

# DANBY NEWS

## SEARCH FOR LIFE...ON MARS!

Submitted by Ted Crane, Community Council

IMAGINE YOURSELF AS AN ASTRONAUT, your home as a space station or a habitat on the Moon or Mars, and your family as your crew.

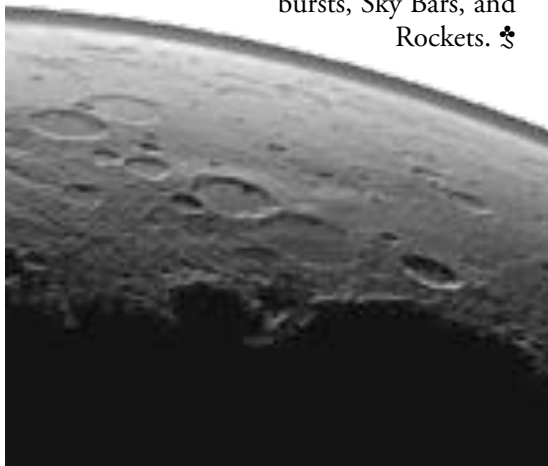
On Sunday, March 7, 2021, 3pm, join Zoe Learner Ponterio from Cornell's Spacecraft Planetary Imaging Facility for an afternoon of fun facts, pictures, and videos of Mars.

To join in, visit the DCC's web page [[danbycc.org](http://danbycc.org)]; you'll find the Zoom link at the top of the front page and also on the events page.

NASA's latest Mars rover, Perseverance, and first-of-its-kind extraterrestrial aircraft, the helicopter Ingenuity, have both landed safely on Mars! These robotic explorers are just beginning their traverse across an ancient river delta in Jezero Crater, which was once a vast lake.

With previous rovers having firmly established that Mars was once a warmer, wetter, more habitable world, "Percy" will hunt for signs of ancient life in the ground, while "Genny" will scout the area from the air.

Be sure to have some healthy snacks handy during the presentation, or at least some (less healthy but topic-related) Mars and Milky Way Bars, Smarties, Moon Pies, Starbursts, Sky Bars, and Rockets. ❁



## FUN SIGNS OF THE NEW REALITY

Idea Submitted by Katharine Hunter, Community Council

**A** YEAR AGO, we were thrust into a different life. We have learned how to be together, apart.

The Danby Community Council is thinking that March might give us a chance to try something fun and silly. March is full of celebration days: Pi Day (14), the Ides of March (15), St.Patrick's Day (17), the Countdown to Tax Day, the Vernal Equinox (20), and even four Wednes Days.

During our February meeting, we wondered...what can we do in March? Something to share with people, but without actually getting too close to them? Paint our houses green? Not likely. Plaster the Town with cut-out shamrocks, put bright happy flowers and plants along the Town's roads? Maybe.

But...how about the week March 14 (almost the Ides) to March 21 (after St.Pats)...put some seasonal, celebrative symbols out there on your porch or in your front yard for everyone to see.

The *Tourists of Danby* might see bouquets of shamrocks or flowers, Mardi Gras floats (or just strings of beads), big dollar signs, pink flamingos, or whatever bright objects we have been hiding in our closets, basements, or attics.

How about a forest of tennis and badminton racquets? Or a pyramid of basketballs? A dome of interlocking hula hoops? A gaggle of geese, or even a murder of crows?

Do your display, then take a socially distanced tour of Danby's roads! ❁

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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. ❁

## PERENNIAL PLANT EXCHANGE

By Eric Banford

**I'M LOOKING OUT OUR WINDOWS** at garden beds buried in snow. It's hard to imagine that spring is actually not that far away. Seed racks are showing up in stores and catalogs in mailboxes. Hope "springs" eternal!

Last year I put out a call for folks interested in gathering to exchange perennial plants. Despite the pandemic, we were able to safely go to the annual plant exchange that Dan Klein organizes each May. In addition, a bunch of us gathered in the fall to swap rhizomes, bulbs, cuttings, and seeds we had each collected. It was fun to swap our experiences for the year: what grew well, what struggled, some stories of the origin of the plants that we brought. I came away with some fun varieties to add to our yard and with a deeper connection to our community.

Plants are such giving beings, if you properly care for them, they reward you with abundance! I bought two elderberries years ago and each March I take cuttings and root them. I have freely given or traded dozens of these plants with gardeners all around the county, and I have received an abundance of fruit from my bushes, as well as new plants from my trades. The more I give, the more I get. That is the beauty of working with plants.

If you'd like to join our growing list of enthusiasts, please contact me, 774.212.2872 or [[brew\\_bird@yahoo.com](mailto:brew_bird@yahoo.com)]. You do not need to already have tradable plants to join, just like plants, this group freely, "pays it forward."

I look forward to connecting and sharing with you. Thanks. ❧

### Danby Fire District Mowing Proposals Sought

The Danby Fire District is soliciting proposals for lawn mowing at the Danby and West Danby Fire Stations for the 2021 season. Anyone interested in submitting a proposal should contact the Danby Fire District, 1780 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 or call 607.319.4721 for a list of requirements. Proposals need to be submitted to the Secretary by 7pm on March 8, 2021, by mailing proposal to Danby Fire District, Attn: Secretary, 1780 Danby Road, Ithaca, New York 14850 or by Email to [[secretary@danbyfiredistrict.org](mailto:secretary@danbyfiredistrict.org)]. Proposals will be considered during the March 9, 7pm meeting of the Danby Fire District. ❧

Ronda Roaring tells us that...

The DEC now has nursery tree and bush stock available. Please plant only native plants. [[www.dec.ny.gov/animals/75799.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/75799.html)]. ❧

## LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS

Submitted by Katie Hallas, Cooperative Extension

**TOMPKINS FOOD FUTURE** is a bold movement to build a more sustainable, equitable, healthy and affordable local food system for all members of our community. Tompkins County residents are invited to share their thoughts in a brief questionnaire that will lay the groundwork for a community food system plan to achieve our collective vision.

Find the questionnaire on the web at [[tompkinsfoodfuture.org/participate](http://tompkinsfoodfuture.org/participate)]. ❧



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## W.D. WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak

**F**OR REASONS OF SICKNESS among commissioners and Carl's responsibility for maintaining Town roads during snow storms, our January and February District meetings were each informal discussion as we didn't have a quorum. We did have productive discussion among those who attended, though there are no minutes as they weren't official meetings.



We do have some exciting news in the District. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County is

sponsoring a program to utilize smart technology—the

Internet of Things, IoT—to serve the public good. We were contacted and asked if we would be interested in participating in the program.

CCE is coordinating with an IoT class at Cornell; student teams will select municipal projects and they will be responsible for designing a way to monitor and record important information to the utility. We were among the projects selected. A team of four students, with input from Tod, will design and implement a well water depth monitoring system for our water supply. The benefit to us is that, long term, we will have a better idea of the capacity of our well. The larger benefit will be to develop a way to provide that information to bigger populations among the 50 million people in this country who rely on private wells in times of increasing drought events.

Our next meeting date can be found on the Calendar page of the Town of Danby web site. ❁

## HATS OFF TO FIRE VOLUNTEERS

Submitted by Katherine Anderson, Danby Fire Commissioner

The all-volunteer members of the Danby and West Danby firehouses must meet rigorous training and certification requirements. They spend many hours each year training to make sure that they are well-prepared to assist at the scene of a fire, accident or other emergency.

### Requirements for all members:

- Hazardous Materials Operations
- Department orientation
- Rules, regs, and standard operating procedures
- Station orientation
- Equipment and apparatus orientation
- Radio communication protocols
- Blood-borne pathogens
- Obtain and maintain CPR certification
- Basic first aid
- OSHA scene and station safety

Specific volunteer roles require additional training.

### Support

- Incident Command System

### Fire Police

- State Fire Police course

### Engineer

- Emergency Vehicle Operator course
- In-house training on apparatus

### Exterior Firefighter

- Fire behavior, arson awareness
- Accident victim extrication
- In-house training on apparatus
- Overhaul and mop-up operations
- Wild-land/brush fires

### Interior Firefighter

- SCBA qualified
- Firefighter I or equivalent
- Firefighter survival
- In-house training on each apparatus
- Accident victim extrication training
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Trained and certified to NYS Health Department standards

### Company Line Officers

- Incident Command System
- Incident safety Officer
- Fire Officer I
- Interior or Exterior Firefighter
- Hazardous Materials Command Training
- Fire behavior and arson awareness

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering for one of these roles, contact Danby Fire Chief John Gaden, [[jjgaden@danbyfiredistrict.org](mailto:jjgaden@danbyfiredistrict.org)] or West Danby Fire Chief Scott Wendt, [[swendt@danbyfiredistrict.org](mailto:swendt@danbyfiredistrict.org)]. ❁

## RECORDING THE TIMES... FOR HISTORY

Submitted by M.A. Barr, Town Historian

**T**HIS MONTH MARKS ONE YEAR since Danby's Town Hall was closed due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, then reopened a short time later with safety protocols in place.

Most of us thought this a temporary set up with normality returning by summer. By Halloween we were adjusting as best we could to the "new normal." We used our ingenuity to deal with everything from shopping (or not) to how to keep young people occupied and engaged without the usual interaction with friends and teachers. Danby adapted with resilience, patience and imaginative ideas.

We all have stories to tell about 2020. Many might be good for the history books in years to come. As Town Historian, I would like to gather Danby's Pandemic stories, our individual accounts of getting through this historic time; a journal of sorts to go in the Historian's library for future Danbyites to read.

If you would like to contribute to this journal you can mail what you write to me at Danby Town Hall, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY, 14850-9419, or Email to [mbarr@townofdanby.org]. What you write can be "short and sweet" or longer and detailed. All submissions will be edited to fit the purpose of the booklet. ✂

## DONATE DOLLARS...FOR FREE

Submitted by Ted Crane

**A**RE YOU HOUSE-BOUND? Are you ordering *even more* from Amazon? The *AmazonSmile* program to benefit Danby's community organizations.

It costs you nothing beyond the minutes required to sign up. You visit [smile.amazon.com], search for a local organization (enter "Danby" in the search box), select one...and done! Amazon will now donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases when you shop.

Remember to start your Amazon purchase at *AmazonSmile* but, once there, everything works as you already expect.

You're not limited to my favorites, the Danby Community Council and the Danby Community Park Association...but it sure is nice to use this free program to support in-town groups and their free concerts, informational programs, festivals, and more. ✂

## ENERGY NAVIGATOR TRAINING

Submitted by Emily Belle, CCE of TC

**H**ELP PEOPLE REDUCE ENERGY USE and bills, and transition to renewable energy!

This interactive, in-depth training prepares volunteers to help others in the community to understand their energy use, to make progress towards reducing energy use and bills, and to switch from fossil fuels to renewables. The focus is on helping low- and moderate-income residents—both homeowners and renters—save energy and money.

Applications are due Friday, March 19 and training begins on Wednesday, April 14. For more information and to apply, [getyourgreenbacktompkins.org/navigators] or contact me, [eb773@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292.x262. ✂

## PARK PLAYGROUND LEARN AND SHARE EVENT!

Submitted by Mish Lenhart

**A**RE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING about the natural playground in Dotson Park? Do you have ideas to contribute? Are you willing to volunteer to help with the next planning and implementation phase?

Join the Danby Community Park Association on Sunday, March 28, 3pm, for the Park Playground Informational and Idea-gathering Zoom meeting: MeetingID: 990 3154 9385, PassCode: 751053.

Phase one of the playground—including the boulder scramble, slide, benches, and boardwalk—was completed in 2019 thanks to a small group of dedicated volunteers, donors, and a grant. Now we are ready to start phase two of the natural playground, and we want you to be involved! Phase two includes building low tree forts, a small amphitheater and stage area for kids to perform, and more.

All Danby residents are invited to Zoom in and brainstorm ideas for the future of the natural playground. You might just listen and learn, or share a creative idea for the plan, or you might even decide to join the Natural Playground Advisory Committee, if you are really passionate about this project!

We hope to see you on March 28 to kick off the park's playground planning season! If you'd like more information, contact the DCPA at [dotsonpark@gmail.com] or check out our web site [dotsonpark.org]. ✂

## COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, Tompkins County Legislator

**I**N JANUARY, the Tompkins County Legislature voted to increase the tax on AirBnBs from 3 to 5 percent. The vote was 8 to 5, and I voted against this increase. This comes at the same time that the City of Ithaca will be increasing its tax by 5 percent, so that an AirBnB in the City of Ithaca will now pay a 10 percent tax on each booking.

The final sales tax numbers for 2020 came in. Sales tax revenue in Tompkins County was down 10.4 percent from 2019. This is the largest drop in sales tax revenue in NY State, outside of NY City.

Home sales in Tompkins County in 2020 were down somewhat from 2019, but were virtually tied with 2017 and 2018 numbers at 856 home sales. But the median sale price jumped from \$235,000 in 2019 to \$258,500 in 2020. For those of us who have been here for decades, that price tag is astounding.

The vaccination story changes so often that any details I write here will likely be outdated by the time they are published. What I can say is that if you have questions about vaccinations and how to get an appointment, you

can call 2-1-1. At the time of this writing, they cannot make an appointment for you, but 2-1-1 can help answer your questions.

In the early days of the vaccine rollout, the Tompkins County Health Department's website received 38,000 hits on one day. The County Public Health Commissioner joked that the website may not have had 38,000 hits in the entire last decade. Another statistic: the County received 1800 doses of vaccine one week in early January. Before any publicity was sent out, those 1800 appointments were taken in 20 minutes.

The County Administrator said that 'uncertainty' was the word of 2020 and 'patience' may be the word of 2021. I have found that idea personally useful as I have tried unsuccessfully to book a vaccination appointment for my 90-year old mother, and as I contemplate potentially having to wait until September to get my shot, since I am in the lowest priority group.

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

## FREE HOT WATER! REALLY?

Submitted by Ted Crane, Energy Navigator

**M**IND THE FINE PRINT BUT, YES, you can get free hot water.

Previous Danby News articles in this series have talked about the Heat Pumps. This one is going to zero in on one—sometimes optional—component of a Heat Pump: the *desuperheater*.

Let's parse that. *Heater*: something that raises the temperature; *super*: over and above, sounds even hotter; and *de*: negation, opposite. So this is something that gets rid of extra heat.

In plain words, a Heat Pump is a mess of pipes with two mechanical devices: a compressor and an expansion valve. The electric-powered compressor compresses a refrigerant gas, raising the gas'

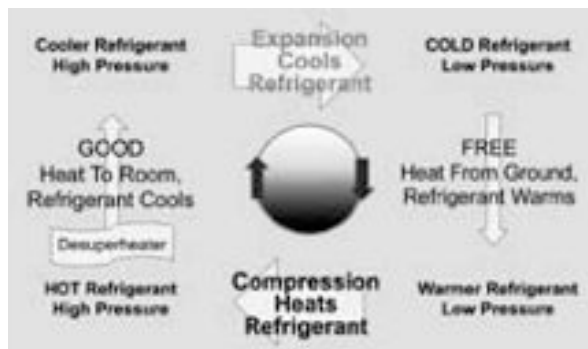
temperature. All the plumbing from the compressor to the expansion valve is *the hot side*. The expansion valve, no surprise, allows the gas to expand, lowering its temperature. The plumbing from there back to the compressor is *the cold side*.

With apologies to the McDLT™, the goal is to make the hot side cooler and the cold side hotter, moving heat into (or out of) a dwelling.

A desuperheater, really nothing more than a heat exchanger, is placed in the hottest part of the hot side—the plumbing immediately after the compressor. It heats hot water by transferring some heat from the refrigerant, leaving a bit less heat energy for the Heat Pump to work with.

In the winter, when the hot side is in your house (and the cold side is outdoors), using a desu-

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## PARTICIPATING IN TOWN MEETINGS A BRIEF ZOOM TUTORIAL

Submitted by Ted Crane

**S**INCE THIS SPRING, Town Government has been happening largely by videoconferencing using Zoom. Here's how to join a meeting *in the comfort of your own Home*.

- ① If you don't have internet, you can dial in with any touchtone phone. It's a lot better with video, though.
- ② If joining with video, download Zoom from [[zoom.us](https://zoom.us)]. It's free. Run the program; you don't need to establish an account, but it can be convenient to do so. Most default settings are acceptable. It is worthwhile to check for updates every month or so.
- ③ If the Zoom MeetingID and PassCode aren't in the *Danby News*, try going to the Town web site calendar. Click on the event. There's usually a link there that'll run Zoom and get you into the meeting. Phone callers, you'll also find the MeetingID and PassCode on that page, along with a phone number to dial.
- ④ Turn on your audio and/or video. It's polite to keep your audio muted until you have something to say (and to wait to be recognized). It's also useful to set your *screen name*, although you don't have to.

⑤ The Town Board has recently chosen to disable Zoom's chat function. Side conversations between members of the public are still possible using text messaging (display your phone number?) and other programs outside Zoom.

⑥ Similarly, Zoom recording is not permitted by default, and you must use a third-party program to record the meeting. Screenshots work, though.

⑦ Most computers, these days, have a built-in mic. It works fine...but *any* dedicated microphone is bound to help you sound better, if that matters to you.

⑧ Video participants, the control to raise your hand is located in the *Participants* panel (show it by clicking on the like-named control at the bottom). Phone callers, you can mute/unmute yourself by dialing "\*6" and you can raise/lower your hand with "\*9". Meeting chairs often miss raised hands so, and only as a last resort, speak up and ask to be recognized.

☑ In general, meetings have two opportunities for you to speak your mind. Almost all meetings have *Privilege of the Floor* at the beginning; three minutes to speak on *any* subject. *Public Hearings* are held specifically for you to speak on a proposed action. There may (or may not) be a time limit. ❄

### ➤ *De Soup, continued from previous page—*

perheater will reduce the heat available to heat your house. The Heat Pump is generally sized to account for this, but it means the hot water isn't exactly free, just less expensive than other hot water.

In the summer, though, your Heat Pump can be used to cool your house. The cold side is in your house and the hot side is outdoors. The goal of the hot side is to get rid of heat, and a desuperheater is using energy you *want* to get rid of. You're getting free hot water!

Here's the fine print. None of it is a fatal flaw in typical situations.

- You can't easily use radiant (in-floor) systems to cool a house. The floor would sweat like a glass of cold water. Hot air systems with ductwork or mini-splits are great with a desuperheater.
- Industrial, ammonia-based desuperheaters can almost boil water but household heat pumps operate at much lower temperatures. It'll take a while to heat a tankful of hot water. Some experts recommend a

two-tank hot water system; the desuperheater preheats water to, say, 120°F in the first tank and that tank supplies a traditional water heater. In my own home, we just use the 120°F hot water; it can't provide restaurant-quality sanitization, but it's generally considered the maximum safe temperature from a hot water fixture.

- A desuperheater adds to the cost...but it pays for itself quickly.

Final words: always remember that a Heat Pump doesn't create heat, it just moves heat from one place to another. Every dollar spent running the compressor translates into three or four dollars worth of available heat (or, in the summer, air conditioning). It's an excellent way to cut your energy costs. *And you can get free hot water!*

Looking for ways to lower the cost—perhaps right down to zero—of energy-upgrading your home? Check out [[solartompkins.org/climatefund.html](https://solartompkins.org/climatefund.html)] or contact Lisa Marshall [[lisa@heatsmarttompkins.org](mailto:lisa@heatsmarttompkins.org)]. ❄

## TOWN TALK BECOMES HUDDLE TOGETHER!

Submitted by Gay Huddle

OVER THE PAST 17 YEARS, it has been my pleasure to share stories from local neighborhoods in the *Ithaca Journal*. My column started out as *Danby Town Talk* in 2004. When I began to cover stories from West Danby, Newfield, upper South Hill and Brooktondale, the *Ithaca Journal* changed the title to *Southern Tompkins Town Talk*.

I had written 682 columns when I received notification from the *Ithaca Journal* that the *Town Talk* columns (mine and the Spencer VanEtten column written by Sally Marx and the column written by Katrina Morse for the Family Reading Partnership) were going to be discontinued. My last column would be on January 28.

I would now like to invite folks to continue sending me local stories and news about local events. I have set up a new Facebook page (a work in progress called *Huddle Together*), giving me the opportunity to continue writing.

I am so grateful for the support I have received for this new project, and also for the many kind messages telling me how much readers are going to miss my printed column. I ask that information be sent to me at [[gayhuddle@hotmail.com](mailto:gayhuddle@hotmail.com)] and I am always open to story ideas from any Tompkins County neighborhoods. Thank you. ❁



Josiah Swiller "catching air" on the Slow Lane slope  
—photo by Leah Murphy-Swiller

## CAC UPDATE

Submitted by Clare Fewtrell, Conservation Advisory Council

DANBY'S CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL had another long but productive meeting on February 9. Our annual report for 2020 was approved and will be forwarded to the Town Board. The CAC's Management Plans for the Town's Deputron Hollow and Sylvan Lane properties were reviewed by the Town Board and the public was invited to comment during a Public Hearing on February 17; we hope they were approved. Both properties will be left in their current state with the minimum management needed for conservation/preservation.

We are working hard to complete easements on several lovely Danby properties and hope to start negotiations on several more soon. Margaret Corbit, with input from Joel Gagnon, has written a brief *Step-by-Step Guide to Donating a Conservation Easement* in Danby, which is now available online at [[townofdanbyny.org/cac](http://townofdanbyny.org/cac)] We are also working on a separate conservation easement web page and will be presenting a Zoom meeting in May, during which we will describe the Danby easement program and answer any questions you may have. The date and time will be announced in next month's Danby News.

CAC members reviewed a preliminary draft of the proposed guidelines and requirements for landowners who wish to harvest timber on their properties. Before proceeding further we recommended that the logging subcommittee should consult with the Code Enforcement Officer and Highway Department, since they would be responsible for enforcing any logging ordinance. Their input will then be taken into consideration as we continue to work on the draft at our next meeting.

The CAC meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be held (via Zoom) on March 9, 7pm. ❁





## Community Council Youth Programs

Spring is just around the corner, and I'm looking forward to saying goodbye to winter. The Pandemic has forced us (for better or worse!) to spend our days in exciting outdoor programs, trudging through the snow.

The epic snow storm in early February really did a number on Dotson Park. Although it's created a great environment for sledding and building fires atop the snow, the snow made it nearly impossible to trek back into the woods. In March, I will begin holding indoor programs again at the South Hill Business Campus and will continue offering a few outdoor options as well. Please check the listings below for more information.

As always, I am available by phone or email if you have any questions about ongoing or upcoming programming. If you would like to sign your youth up for programs, or if you have any questions, visit [[www.danbycc.org/YouthPrograms](http://www.danbycc.org/YouthPrograms)] or contact me, 585.236.6304 or [[mas759@cornell.edu](mailto:mas759@cornell.edu)].

—Melis Schildkraut

### Great Rube Goldberg Experiment - Grades 6-8

The South Hill Business Campus

Mondays, 4:30-6:30pm: 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29

Stretch the limits of your creativity and engineering skills while creating a Rube Goldberg machine! If you

haven't heard, Rube Goldberg machines are contraptions that use a complex set of chain reactions to accomplish a goal. So, you might start by rolling a ball down a ramp, which lands in a cup, pulls a lever, releases a ball, and rolls into a can that tips over and waters a plant! The Ithaca Science Center is allowing us to borrow gears, marbles, pulleys and more to help us create our machines.

### Maple Mania - Grades 4-6

Tenwood Lodge (986 Steam Mill Rd)

Tuesdays, 2:30-5pm: 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30

Come learn about maple sugaring with Russ & Kim Nitchman, owners of the Tenwood Lodge in Danby. Four years ago, they began their operation with just a few 5-gallon buckets but have since scaled up to more than 350 taps! During this program, we will learn how to identify sugar maples, tap trees, boil sap, and, of course, taste maple syrup! Russ & Kim both have a wealth of knowledge about syrup and the sugaring process and are excited to share their expertise.

### Outdoor Adventures

Dotson Park

Grades 6-8, Wednesdays, 2:30-5pm: 3/3-10-17-24-31

Grades 4-5, Thursdays, 2:30-5pm: 3/4-11-18-25, 4/1

Outdoor adventures continue! Get outside with your friends to play games, make fires, and play in the snow. The structure of this program will be fairly open-ended, allowing youth to experience self-directed play in a safe environment.

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## DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

**W**E CONTINUE TO OFFER OUTDOOR PICKUP, Thursday and Saturday mornings 10am-Noon.

Here is a brief review on selecting books from the library. For those of you with computer access go to the Town of Danby:Home page. Once there in the upper right hand corner click on Community Links and then on the left side of the page under Libraries you will choose Danby Community Library. When the library page opens up there will be instructions listed in 4 easy steps. Step #1 click on the highlighted link to go to the cloud collector for all the books and DVDs we have available. In the upper right hand corner of the cloud collector page there is a box with 4 squares. This will drop down to let you choose books or movies. Once you have made your choices step #2 will allow you to

open up the request form. Steps#3 and #4 provide you with further instructions for pick up and returns.

If you are having trouble navigating the online access call and we can help.

If you do not have computer access please feel free to call the library directly, 607.277.4200 and leave a message. We will do our best to assist in any way.

New acquisitions:

### Children's Books

*When will it be Spring?*

*Baby Bear Sees Blue*

*The Little Red Hen*

### Adult fiction

*NYPD Red 2* and *The BigBad Wolf* by James Patterson

*Stolen Prey* and *Twisted Prey* by John Sanford

*All The Devils Are Here* by Louise Penney

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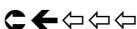
**DANBY NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR**

- Mar 1 • Mon  
 Zoom • **Town Board Meeting**  
 Create Open Development Zone at Marsh & Deputron Roads?
- Mar 2 • Tue  
 7pm  Zoom • **Planning Group Meeting**
- Mar 3 • Wed  
 5:30pm  Zoom • **WD Water Board Meeting**  
 6pm  Community Church • **Danby Food Pantry**
- Mar 4 • Thu  
 Noon  Community Church • **Seniors (cancelled)**  
 7pm  Zoom • **Danby Community Council Mtg**
- Mar 6 • Sat  
 9am  Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**
- Mar 7 • Sun  
 3pm  Zoom • **Danby Community Council presents**  
**Searching For Life...On Mars!**
- Mar 8 • Mon  
 7pm  Zoom • **Town Board Meeting**  
 7pm  Danby Fire Hall • **Fire Dep't Meeting**  
 7pm  West Danby Fire Hall • **WD Fire Dep't Meeting**
- Mar 9 • Tue  
 7pm  Danby Fire Hall/YouTube • **Fire District Meeting**  
 7pm  Town Hall • **Conservation Advisory Council Mtg**

- Mar 14 • Sun  
 2am  Everywhere! • **Clocks Spring Forward**
- Mar 16 • Tue  
 7pm  Zoom • **Planning Board Mtg**
- Mar 17 • Wed  
 7pm  Zoom • **Town Board Meeting**
- Mar 18 • Thu  
 4pm  Community Church • **Danby Food Pantry**
- Mar 23 • Tue  
 7pm  Danby Fire Hall/YouTube • **Fire District Meetin**
- Mar 28 • Tue  
 3pm  Zoom • **Park Plyground Learn & Share Meeting**
- Apr 3 • Sat  
 9am  Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**
- Apr 6 • Tue  
 7pm  Zoom • **Planning Group Meeting**
- Apr 7 • Wed  
 6pm  Community Church • **Danby Food Pantry**
- Apr 8 • Thu  
 Noon  Community Church • **Seniors (cancelled)**  
 7pm  Zoom • **Danby Community Council Mtg**
- Apr 12 • Mon  
 7pm  Zoom • **Town Board Meeting**  
 7pm  Danby Fire Hall • **Fire Dep't Meeting**  
 7pm  West Danby Fire Hall • **WD Fire Dep't Meeting**

Meeting	Date	Zoom Mtg ID	Pcode
Planning Group	Mar 2	954 0523 2483	064352
Town Board	Mar 8	980 8515 9868	754633
CAC	Mar 9	972 1566 0090	423584
Planning Board	Mar 16	958 0817 5336	245871
Town Board	Mar 17	971 0723 2988	535713
Zoning Appeals	None	986 3534 5196	281804
To join a meeting by telephone, call 646.876.9923			

**ONGOING EVENTS**

- Danby Community Library**  Town Hall  
 Books available via curbside pickup.  
 Can be returned in drop box.
- Danby Food Pantry**  Danby Community Church  
 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 6-8pm  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 4-6pm
- Food Scrap Recycling**  Town Hall   
 Saturdays, 9am-Noon