

DANBY NEWS

DANBY YOUTH THEATER PROGRAM

Submitted by Cathy Darrow, Community Council

ONE OF THE ROLES of Danby’s Community Council is to supervise the Youth Programs in Danby. This is accomplished in partnership with the Rural Youth Program at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County. In addition to funding from Tompkins County and the Town of Danby, a grant from the United Way is supporting a special, 8-week program, already underway, introducing our youth to the process of theater.

The program will culminate in a presentation on May 28, 2021, time and place TBA, for families of those involved. The teacher is Noah Elman, director and educator with the Hangar Theatre. Melis Schildkraut, our Youth Program leader, will be present and assisting.

Jorin Clougherty of Danby, who is assisting Noah with the program, provided the following description of the program:

The essence of this program gives kids a broad introduction into a theater production. We are not just teaching them what *stage left* means—we are guiding them as they create their own piece of theater from scratch.

These first couple of weeks we worked with them in figuring out how to warm up our bodies, voices, and minds. We have also discussed settings and started brainstorming the setting of our productions. In future weeks, we’ll work on characters and conflict.

There are about 10 kids in each group, one made up of 4th-5th graders and the other of 6th-8th graders. Each group has its own unique ideas about the things that they want to create.

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SPRING FLOWER DISCOVERY WITH ROBERT WESLEY

Submitted by Pamela Goddard

THE DANBY COMMUNITY COUNCIL wants to share the beauty of wildflowers with you, your Mom, and all who love the diversity and wonder of Mother Earth. Local botanist, Robert Wesley returns for another virtual plant



walk on Mother’s Day, Sunday afternoon, May 9, 3pm, all via the magic of Zoom.

You can find the meeting link on the Community Council web site, [danbycc.org].

Take a virtual stroll through spring in the Finger Lakes with Robert Wesley. See many of our interesting spring plants in flower, without the trouble of traveling to dozens of different sites. Uplands, wetlands, and many habitat types will be brought to us through the wonders of Zoom. Robert documents

and has extensive knowledge of the distribution and abundance of wild plant species in the Finger Lakes. His field photography is legendary, and has been shared in presentations through the Cornell Botanic Gardens and the Finger Lakes Native Plant Society.

Join us (through the Zoom link) and you will find that Robert refreshes your memory of common spring flowers, and introduces you to others you don’t yet know. His photos are stunningly beautiful, and his gently shared knowledge is a delight. Until we’re able to join him for public plant walks, this is a wonderful way to share the beauty of spring with your family.

The program is open to all, and appropriate for all ages. Bring your own snacks, sit in your most comfortable chair, and smell the roses! ❁

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DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submitted by Ted Crane

Submission Guidelines: Before submitting an item for the Danby News, please have a look at the *Submission Guidelines*. You can request them by Email from the editor at [danbynews@tedcrane.com] or find them at [danbyny.org/DanbyNews]. If you're thinking of sending something for publication in the Danby News, there's two documents to read: the

Guidelines and the *Submission Guidelines* at the same web location.

You'll learn what is, and isn't acceptable material for publication. If it's acceptable, we'll make an effort to include it; *generally, we print everything we receive!* You'll find hints about how to prepare a submission. Following these guidelines makes the editing and layout easier.

A terse version of these guidelines is in the left-hand column of this page. ❁

NATURE CHALLENGE

Submitted by Amexandra Moore

DANBY RESIDENTS ARE INVITED to join an annual *City Nature Challenge*, hosted locally by the Paleontological Research Institution. As community science initiatives continue to grow in popularity, this year's Challenge is expanding to more than 400 cities across six continents.

The Challenge begins on Friday, April 30, one minute after midnight, and runs through Monday, May 3. Current and aspiring community scientists, nature and science fans, and people of all ages and education backgrounds can observe and submit pictures of wild plants, animals, and fungi using the free mobile app iNaturalist [inaturalist.org]. The identifications will take place from Tuesday, May 4 to Sunday, May 9 and final results will be announced on Monday, May 10.

As Danby residents know, nature is all around us. One of the best ways to study nature and its biodiversity is by connecting scientists and local community members through community science. As global human populations become increasingly concentrated in cities, it's more important than ever to document urban biodiversity and help ensure the future of plants and wildlife. You can join in and help us make informed conservation decisions that allow both human and natural communities to thrive.

Participating is easy:

- ❶ Find wildlife in your home, neighborhood, backyard, or anywhere else! It can be any wild plant, animal, fungi, slime mold, or any other evidence of life, such as scat, fur, tracks, shells, or carcasses.
- ❷ Take pictures of what you find and upload with iNaturalist.
- ❸ Learn more as your observations are identified.

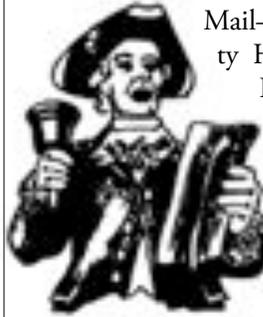
With travel restrictions due to the pandemic, scientists more than ever rely on observations from community scientists for important findings. Last year during the 2020 Nature Challenge, over 1,300 endangered, endemic, or data deficient species were observed! This influx of information gives scientists, educators, urban planners, and policymakers insight into the biodiversity of locations throughout the world. Join Us!

Contact me, [moore@priweb.org], for more info or visit the web site [inaturalist.org] (click on **Community > Projects**). ❧

HISTORICAL (?) CORRECTION

Submitted by M.A.Barr, Town Historian

TOMPKINS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION invites you to reflect on 2020; what the year meant to you, brought to you, or took from you. Essays up to 1,500 words (or up to five pages) welcome.



Mail—handwritten or typed—to County Historian, 125 East Court Street, Ithaca New York 14850. Or Email to [historian@tompkins-co.org].

Emailed essays will be acknowledged. Essays deadline is June 1, 2021. Each must be headed with the sentence: *I give the Tompkins County Historical Commission the right to place this essay in an archive or include for one-time use in a publication or public format* and must be signed and dated.

An incorrect address was published in last month's Danby News. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience. For more information, contact Carol Kammen, County Historian at the above address.

If writing an essay is daunting, think of writing a letter. And make it less than 1,500 words. Use as few words as you like. 2020 was an historic year. Tell your story. ❧

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W.D. WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak

ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY, May 10 and 11, we will be doing the first of our twice-annual hydrant flushing. The hydrants north of the fire station will be flushed Monday starting at 9am and those south of the station will be done on Tuesday starting at 9am as well.



The District Citizen Water Advisory Committee (new, more accurate name for Board of Commissioners)

sent a draft of our district policy to the Town Board to consider for approval. In our more than 50 years of existence we have never had a set of policies from which to work. Credit goes to Town leadership Joel Gagnon as well as our citizen advisors Bruce Richards, Anna Finley, Marrell Cortright, Carl Seamon, and Skip Fairchild for getting that done. They are now considering a rate restructure plan that has never been done in the existence of the district.

Our Cornell Internet of Things team is continuing progress in its effort to provide us with a means of monitoring well water depth. They came out to the pump house on April 10 to test the sonar level detector. That portion of the project worked. As the semester comes to an end they will be working to design and test other elements of the system. ❁

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Joel Gagnon, Town Supervisor

AS I WRITE THIS, we are close to three weeks farther along than normal in the progression of spring for this time of year, with the landscape looking more like mid-May than mid-April. For those of us trying to grow fruit, especially in the valley locations, that is a very precarious position to be in. A hard freeze, once buds have broken dormancy, can put crops at risk of diminished or no yields for the year. Snow is not the risk--it is the low temperatures. So, while I am enjoying seeing the early bloom, I can't help but be apprehensive about the downstream consequences. We have had fruitless years in the past with just such a setup. If you want a real challenge in your life, try growing fruit in the face of increasing weather extremes. Rhubarb and asparagus are a lot safer!

Fast Track for Planning

When the Town Board passed a subdivision moratorium covering Danby's low density zone last month, it also committed to trying to get the major changes done by the end of the year. That is a very ambitious timetable and will require some streamlining of the process. How to do that was the subject of the Town Board meeting on April 19, which I will have to report about to you next month since that meeting is post-deadline for the DAN. What is clear at this point though, is that the focus of the effort will be in the working groups. The conservation working group is looking at how to subdivide the vast monochromatic low density zone

AGRICULTURAL WORKING GROUP

Submitted by Betsy Keokosky

CALLING ALL THOSE ACTIVELY ENGAGED in farming or interested in preserving the future of agriculture in Danby! This notice is to announce the creation of an agriculture working group. The primary purpose of the group will be to discuss agriculture's role in preserving open space and rural character in the Town and formulate a list of suggestions to take the Town Board while they work on the larger zoning update. The group is open to everyone. Meetings will be held outside at Dotson Park on Saturdays, time TBD. If you are interested in participating, please send Email to [alysadevilliers@yahoo.com]. This is the time to get your ideas heard and possibly implemented! ❁

into sub-zones reflective of the diversity of our landscape and the existing and desired future development. Feedback and participation in that are very important to the process. The conservation group is meeting on the first and third Fridays, of the month, 7pm. See the link on the Town's web site calendar.

If you miss a meeting but want to listen in, the meetings are recorded and we are working on making access easy for you. They will be archived for viewing, and I hope to enable access by clicking on the meeting listing on the calendar as well.

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NYS BURN BAN THRU MAY 14

Submitted by Ted Crane

THE ANNUAL “BURN BAN” SEASON continues. As sunny, spring weather uncovers and dries last year’s plant debris, the chance for brush fires increases.



New York State prohibits open burning from March 16 thru May 14. Brush burning is prohibited across New York State, as are all intentional fires (larger campfires, household trash, etc.).

There are certain exceptions, like ceremonial bonfires.

Since the spring burn ban was implemented in 2009, the number of wildfires has decreased by more than 40 percent. Less airborne pollution, too.

The DEChasaFireDangermaponline at [dec.ny.gov/lands/68329.html].



I LOVE MY PARK DAY IN DANBY!

Submitted by Mish Lenhart, DCPA

WANT TO GET SOME FRESH AIR, meet Danby neighbors, and do something meaningful for the local community? Here’s your chance! The Danby Community Park Association is hosting a volunteer work event on Sunday, May 2, 10am-2pm. Join us in Dotson Park. We will begin work on the next, exciting phase of the natural playground. We need folks to help with tasks such as clearing brush, digging post holes, and using hand tools to begin building the tree fort. DCPA members are thrilled to begin installing the Danby Dragon, and volunteers may begin work on a Hugelkultur (hill mound) to form the body of the beautiful beast!

If you have loppers, clippers, shovels, wheelbarrows, or work gloves, please bring them with you—or just bring yourself and there will be tools and tasks for you when you arrive. All skill-levels welcome. Facial coverings are required. In case of inclement weather on May 2, check our Facebook page for updates or Email [dotsonpark@gmail.com] for inquiries.

DCPA owns the 92-acre Dotson Park on Danby Road. It is run by a volunteer Board of Directors, with volunteer labor for all projects, and with financial support from the Town, donations, and grants. All residents of Danby are DCPA members. Features of Dotson Park include walking trails, a natural playground with a story walk, and an 18-hole disc golf course. For more information, check out our web site [dotsonpark.org] or follow us on Facebook.



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The hamlet working group is trying to come to agreement on how and where to grow the hamlets. That includes identifying core commercial areas as well as areas into which to expand residential neighborhoods at a density that will facilitate affordable housing on smaller lots within walking distance of the core. Given all the constraints due to topography, streams, and wetlands, that is not an easy task. That group will be meeting regularly on the second and fourth Fridays of the month, 7pm. Same information for how to participate as for the conservation group.

Another group is forming focused on agriculture. With the face of agriculture in Danby changing, how do we plan for the future, and how can ag’s future be accommodated within the zoning? It isn’t yet clear when that working group will be meeting, but as with the others, the meetings will appear on the Town’s web site calendar. Click to join or ask to be on the contact list so you can get Email notice.

Speaking of contact lists, you can sign up to be on the planning contact list on the website to get general notices about what is happening and when for all of this.

Noise about Noise

Over the course of the last year since I have been in this position, I have heard from several people concerned about disruptive noise. Excessive gunfire, unmuffled ATVs, and dirt bikes, amplified music late into the night, and excessive dog barking are the usual complaints. What can someone who is disturbed by these things do about them? Are the tools available adequate? If not, what are the options? A group is forming to look into the answers to these questions. The Town Board has made it clear in recent discussion that they do not think that a noise ordinance should be the first response. It might turn out to be a necessary one, but perhaps not. I know from experience that it is very annoying to have one’s attention brought to an issue by law enforcement as the first sign of neighborhood concern. I also know that confronting a neighbor to tell them that you find their behavior disturbing doesn’t always elicit a friendly reply. So, the work of this committee is important and not easy. Let me know if you would like to be part of it and I will connect you to those already involved.

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COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, Tompkins County Legislator

IN JUNE 2020, GOVERNOR CUOMO ORDERED all municipalities with police departments to submit a report to Albany by April 1, 2021 on how they would address racial inequities in policing. The County's plan came out the last week of February. In the following five weeks, there was much public and legislative discussion about this topic.

The recommendation to disband and replace the Ithaca Police Department received lots of attention. We, the Tompkins County Legislature, work with the Sheriff's Department, and so we did not consider the Ithaca Police Department proposal. That decision was for the Ithaca Common Council.

Because of all the attention to the IPD recommendation, many people have not heard much about the other recommendations. Here is my very brief summary of the rest of the recommendations:

- Evaluate alternatives to law enforcement response systems
- Establish a pilot program for non-emergency calls
- Increase data collection
- Increase training
- Increase accountability
- Modify recruitment
- Reform Civil Service rules
- Public disclosure of data

Of course the devil is in the details, but I think most residents support the items on that list, and I believe most people in law enforcement do too.

We are also not implementing much yet that is specific. Five weeks was not enough time to think about, discuss, and enact big changes to public safety. Much of this will come around again with more details fleshed out, and can be implemented, modified, sent back for more study, or abandoned.

The changes being recommended came about because of the Governor's order to examine racial inequities in policing. However, we must understand that changes to the public safety system, regardless of motivation or of good intentions, could potentially negatively affect public safety overall. If we're being honest, we have to admit that we don't know the outcomes of some of the changes we are initiating. We should be comfortable admitting that there is an experimental quality to much of what we want to do.

I also feel that we need to acknowledge that serious crime in Tompkins County has skyrocketed in the last year, as reported by the Ithaca Journal. Robberies are up 266% in Ithaca. Rape is up 140%. Aggravated assault doubled. Burglary almost tripled. Kidnapping tripled. Acknowledging this and believing that we need to keep this in mind as we make changes to the public safety system is not misguided fear, it is not racism, it is not politics. It is data. It is real statistics.

Unless serious crime declines in Tompkins County, we may need to look at another set of public safety actions in the future. That might include providing more police tools and more police personnel—armed or otherwise. I do not think that the possibility of those kinds of public safety actions and addressing racial inequities in policing are necessarily mutually exclusive.

Finally, I want to thank the officers of the Ithaca Police Department and the Sheriff's Department. Police work, especially with the expectations we have, is almost an impossible job, and most of us are not willing to do it. That doesn't excuse bad behavior, and it does not mean that reform is not needed. I understand that injustice happens in a way that I personally do not usually have to contend with. But I am thankful for the police who are also fellow human beings, who often suffer a great personal cost for the work they do which many outside law enforcement do not really understand, who are fulfilling a difficult and necessary role in society, and who I believe want justice and a better society, just like the rest of us.

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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Resumption of In-person Meetings

As the pace of vaccinations picks up and more and more of us receive that protection from the threat of COVID, there will come a time in the not-too-distant future when we will be able to safely resume in-person meetings in Danby's Town Hall. Those of us lucky enough to have decent internet access have found the videoconference mechanism of attending meetings awfully convenient. No commute needed, no babysitter required, dinner can be eaten during the meetings. The Town Board wants to continue Zoom participation in our meetings even after the boards resume in-person

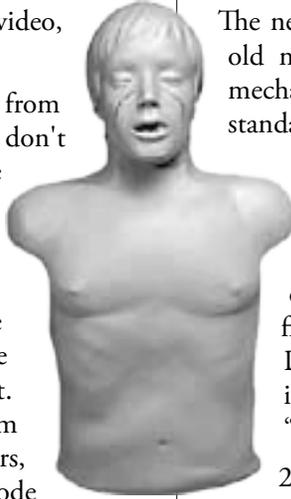
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PARTICIPATING IN TOWN MEETINGS A BRIEF ZOOM TUTORIAL

Submitted by Ted Crane

SINCE 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]. 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.



TRIAD FOUNDATION FUNDS LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT

Submitted by Katherine Anderson, Fire Commissioner

THE DANBY FIRE DISTRICT IS VERY GRATEFUL to the Triad Foundation for its recent grant to make it possible to purchase CPR manikins for the District and an Automatic Emergency Defibrillator (AED) for the West Danby Fire House.

The new manikins will replace the District's two very old manikins, neither of which have the feedback mechanisms necessary to comply with today's training standards. The dozen adult and child and several infant manikins acquired thanks to Triad's generosity will have CPR feedback mechanisms that can monitor compression speed and depth, something that is now required for the mandated courses and the training the District provides our firefighters and EMS volunteers. All of our Fire District volunteers are required to be proficient in both CPR and AED at the basic life support "professional/health care provider" level.

2015 American Heart Association updates to protocols called for practice at more frequent intervals than the two-year recertification cycle and 2020 updates are even more emphatic on this point, stating there is clear evidence that more frequent practice sessions have a huge positive impact on the quality of care.

For the past few years, the District borrowed manikins from Cornell University Emergency Medical Services and Environmental Health and Safety to meet training requirements. This arrangement, while appreciated, limited our ability to provide the frequency and scale of training needed. Having our own up-to-date manikins will allow all of our volunteers to practice every two or three months. Once the pandemic is over, the District will also offer training to the public as well.

The Danby Fire District not only thanks the Triad Foundation for this grant, but for the greatly appreciated support we have received during the last several years. ❁

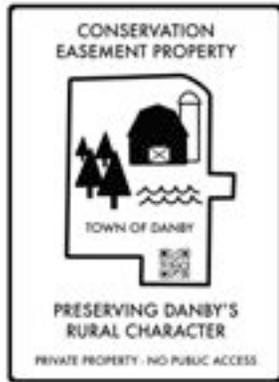
☑ In general, meetings have one or two opportunities for you to speak your mind. Almost all meetings have *Privilege of the Floor* at the beginning; three minutes to speak on *any* subject. Some meetings have *Public Hearings*, which are held specifically for you to speak on a proposed action. There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

CONSERVATION EASEMENT WORKSHOP

THURSDAY MAY 13, 7PM, VIA ZOOM.

This workshop will review the Danby Conservation Easement Program and explain the process of donating an easement. It will be led by Jonathan Zisk of the Conservation Advisory Council, with one or two easement holders speaking briefly.

There will be plenty of time for questions, which will be answered by members of the CAC. The Zoom link can be found on the Calendar at [townofdanbyny.org]. ❁



WEST DANBY CEMETERY MEETING

Submitted by Sandra Fish

THE WEST DANBY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION will hold its annual meeting on May 15, 2021, 10am, in the West Danby Fire Hall, 17 Sylvan Lane.

All lot owners and family members are encouraged to attend. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed.

Any questions, call 607.592.5923. ❁

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gatherings. Other Towns have found participation to have been enhanced by the ability to attend and participate remotely and most, if not all, of the Towns are equipping themselves to maintain this ease of access. So too, Danby. We will install a large screen TV or monitor and wide angle camera and the necessary interface so you can opt to attend either in person or by Zoom. We hope to have the technology in place so it is ready to go as soon as the Governor's order suspending the Open Meetings Law using his emergency power ends. Coming soon, I think.

As always, please feel free to contact me, [supervisor@townofdanbyny.org] or 607.227.4440, about any of these matters or anything else on your mind. ❁

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE starts May 1 and we will be able to choose new items to add to our collection. Tune in next month for some of our newest acquisitions.

New Books On CD:

- *True Devotion* by Dee Henderson

New DVD:

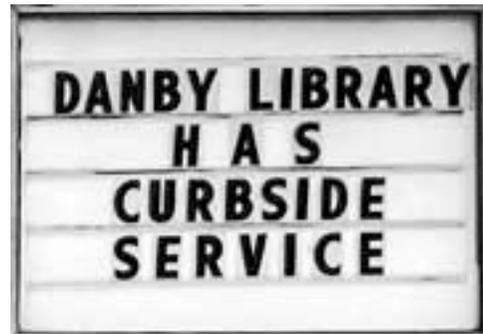
- *The Cat in the Hat*

New Non-Fiction:

- *Say Nothing-A True Story of Murder and Memory in N. Ireland* by Patrick Keefe
- *The Years that Matter Most: How College Makes or Breaks Us* by Paul Tough
- *She Come BY it Natural: Dolly Parton and the Women Who Lived her Songs* by Sarah Marsh
- *Bobby Fisher Goes to War: How the Lone American Star Defeated the Soviet Chess Machine* by David Edmonds and John Eidnour

New Fiction:

- *Three Weissmanns of Westport* by Cathleen Schine ❁



FROZEN DAIRY DESSERT

Submitted by Ted Crane

THAT SMOOTH, CREAMY, AND COLD feeling in your mouth. The crunch of chocolate and nut add-ins. You know what it is. It's Ice Cream.

Or maybe it's not? What is that stuff in the grocery store freezer these days? Pay attention to the labels!

Our *gubmint*—the USDA—has a "Commercial Item Description" for *Ice Cream*:

- ❶ It must contain a minimum of 10 percent dairy milkfat.
- ❷ It must have no more than 100 percent overrun and weigh no less than 4.5 pounds/gallon.

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Community Council Youth Programs

The Danby Theater program is also in full-swing and youth are playing improv games, learning to act, and beginning to brainstorm scenes for their performance at the end of May. So far, the younger group plans to set their play in milk factory or an orphanage. Or a milk factory in an orphanage? Only time will tell! I'm looking forward to the performance, which is set to take place at Dotson Park on the evening of May 28.

Summer program listings are not yet available. They will be available online in mid-May, and in the June issue of the DAN.

If you would like to sign your youth up for programs, or if you have any questions, visit www.danbycc.org/YouthPrograms or contact me, 585.236.6304 or mas759@cornell.edu.

—Melis Schildkraut



Danby Theater Program South Hill Business Campus

Grades 4-5: Mondays, 2:30-5pm, 4/5-12-19-26, 5/3-10-17-24

Grades 6-7-8: Wednesdays,
3-5:30pm, 4/7-14-21-28, 5/5-12-19-26

Join us and become a part of Danby's first ever theatrical production! During this 8-week program, we will be joined by two experienced actors & creators, Noah Elman and Jorin Clougherty. With their guidance, we will get to know each other through theater games and script reading, and we will write original one-act plays to perform for your families.

NO THEATER EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Performance

Friday, May 28, Time and Location: TBA



Danby
Youth Flyer

⇒ *Dessert, cont'd from previous page*

The first requirement is pretty obvious, although 10 percent seems awful thin. Once upon a time, ice cream was more like 100 percent dairy.

The second requirement says, "It's not fair to sell air." Manufacturers are prohibited from whipping the product into an insubstantial, but profitable froth.

OK, that's what "ice cream" is supposed to be. But what's the label on all those other containers—most of them, it seems, these days—and what's in them?

Frozen Dairy Dessert is a unregulated marketing term. Unlike Hebrew National, there's no higher power, either, so you'll never really know what it is. Hint: vegetable oil and a whole lot of highly processed ingredients: flours, sugar, and artificial fillers and gums.

Ahah! The light bulb goes on! Have you ever noticed that Frozen Dairy Dessert resists...melting? Now you know why. Have you ever noticed the, uh, different way your body digests Frozen Dairy Dessert? A little oil can be tasty (see: fries, french) but sometimes too much of a good thing leads to...consequences.

So, all you fans of Breyer's and Turkey Hill, your flavor selection just got cut sharply. Oddly enough, both the Wegman's and Tops house brands are mostly Ice Cream!



JENNINGS POND NEEDS LIFEGUARDS

Submitted by Amy Cusimano

JENNINGS POND PLANS TO OPEN for the 2021 season. We are in need of lifeguards!

All guards are required to carry current lifeguarding certifications as well as waterfront certification. The Town of Danby will reimburse you for training costs. The part time positons require a minimum age of 16 years. The swim season runs from the fourth week of June until Labor Day.

Please contact me, myemail607@gmail.com, if interested. Jennings Pond follows all NYS Parks Department regulations and will be following the NYS Health Department regulations regarding COVID-19.



⇒ *Youth Theater, cont'd from front page—*

The kids have a lot of enthusiasm about what's going on in the scenes. There are *lots* of ideas, some of which conflict. One of the most important skills Noah Elman is working on with them is collaboration, specifically collaboration within a large group. We want them to learn how to create something with other people that excites everyone!

Collaboration is at the heart of theater, and it's really at the heart of this program. Although it sounds a little bit sappy, the process is much more important than the end result.



May 2021

DANBY NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- May 1 • Sat
9am 📍 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**
- May 2 • Sun
10am 📍 Dotson Park • *I Love My Park Day*
- May 4 • Tue
7pm 📍 Zoom • **Planning Group Meeting**
- May 5 • Wed
5:30pm 📍 Zoom • **WD Water Board Meeting**
6pm 📍 Community Church • **Danby Food Pantry**
- May 6 • Thu
Noon 📍 Community Church • **Seniors (cancelled)**
7pm 📍 Zoom • **Danby Community Council Mtg**
- May 7 • Fri
7pm 📍 Zoom • **Low-Density Zoning Committee**
- May 9 • Sun
3pm 📍 Zoom • **Community Council Presents
Wildflowers For Mother's Day w/ Robert Wesley**
- May 10 • Mon
7pm 📍 Zoom • **Town Board Meeting**
7pm 📍 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire Dep't Meeting**
7pm 📍 West Danby Fire Hall • **WD Fire Dep't Meeting**
- May 11 • Tue
7pm 📍 Danby Fire Hall/YouTube • **Fire District Meeting**
7pm 📍 Town Hall • **Conservation Advisory Council Mtg**

- May 13 • Thu
7pm 📍 Zoom • **CAC Conservation Easement Webinar**
- May 14 • Fri
7pm 📍 Zoom • **Hamlet Zoning Committee**
- May 15 • Sat
10am 📍 WD Fire Hall • **WD Cemetery Meeting**
- May 17 • Mon
7pm 📍 Zoom • **Town Board Meeting: Moratorium**
- May 18 • Tue
7pm 📍 Zoom • **Planning Board Mtg**
- May 19 • Wed
7pm 📍 Zoom • **Town Board Meeting**
- May 20 • Thu
4pm 📍 Community Church • **Danby Food Pantry**
- May 21 • Fri
7pm 📍 Zoom • **Low-Density Zoning Committee**
- May 25 • Tue
7pm 📍 Danby Fire Hall/YouTube • **Fire District Meeting**
- May 28 • Fri
7pm 📍 Zoom • **Hamlet Zoning Committee**
- Jun 1 • Tue
7pm 📍 Zoom • **Planning Group Meeting**
- Jun 2 • Wed
6pm 📍 Community Church • **Danby Food Pantry**
- Jun 3 • Thu
Noon 📍 Community Church • **Seniors?**
7pm 📍 Zoom • **Danby Community Council Mtg**
- Jun 5 • Sat
9am 📍 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**
- Jun 8 • Tue
7pm 📍 Danby Fire Hall/YouTube • **Fire District Meeting**
7pm 📍 Town Hall • **Conservation Advisory Council Mtg**

Meeting	Date	Zoom Mtg ID	Pcode
Planning Group	May 4	954 0523 2483	064352
Town Board	May 10	980 8515 9868	754633
CAC	May 11	972 1566 0090	423584
Planning Board	May 18	958 0817 5336	245871
Town Board	May 19	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.