October 2020

FREE TO RESIDENTS



FORESTRY EDUCATION PROGRAM Submitted by Elizabeth Keokosky, CAC Secretary

Danby's Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) is sponsoring a landowner forestry education program given by Jay Harris. Jay is an experienced forester who has worked in forestry jobs for 22 years and currently supervises

the Forestry Team for Wagner Hard Woods in Cayuta.

The goal of the class is to educate landowners on the value of their trees, why it is important to get guidance from a forester, and why it is worth your time to invest energy in finding a good contractor--for yourself, for the community, and for your

neighbors, who have to live with the results. Jay spends much of his time educating forest owners that make contracts with Wagner but he will also go over the pros and cons of alternate methods and is open to all questions. Now is your opportunity to find out valuable information that will help inform better decisionmaking with your own woodlot.

The presentation will also let people know more about a logging ordinance that is being considered by Danby and request feedback from the audience.

The program will be offered through Zoom on Thursday, October 22. 7pm. The Zoom address will be available on the Calendar on Danby's web site. Please join us.



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MODERATE DROUGHT IN DANBY Submitted by George Adams

Cayuga Lake Watershed Network members have occasionally been discussing whether we are in drought and what might people do differently if it is a drought.

> With the 2+ inches of rain some of us received in late August, we might be inclined to think "problem solved" but most of the water that arrives that fast does not soak in unless captured in a pond.

As of September 17, the Northeast Regional Climate Center indicates that most of Tomp-

kins County—and even more of Danby—is in "stage one drought" or "moderate drought".

Since February of 2020 year we have had about 75% of the normal amount of rain. People who have had wells run dry in prior droughts might want to check water levels and watch for updates to drought status at [www.nrcc.cornell.edu] (click on Regional Analyses, then Northeast Drought).

[Pond owners are well aware of the reduced rainfall. Ours is down almost two feet since the abundant rain early in year. Recent weeks have restored green color to the grass, but this has been a no-mowing-needed summer. editor]

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DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submitted by Ted Crane

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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.

ATVs IN DANBY Submitted by Ronda Roaring

NUMBER OF YEARS AGO, an ATV (All Terrain Vehicle) zoomed by my house on South Danby Road. A few minutes later, the driver was dead after colliding with a car.

New York State Law prohibits the use of ATVs on highways (including local roads, public lands, and private

land not owned by the driver) *unless* specific authorization is granted by the government or the landowner. As far as I know, ATVs are not allowed on any roads in Danby, nor are they allowed on NYS Rt.96B.

It appears that most of the ATVs being ridden in Danby (and especially in South Danby) are coming from Candor, where ATV use is permitted.

Illegal ATVing is dangerous for both legal and

illegal drivers and is ruining some of our dirt roads. Illegal ATV use on roads should be reported to the County Sheriff (9-1-1). Illegal ATV use in the Danby State Forest should be reported to Forest Ranger Joan Oldroyd, 607.798.1797 or [joan.oldroyd@dec.ny.gov].

The NYS law regarding ATV use is available online at [nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/VAT/]. Look for Title 11, and specifically sections 2400-2406.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS Submitted by Jason Haremza

ATTHE 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 C

DCPA ANNUAL MEETING

Submitted by Julie Clougherty, DCPA President

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Danby Community Park Association is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 7:30pm. It will be held via Zoom, with a MeetingID "990 3154 9385" and PassCode "751053". If you want a link by Email, contact [dotsonpark@gmail.com].



Elections will be held to fill three-year Board member positions and there will be reports presented on last year's activities and finances.

The DCPA's membership consists of the residents of Danby. DCPA owns the 92-acre Dotson Park on Danby Road, and is run

by a volunteer Board of Directors, with volunteer labor for all projects, and with financial support from donations, grants and the Town of Danby. Board membership is open to any Danby resident, age 18 and over.

Features of Dotson Park include walking trails, a natural playground with a Story Walk, and an 18-hole disc golf course.

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Highway Department • [highway@townofdanbyny.org] 93 Hornbrook Road • Phone: 272.9169 Mon-Thu, 6am-4:30pm

Planning Office • [planner@townofdanbyny.org] Phone: 592.0417 • Fax: 277.0559 Mon–Thu, 9am–5:30pm Appointments encouraged (or call or Email ahead).

Code Enforcement Office • [code@townofdanbyny.org] Phone: 277.0799 • Fax: 277.0559 Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm

Town Court • [dgair@nycourts.gov] Phone: 277.0095 • Fax: 277.0031 • Tue, 9am All offices at Danby Town Hall except where word.

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KNOW YOUR FIRE DISTRICT?

Submitted by Katharine Anderson, Fire Commissioner

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW your local fire district? Find out by answering the following questions about the Danby Fire District.

① The Danby Fire District was established in:

1978	1925
1946	1963

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(2). [The	Danby	Fire	District	is	a:

- Town of Danby Office
- 501(c)(3) Not-for-profit organization
- NYS municipal entity
- A small business
- ③. The Danby Fire District consists of:
- Two Fire Departments
- One Fire Department
- Three Fire Departments
- (4). The Danby Fire District is
- An all volunteer organization, except for paid chiefs
- An all-volunteer organization with part-time paid treasurer and secretary
- A mix of volunteers and paid members

(5) The Danby Fire District is led by five Fire Commissioners who serve:

- Two year terms
- Three year terms
- Five year terms

6 In 2019, the Danby Fire District consisted of how many members:

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⑦ In 2019, the Danby Fire District responded to how many fire and EMS calls:

262	183
95	320

(8) The Danby Fire District is funded by:

- A tax levy
- Grants and contributions from private and public individuals and foundations
- BBQs and pancake breakfasts
- Danby Fun Day

Bonus question:

• Who is the longest serving member of the Danby Fire District?

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Joel Gagnon, Town of Danby Supervisor

SEEMS LIKE THERE IS A LOT GOING ON just now! I will highlight in this missive some items that are most apt to be of interest to you.

Local Law Proposed to change the Highway Superintendent residency requirement

As I mentioned last month, the Town Board is considering passing a local law to make it possible for those who reside in adjoining Towns to run for the elected office of Highway Superintendent. The public hearing is at 7pm on October 12 via Zoom videoconferencing. The Board and I have heard from several residents who urged us to hold an in-person hearing. We carefully considered the feasibility of doing this and concluded that it is both risky in the current environment and logistically challenging. Capacity limits under the Governor's executive order, coupled with required physical distancing mean that our usual venues wouldn't work (Danby's Town Hall, for instance, has a capacity of about 18 under these constraints). We also couldn't figure out how to combine a Zoom and in-person event. The Board is committed to continuing Zoom participation past the need to do so, especially since in our experience attendance at our meetings has been better than before the pandemic. We realize that this doesn't work for everybody though. Comments were always possible in writing and this option is available to everyone (send to [townclerk@townofdanbyny.org] or Town Clerk, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY 14850). Also, computer access is not necessary to attend. You can phone in (see the calendar in this issue for the number). No video that way, but you can still listen and comment. We would all like to have in-person meetings, but my sense is that the Board will want an end to physical distancing before authorizing that.

Personnel Changes

Both the Town Clerk and the Town Planner have resigned, setting in motion a process to replace them. With respect to the Town Clerk, I acted on behalf of the Board to get the word out and we have several strong candidates to fill the position. This is only a Board decision because the timing precludes identifying candidates and getting them on the ballot in November. The Board will make an interim appointment, good for the balance of the term, which runs to the end of 2021. The appointee will have to run for election

Answers on page 9.

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W.D. WATER DISTRICT UPDATE Submitted by Tod Sukontarak



E HAD A WATER DISTRICT

Wednesday, September 9. Our next meeting will also be via Zoom on Wednesday, October 4, 5pm.

On Tuesday, September 16, Comissioner Bruce Richards attended a budget meeting with bookkeeper Laura Shawley, Town Supervisor Joel Gagnon, and District Operator Tod Sukontarak.

As a result of this meeting, in consultation with all of the Commissioners, we are going to propose to the Town Board a budget with significantly reduced real property taxes for this year. Our goal is to move to a more consumption-based rate structure than the one we currently use, which relies more heavily on property value assessed taxes. This has been a goal in planning for several years and we are finally making tangible progress at achieving it.

On Monday and Tuesday, October 19 and 20, we will be doing the second of our twice annual hydrant flushing. Work will begin at 9am both days. Monday will include flushing the hydrants north of the Fire Station. Those south of station will be flushed on Tuesday. Work will be rescheduled in the event of inclement weather.

BEES AND DANBY HISTORY

Submitted by M.A.Barr, Town Historian

BEES ARE INTERESTING LITTLE CREATURES. Though small, they occupy an important part in our lives and our history. But what about their history?

You could say recorded bee genealogy goes back as far as 7000BCE, the date of a rock painting in Spain depicting a human gathering honey from a hive. I learned that from a recent article in the Ithaca Journal (Saturday, August 22, 2020), written by Donna Eschenbrenner, the Archivist at Tompkins County's History Center.

Today we almost take bees for granted. But before the early 1600s they were not in North America. Fast forward to the late 19th Century when, as Ms. Eschenbrenner's article tells, William LaMar Coggshall of Groton, NY became one of the most successful beekeepers of his time, expanding his honey business across the country and even into Cuba. Coggshall's success hung on his development of *out-yards*.

Out-yards are bee colonies located away from the home farm and Mr. Coggshall developed thousands. One of his out-yard locations was here in Danby. And that is one of the ways bee-keeping came to be part of Danby's history.

I hope eventually to dig up more information on W. L. Cogshall's bee out-yards and perhaps other honeybee enterprises in Danby's past. Meantime, if anyone has information about bee keeping history in Danby it would bee great to add it to our history archives. Send information to [mbarr@townofdanbyny.org].

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next year. By the time you read this the Board will have acted. Check here next month to find out who our new Clerk is!

As for the planner, we decided to re-post the position rather than go back to the list of applicants from the last round. I did approach our second choice from that process (who would have been a worthy successor to the amazing Jason Haremza), but he turned me down. Since the hiring of a replacement is apt to take a while, we turned to John Czamanske, who served us ably as interim during our previous search, to ease our transition yet again, which he has graciously agreed to do. Jason too, as he is able, will help out. Since we went through this process a year ago, we can do it again more expeditiously. I might even be able to announce a selection next month. If not, I will at least update you on how the search is going.

Budget Work

The Town Board and I are hard at work producing the budget for 2021. This is very much a collaborative effort. Although the budget is, in theory, mine to propose and the Board's to modify, the reality here in Danby is that Laura Shawley, my assistant and Town Bookkeeper, supports and coordinates our work. We are very fortunate to have her on our team.

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COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, Tompkins County Legislator

THE OPTIONS FOR VOTING in the upcoming election have expanded.

You can vote on Election Day, November 3, 6am-9pm. As of this writing, the polling place for ALL Danby voters will be the Danby Fire Station on NYS Rt.96B. There will not be voting taking place at the West Danby Fire Station.

If you want to vote early, you can do so from October 24 to November 1. The hours vary each day, so check the Tompkins Board of Elections web site or call it at 607.274.5522. The two locations are the Town of Ithaca Town Hall at 215 North Tioga Street in Ithaca, or

the Crash, Fire, and Rescue Building next to the airport at 72 Brown Road. You can vote at either location.

If you want to vote by absentee ballot, you must first request one either by contacting the Board of Elections, or by using the NYS Absentee Ballot Portal (use that term for an internet search). You are permitted to choose the category "temporary illness" as the reason you are requesting an absentee ballot, and that covers

Supervisor's Update, cont'd from page 5

So far, the Board has had a general discussion of overall objectives and will focus on the general fund at next week's budget session. In addition, a joint review with the Water District's Board of Commissioners and operator has resulted in a significant adjustment in the District's budget, one that will be very noticeable to district residents. See Tod Sukontarak's item elsewhere in this issue for more on that. I should be able to give you a pretty good idea of the overall budget by next month. As has been the practice for quite a while, the Board will vote to authorize exceeding the tax cap at the Sept 23 meeting. That doesn't necessarily mean we will do so, but we are making it possible should we judge it to be needed.

White Hawk Ecovillage Seeks to Include Affordable Housing

There exists a Tompkins County Community Development Fund, a pool of money (supported in part by Cornell University and Tompkins County) whose purpose is to promote affordable housing within the county. White Hawk Ecovillage is applying for funding to any concern you may have about the pandemic. No further explanation is required.

You will have several options for returning your completed ballot. You can mail it back. If you do so, send it back as early as you can in order to avoid any problems with postal delivery. You can also submit it in

> person to the Board of Elections (there will be a mail slot in the building), or to your polling place on Election Day, or to the early voting polling places when they are open.

We are expecting 30,000 absentee ballots in Tompkins County. If you are comfortable doing so, using the early voting option will put the least amount of stress on the local election system.

It is very likely that the election results will not be finalized for weeks after Election Day. This is an important message to understand and to spread: delayed results are to be expected, and do not indicate that the results are illegitimate.

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

make new housing in their development more affordable. They approached the Town Board for a resolution of support and found unanimous approval. If they are successful, 4-6 houses will be lower cost.

Tax Abatement in Exchange for Conservation Easements

A proposal originating in the tax working group, a committee of the Planning Group, has been endorsed by the Town Board and will now be pursued with the State Legislature. Upon recommendation by both the Conservation Advisory Council and the Planning Board, the working group's additions to the program as enacted in four NY Towns were removed. What is proposed now exactly matches what the other Towns have previously gotten the State to authorize (we need State enabling legislation to supersede provisions in State tax law with a local law). If we can get the State to authorize us to do what they have already allowed these four other Towns to do, we will set up a program to trade property tax abatement for conservation easements.

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CAC UPDATE

Submitted by Clare Fewtrell, Conservation Advisory Council

THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL held its monthly meeting via Zoom on September 8.

We had hoped to finalize the Management Plans for the Town's Sylvan Lane and Deputron Hollow Road properties. However, concerns were raised that not enough history or previous plant and tree surveys had been included. These will now be added as appendices and the complete documents circulated to the CAC members before our next meeting.

There was more discussion of the three properties for sale on Deputron Hollow Road and how to ensure that they are not developed. The logging ordinance subcommittee had not been able to meet since our last CAC meeting, but will do so very soon and will review the draft ordinance that was developed by the subcommittee a couple of years ago. In the next month or two we hope to be able to offer a webinar on logging to help landowners understand the value of the timber on their land and how to log it sustainably. This will be announced in the Danby News.

DID YOU KNOW: IN DANBY

Submitted by Ted Crane

- Danby's 53.55 square miles of land are filled with 2,015 properties totalling 33,766 acres.
- In 2019, the total assessed value of the 2,015 properties was \$326,132,847. The land itself, however, was only worth \$79,383,730. The bulk of the value,— \$246,749,117—came from homes, structures, and other improvements to the land.
- The 100 largest properties (of the 2,015) occupy 11,703 acres—more than 34 percent of the total.
- Ten years ago, land was assessed uniformly at \$1000 per acre and it was worth about \$33,766,000. Since then, thanks to changed methodology employed by the Tompkins Country Assessment Department, the land value increased about 235 percent, a far greater increase than was applied to homes, and disproportionately affecting larger properties.
- The homes and other improvements on the Big-100 are valued at \$9,487,113—on average, only 76 percent of homes, etc. on smaller properties.

LAND RICH AND CASH POOR, describes the dilemma faced by owners of larger properties. Cheaper homes, with, higher taxes while their acreage creates open space to increase the quality of life for Danby's residents. Ruth Sherman has sent letters to the owners of Danby easement properties to arrange dates for our annual inspection of the easements. George Adams shared the latest version of Camille Doucet's proposed sign to be displayed on easement properties. Several modifications were suggested. Once the design is finalized we will ask easement holders whether they would like to display these signs on their properties. Two potential new easements were also briefly discussed and will be pursued.

The CAC was extremely sorry to hear that Town Planner Jason Haremza will be leaving us at the end of the month. We have all enjoyed working with him so much and he has achieved an enormous amount in the short time he has been with us, in spite of the challenges of the shutdown. We will miss him but wish him all the very best as he returns to Rochester.

Our next meeting will be held, via Zoom, Tuesday, October 13, 7pm.

Supervisor's Update, cont'd from page 6

Conservation easements are a voluntary relinquishing of development rights. Danby is already accepting permanent conservation easements. This program would add the possibility of temporary easements, with tax abatement linked to the length of the easements (starting with a 50 percent reduction for a 15-year commitment and topping out at 90 percent for a permanent easement).

More Speed Limit Reductions Proposed

Except for villages and cities, local municipalities in NY State do not have the authority to set the speed limits on local roads. We have to petition the State DOT for reductions. Town Board member Leslie Connors brought forth a batch of proposed reductions for Town Board consideration and the Board voted unanimously to send them on (they actually have to go to the County first, then on to the DOT). Reductions to 35mph are requested for a section of Troy Road and for the Fieldstone Circle, Old Town Village and Beardsley Lane subdivisions. The process of review by the DOT takes a long time, so speedy action is unlikely. It would be nice if the Town could decide for itself what the speed

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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.



Life In The Times Of Coronavirus photo by Ted Cran "Solving puzzles to the mellow online voice of Governor Cuomo."

Supervisor's Update, cont'd from page 7

limits should be on its local roads. Leslie chairs a traffic safety committee that will revisit seeking that authority and also look at other traffic safety options. You can still join her committee to advance this important work [lconnors@townofdanbyny.org].

Marsh Road Paving

We have been holding off on capital investment in our roads this year because of uncertainty surrounding State funding. It now appears that the State will fund 80 percent of what they otherwise would have and so a list of projects to actually be undertaken needs to be agreed to by the Town Board and the Highway Superintendent. That list will be dealt with during the September 23 meeting but, in order to get started ASAP, the Board agreed as a first step to the paving of Marsh Road since the road was prepped last year and needs to be surfaced to protect that investment. This project will be some-

Danby Community Library

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

EQUESTS FOR BOOKS AND MOVIES WILL BE DUE on Tuesday, with pick up of your items on Thursday or Saturday 10am-Noon. Choose your pick up time in the comment section of the Book Request form. Once your request has been made you will receive a confirmation Email. Go to Danby's web site and click on the Community



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Library link to view all the materials.

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

THE DANBY SENIORS REMAIN ON HIATUS. We were hoping to get together in December but it's not looking good to gather. We'll keep you posted. Stay well!

thing of an experiment. We typically pave to 20 feet but plow to 24. The Highway Superintendent discovered that paving to 24 feet would actually be cheaper than adding shoulder material following paving to 20, so we will give that a try. That way the wing on the plow truck will be less likely to wear away the edge of pavement. The risk is that the wider road will encourage faster speeds. To try to mitigate that, we will stripe the shoulders so that the travel lanes remain 10 feet. That will be a first for Danby Highway. You can tell which are Town roads and which are County roads by the stripes—Town roads don't have them, until now. Still no stripe down the middle though so you can still tell them apart.

Always feel free to contact me about any of the above or to share your thoughts on anything else: [supervisor@townofdanbyny.org] or 607.227.4440. \$

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Community Council Youth Programs



Happy Fall!

Summer programs were a huge success. I hope to keep up this momentum as we move along with the change of seasons and the start of school.

A full listing of October programs is below. Although they have all begun in September, if you are seeing these postings for the first time, feel free to contact me and I will let you know if there are any remaining openings.

If you would like to register for programs or join my mailing list for real-time updates, please send me an Email.

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

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Outdoor Adventures - Grades 4 & 5

Mondays, October 5, 19, 26, November 2, 2:30-5pm Dotson Park

Join me after school as we explore the landscape of Dotson Park. During this program, we will play games, make fires (and cook over them, too!), and create nature-based crafts. We will also receive a visit from environmental educators of the NYS Parks Department, who will help us better understand the plants and animals around us. Please come prepared for the weather and ready to explore!

(We may sometimes meet at Jennings Pond or the Danby State Forest)

Wood Works - Girls in grades 6-9

Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 4:30-6:30pm Brooktondale Community Center

This program is a continuation of the September weekend workshop at the Hammerstone of Carpentry for Women, but youth who did not attend the workshop are still welcome! We will continue practicing our carpentry skills, and will work together to re-finish picnic tables at the Brooktondale Community Center.

Trail Crew - Grades 6-8

Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28, 4:30-6:30pm Jennings Pond

Have you ever wondered who created the trails that we rely on to wander through our state parks? During this program, you will learn how they were created, and how to help maintain them! With the guidance of NYS Park personnel, we will work together to clean up the trails at Jennings Pond.

Ghouls Rule: Halloween Party Planning Grades 4-8

Thursdays, October 1, 15, 22, 29, 3-6pm also October 31, time and location to be announced! Jennings Pond

Halloween is coming early this year! Join me as we work together to plan a family gathering on Halloween, itself. Do you love creating crafts and costumes? Have you always wanted to organize a haunted forest walk? Plans will be youth-driven, and possibilities are endless. We will, of course, keep social-distancing in mind when planning our gathering. But - during a time when trick-or-treating may be out of the question, this gathering will surely be a blast!

We will begin meeting at Jennings Pond, but may change locations depending on where youth decide to host the gathering. Please note that this is a mixed agegroup program. Elementary students will arrive earlier than middle schoolers due to their earlier dismissal time.

Correct answers to the Fire District quiz: 1: 1946, 2: NYS municipal entity, 3: Two fire departments, 4: An all-volunteer organization with a parttime paid treasurer and secretary, 5: Five year terms, 6: 59, 7: 262, 8: A tax levy, Bonus: Ralph Bowles Danby Community Council Danby Area News 1830 Danby Road Ithaca, NY 14850



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Oct 1 • Thu

Noon Community Church • Seniors (cancelled) 7pm Zoom • Danby Community Council Mtg

Oct 3 • Sat

9am 🖨 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

Oct 6 • Tue

7pm 🙀 Zoom • Planning Group Meeting

Oct 12 • Mon

7pm 🙀 Zoom

Public Hearing: Highway Superintendent Voting Change 7pm Azoom • Town Board Meeting 7pm Azonby Fire Hall • Fire Dep't Meeting 7pm A West Danby Fire Hall • WD Fire Dep't Meeting

Oct 13 • Tue

7pm 🙀 YouTube • Fire District Meeting 7pm 🙀 Zoom • Conservation Advisory Council Mtg

Oct 15 • Thu

4-6pm 🙀 Community Church • Danby Food Pantry

Oct 20 • Tue

7pm 🙀 Zoom • Planning Board Mtg 7pm 🙀 YouTube • Fire District Meeting

Oct 21 • Wed

7pm 🕰 Zoom • Town Board Meeting

Meeting	Date	Zoom Mtg ID	Pword	
Planning Group	Oct 6	954 0523 2483	064352	
Town Board	Oct 12	unknown	???	
CAC	Oct 13	972 1566 0090	423584	
Planning Board	Oct 20	unknown	???	
Zoning Appeals	???	unknown	???	
Town Board	Oct 21	unknown	???	
To join a meeting by telephone, call 646.876.9923				

Nov $3 \bullet$ Tue

All Day 🙀 Danby Fire Hall General Election Day 7pm 🙀 Town Hall • Planning Group Meeting (?)

Nov 5 • Thu

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

Nov 7 • Sat

9am 🕰 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

Nov 9 • 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
Nov 10 • Tue
7pm Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting
7pm Town Hall • Conservation Advisory 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 C←⇔⇔ 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