Danby Fire Hall • Fire Dep't Meeting
7pm 📍 West Danby Fire Hall • WD Fire Dep't Meeting
- Aug 11 • Tue
7pm 📍 online • Fire District Meeting
7pm 📍 online • Conservation Advisory Council Mtg
- Aug 18 • Tue
7pm 📍 online • Planning Board Mtg
- Aug 19 • Wed
7pm 📍 online • Town Board Meeting
- Aug 20 • Thu
3-6pm 📍 Community Church • Danby Food Pantry

- Aug 24 • Mon
📍 elsewhere • Mobile Food Truck
- Aug 25 • Tue
7pm 📍 online • Fire District Meeting
7pm 📍 online • Board of Zoning Appeals
- Sep 1 • Tue
7pm 📍 Town Hall • Planning Group Meeting
- Sep 5 • Sat
9am 📍 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting
- Sep 3 • Thu
Noon 📍 Community Church • Seniors
7pm 📍 Town Hall • Danby Community Council Mtg
- Sep 8 • Tue
7pm 📍 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting
7pm 📍 Town Hall • Conservation Advisory Council Mtg
- Sep 14 • 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

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.
- 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 • 47 Sylvan Drive, off Rt.34/96
- 📍 Danby Community Church • 1859 Danby Road
- 📍 American Legion Post 221 • 1231 Danby Road

Meeting	Date	ID	Pword
Planning Group	Aug 4	954 0523 2483	064352
Town Board	Aug 10	980 127 0784	575805
CAC	Aug 11	972 1566 0090	423584
Planning Board	Aug 18	958 0817 5336	245871
Town Board	Aug 19	954 7476 4576	349363
Zoning Appeals	Aug 25	986 3534 5196	281804
To join a meeting by telephone, call 646.876.9923			