

DANBY NEWS

WHERE ARE THE ALIENS?

Submitted by Ted Crane, Community Council

INQUIRING MINDS want to know: Where are the aliens? Danby's Community Council is itching to know the answer, and we've invited Cornell's Zoe Learner Ponterio, Manager of the Spacecraft Planetary Image Facility, to talk to us about...aliens and more.

You can Zoom to the presentation from the comfort of your favorite couch on Sunday, December 12, 3pm. Visit [danbycc.org] to find the Zoom link or, if you prefer, to the YouTube live stream of the event. If you can't make it, a link to the YouTube recording will be available at the same location.

Spoiler alert: Zoe tells us that, while it seems a safe assumption that Earth is not the only place in the whole cosmos with life, questions like how common or rare it is, or how often it evolves into beings such as ourselves are impossible to answer...for now. But that doesn't mean we can't talk about the questions and take a few guesses.

Zoe will talk about about current and future spacecraft missions searching for signs of life on nearby worlds, and will explore the Fermi Paradox and Drake Equation. She'll help us ponder the possibility of life throughout the galaxy.

The entire family is invited to join us for another of Zoe's fun talks. But, please, if you have aliens in your attic, or your backyard, or on page 8 of the Danby News...ask E.T. to phone home. ❄

DRIVE-BY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Submitted by Steve Hilsdorf, Danby Volunteer Fire Company

WE ARE HAVING A PANCAKE BREAKFAST drive-thru on Sunday, December 5, 8-11am, in the DVFC Fire Station, 1780 Danby Road. The parking lot entrance is on Gunderman Road.

The price is \$6 for scrambled eggs, choice of (1 or 2) pancakes, french toast, and sausage patties. ❄

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Submitted by Wes Blauvelt and Bill Evans

THE 122ND AUDUBON Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is scheduled for the Ithaca area on Saturday, January 1, 2022. Locally, the Cayuga Bird Club sponsors the CBC and this year will be the 60th annual count by the Bird Club. For more information about the Cayuga Bird Club go to [cayugabirdclub.org].

Last year about a dozen Danby residents participated in the CBC. This included surveys at numerous birding hotspots in the Town, backyard feeder counts and incidental observations. Forty two species were identified in Danby, highlighted by Ruby- and Golden-crowned Kinglets, a Winter Wren, several Hermit Thrushes and wintering finches. Wes Blauvelt, a Danby resident, will be coordinating the Danby section of the Ithaca count this year. For more information about participating in the Danby CBC on January 1, 2022, including how to submit your feeder sightings, contact Wes at [ravenbarnconsulting@gmail.com].



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In previous years, an informational meeting has been hosted by the Danby Community Council in Danby's Town Hall prior to the count. Unfortunately, due to the COVID pandemic, we will not be able to meet this year.

Arrangements are being made to conduct a Zoom session to replace the informational meeting. Please contact Bill Evans, [wevans@danbycc.org] for more information about the Zoom event. ❄

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DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submitted by Ted Crane

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lines 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. ☺

DANBY FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION

Submitted by Sharon Gaden, Fire District Secretary

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Danby Fire District will take place on December 14, 2021, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Danby Fire Station located at 1780 Danby Road, Town of Danby, Tompkins County, New York, for the purpose of electing one Commissioner or a five (5) year term commencing January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2026. All residents of the Fire District duly registered with the Tompkins County Board of Elections as of November 22, 2021, shall be eligible to vote.

Candidates for District Office shall have filed their names with the Secretary of the Danby Fire District, 1780 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 no later than November 24, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.. Request shall include office sought, candidate's printed name, address, signature, and date.

This notice is given pursuant to Town Law, Section 175-c(2). ❄️



WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak

TOWN SUPERVISOR GAGNON APPROVED a proposal from Liquid Engineering to inspect and clean our water tank in the spring of 2022. It will be year five since the original cleaning in 2017. Based on the amount of sediment found we may go to a more frequent cleaning schedule. We got proposals from two different companies and we selected Liquid Engineering because they were more competitively priced and are able to do the work without draining the tank.

During our November meeting we had two residents of the District attending who intend to serve as Water District committee advisors: Marie Monroe and Ben Coakley. Thank you Marie and Ben. I look forward to working with you.

Our next meeting will on Wednesday, December 1. Attendance details can be found on the Town web site. ❄️

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Hours: Mon-Fri: 8am-4:30pm

Town Court • [dgair@nycourts.gov]

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Hours: Tuesday, 9am



SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Joel Gagnon

December Approval For Rezoning?

THE REZONING PROCESS is a bit behind the projected schedule, but there was enough wiggle room that it still looks like we can make the main changes before the year is out. If we can make that happen we won't have to extend the moratorium on subdivisions in the low density zone.

David West, our Town Planner, is in the final stage of incorporating suggested changes into a clean draft as I write this in mid-November. The Town Board is expected to schedule a public hearing on the result for either the first or second meeting in December. Check the calendar on the Town's web site for which it is to be. Unless serious changes are desired by the Board, the whole package will likely be voted on during the December 22 meeting.

To summarize the process, the charge was to bring the Zoning Ordinance into alignment with the vision in the Comprehensive Plan. That plan calls for focusing growth in the population centers and discouraging it in the outlying areas. Secondly, it was hoped that we could break up the existing low density residential zone, which encompasses just about all of the Town outside the Danby and West Danby hamlets. Nearly two years later, what is proposed?

To facilitate growth in the population centers, restraints on density have been largely removed. There are design guidelines to encourage attractive housing that will be seen as enhancements to the existing housing. How much can be built on a lot will be determined by height limits (the existing 36 feet is maintained) and minimum setbacks from lot lines, but the main constraint will remain the need to comply with County Health Department requirements for water and wastewater. To develop at true hamlet density, we will need to enable shared systems, both on and off site. We have been granted money to study our options by the State and will do that in the next year. That work is needed to support the rezoning but is not part of it.

Outside the hamlet center areas and the neighborhoods that are proposed to surround them (check out the map on the web site), what is now the low density zone would be divided into four new zones. I should mention that in all zones, lots currently buildable would remain so. The new rules apply to newly-divided property.

The most protected zone includes the State Forest and already protected areas—just in case their status were to change in the future (for example, if the State were to sell off the forest).

That zone, called *High Priority Preservation*, would be developed at a 25-acre density (meaning an average of 1 lot per 25 acres—actual lots could be bigger or smaller as long as the average was met). Next is the *Rural Character-1* zone (R-1), which includes areas of steep slopes, wetlands, and large contiguous mostly undeveloped areas. Because of the sensitive nature of much of this land, site plan review would be required for most development there. In that zone, the average density is 10 acres, with clustering encouraged to maximize the retention of undeveloped open space. Clusters would have to be separated from existing housing by at least 600 feet. In an effort to protect more of R-1, we also propose to enable transfer of development rights out of—but not in to—of R-1.

The R-2 zone is similar to the R-1 zone except that allowed uses are less subject to review. Same density as R-1, but development rights can be transferred out of R-1 and in to R-2, increasing the density somewhat as a result.

Development rights can also be transferred to the last of the outside-of-the-hamlets zone, the *Low Density Residential* zone. The rules of the existing low density residential zone would mostly still apply to these areas, hence the retained name. These parts of the Town are mostly built out under the current rules and are neighborhoods in their own right. A little more development would be enabled by transferring rights from the R-1 and R-2 zones into LDR.

The transfer of development rights feature of the zoning proposal is an effort to encourage giving up of development rights in R-1 and R-2. The sense of the Planning Group was that we should not propose a density reduction beyond one dwelling unit per ten acres. While densities lower than that (some jurisdictions have mandated 1 per 50) are legally allowable, the group didn't think they would be reasonable or fair. Transfer of development rights encourages a further reduction in developed

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density, but the landowners would be paid for the rights they give up voluntarily. Extra credit would be given for rights ceded in areas where the Town would really not like to see development such as adjacent to seasonal roads.

There are new overlay zones proposed as well. We already have an overlay zone to protect high vulnerability areas of our aquifers. A new zone would create buffers adjoining streams outside the hamlets. Another would keep wildlife corridors unobstructed. The boundaries for this zone have yet to be determined. An overlay zone that would enable agriculture-supporting light industrial facilities would "land" on a property if a facility were proposed for it that satisfied the criteria for its creation. Those criteria include a 20-acre minimum lot size, large setbacks, and restrictions designed to minimize the potential for adverse impacts off-site.

The full text of the proposed rezoning and associated map can be found toward the bottom of the Planning and Zoning page of the web site.

Budget Approved

The approved budget includes more money for the Highway department, especially for equipment repair for our aging fleet and more for snow removal. While my proposal to extend proportional health care benefits to our part-time employees was not approved, the Board did respond to a very effective request from our Town Clerk and raised the pay for the Deputy Town Clerk. The Danby Community Council asked for and got support for having its Youth Programming person be made full-time. Danby is a challenging place to provide programming for our kids because we lack a school and its associated facilities. Offering only a part-time position to the provider compounded the problem of attracting and retaining good talent.

The West Danby Water District taxes (levied only on properties in the District) will be going down by more than 50 percent—not because expenses are down, but because in January the District will be raising rates for water usage rates. Revenues will cover more of the operating costs and taxes less. The water usage rates have not risen since the District became operational in 1969, so

CAC UPDATE

Submitted by Clare Fewtrell, CAC Chair

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in working hard to maintain the rural character of Danby and have some knowledge and understanding of the conservation issues facing our Town, or would like to learn, please consider applying to join the Conservation Advisory Council. Application forms can be found on the Town's web site [danby.ny.gov] (click on Departments > Boards).

Contact information for the current members of the CAC can also be found on the Town's web site and these individuals would be happy to provide more information.

The purpose of the CAC is to advise in the development, management, and protection of the Town's natural resources. The CAC administers the Danby Conservation Easement Program and actively seeks Danby landowners interested in preserving and protecting their land from future development.

We also arrange talks on a variety of conservation issues, including the current Agricultural Education Series (see separate article). Another ongoing project is to develop a Timber Harvesting Ordinance. This will not limit the size of timber harvests, but will alert the Town as to where logging is taking place and help ensure that damage to neighboring properties and roads doesn't occur.

The CAC meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be held (via Zoom) on December 14, 7pm. ❄️

over time more and more of the revenues came from taxes on district property owners.

The tax levy passed by the Town has increased around 7 percent relative to 2021. That translates to around \$38 dollars more per \$100,000 of assessed value.

New Members Sought for Boards and Committees

There are openings on every board and committee every year as terms end. This year there are members not seeking reappointment for every Board: Planning, BZA, CAC, and Water District Advisory. That makes this an especially opportune time to apply for a position on the group of your choosing. Applications are due as you re-

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COUNTY LEGISLATURE REPORT

Submitted by Dan Klein, Tompkins County Legislator

ANY STATE LAW WAS INSTITUTED about 5 years ago requiring each county to convene an annual process to look at possible ways for municipalities to share services and save money. The current plan is looking at the possibility of all the Highway Departments across the county bulk-buying cutting edges for various pieces of equipment. Also, the Municipal Health Insurance Consortium will be expanding into surrounding counties to will lower the cost of health insurance to government insurance plans and, therefore, lower the cost to taxpayers. Future topics that will be studied as possible shared services include countywide information technology, purchasing, watershed management, electric charging stations, and animal control for municipalities.

Tompkins County will be conducting a study in 2022 to look into the possibility of countywide code enforcement. This is just a study—not a plan and not a commitment to implement countywide code enforcement. There is not one specific end-product in mind, but some possible benefits could include more health, safety, and fire inspections, better energy-efficiency implementation, more consistency between municipalities, and cost savings to the municipalities. A countywide code enforcement system would not automatically mean that the Town of Danby's local enforcement would disappear.

As I wrote about last month, the idea for a countywide broadband internet system seems to be dead for now. Instead, the approach being taken is to see what can be done to fill in the gaps where no coverage currently exists. A regional planning organization called Southern Tier 8 has applied for a grant to cover 78 additional homes in Danby, as well as homes in Caroline and Newfield. There was already a tremendous amount of grant money available for broadband expansion. With the passage of the federal infrastructure bill last month, even more money will now be flowing. There are no guarantees, but there is reason to be optimistic.

There has been much discussion at all governmental levels about the broadband coverage issue, but almost nothing about the cell phone coverage issue. I hope to change that. I have started discussions about mapping the existing coverage areas and developing a plan to fill in the gaps. But I have to admit to knowing very little about this topic. Also, I have not yet found any stories of municipalities stepping in to fill the gaps in cell phone coverage areas. If you have any expertise about how the County might facilitate ways to expand cell phone coverage, please contact me at [danbydan@hotmail.com] or my home phone number, 607.272.7582. 🍀

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION SERIES

Submitted by Betsy Keokosky

Importance of Preserving Farmland and Transitioning to New Farmers

THIS PRESENTATION FOCUSES on community interests of farm conservation, preserving open space, and fair outcomes for farmers. General topics to be covered are:

- Conservation Easements
- Encouraging new farmers
- Purchase of development rights
- Recognizing the common good
- How climate change uncertainties make it important to keep options open

It will be the last in the series of agricultural discussions that began in October with the presentation on *Local*

Partners and Common Misperceptions and continued in November with *Regenerative Agriculture: Soil Health and Climate Change*.

Speakers are yet to be finalized but they will hopefully include people like Amy Olney from NY Agricultural Land Trust, Tim Biello from American Farmland Trust and/or Debbie Teeter of Tompkins County Farmland Protection.

Date is January 13, 7pm. Find the Zoom link on the Danby Calendar. Speakers will be listed there when we have further information. In addition, links to Zoom recordings of the first and second (when available) presentations in this series will be posted there.

For additional questions contact the Danby Town Clerk. 🍀

WRAPPING IT UP

Submitted by Jim Holahan, Town Board Member

THE TOWN HAS JUST COMPLETED "wrapping up" its Highway Garage Clean Energy Community project and the building is now all snuggled up against the elements.

You're welcome to see the results of this project! Visit the Highway Garage, 93 Hornbrook Road, during its open house on Saturday, December 4, 11am-2pm..

The Town of Danby was one of the first towns in the Southern Tier to earn a Clean Energy Community Designation from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). It completed five high-impact clean energy actions including benchmarking, a community campaign, clean heating and cooling improvements, energy code training and a solar permit.

The Clean Energy Community funding helped enable the Highway Garage upgrades including air sealing hundreds of feet of leaky cracks in the interior wall surface, installing new insulated garage doors with remote control openers, and insulating the attic space to keep the cold out and the heating and cooling in.

Air source heat pumps were installed in the office areas and maintenance garage. They replaced the propane fossil fuel burners. Programmable thermostats were added or updated. A new, smaller sized, electric hot water heater was installed, converting this to a renewable fuel source from current propane.



Improvements to the wastewater system were also made, reducing the amount of truck wash water that must be pumped and trucked out, reducing carbon transportation emissions.

The Town's Energy Committee plans to track and evaluate the town garage's energy usage and wastewater to analyze savings and environmental impact. The project will be documented and showcased, as an example for other communities.

For more information on Clean Energy Communities, visit [\[nyserda.ny.gov/cec\]](http://nyserda.ny.gov/cec). ❀

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ceive this issue of the News. The Board will be interviewing applicants during both December meetings and making the appointments for expiring terms January—possibly even sooner for resignations. Apply now! Form is on the web site or available from the Town Clerk.

Housing Rehab Grant Money Sought

We completed a housing needs assessment in 2019. The follow-up to that is to try to secure grant funding to address the identified needs. There is Federal money available, but the red tape associated with applying for it and then satisfying the requirements for implementation is daunting. The Town Board authorized the Town Planner to ask for county help in applying, using money allocated for support of affordable housing. If we get the County assistance requested, the application for the Federal money will follow in the spring.

Season's Greetings

With Thanksgiving already behind us by the time you read this and year's end fast approaching, my hope for all of us is that we can use this time to reconnect with family and friends necessarily kept somewhat at a distance by the pandemic.

As always, please feel free to contact me, [\[supervisor@danby.ny.gov\]](mailto:supervisor@danby.ny.gov) or 607.227.4440. About any of these matters or anything else on your mind. ❀

AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marvin Eastman, Post Manager

WELL, THINGS ARE GOING QUITE WELL here at 1231 Danby Road. Even a little snow isn't slowing us down.

On December 4, we will be having a Steak Dinner—steak cooked to order, choice of baked potato, french fries, or onion rings, the salad bar (follow instructions), and homemade desserts. \$14.

December 17 we have a Fish Dinner—broiled or fried, with a choice of french fries or onion rings, the salad bar, and homemade desserts. \$14.

No Pasta dinners 'til January.

Adult Christmas Party December 18, 5pm-'til. Stop in and say, "Hi!" Looking for a place for that Holiday Party? Give us a call 607.272.1129. ❀

MAINTAINING SMOKE DETECTORS AND FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Submitted by Katherine Anderson, Fire Commissioner

WITH DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDED and winter on its way, it is the perfect time to recommit to regularly inspecting the fire safety equipment in your home. Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers that don't work are worse than useless in an emergency; they can lead to a false sense of security and endanger your and your family.

It's important to take a moment, ideally each month, to inspect your detectors and fire extinguishers. These days, you can purchase smoke detectors and CO-detectors singly or in combination and many come with 10-year batteries. While that's a good thing, even ten-year batteries wear out eventually or can malfunction, so regular testing is no less imperative.

Danby Fire Chief John Gaden and Wayne Westmiller, a Fire Protection Technician and certified NFPA 10 Fire Extinguisher Specialist, recommend monthly testing of detectors and a visual inspection of Fire Extinguishers. Below is guidance to make sure that the essential fire safety equipment in your home is in good working order.

① Smoke and CO detectors have a test button. Simply push and hold it to test. It will beep for a minute or so. If the detector does not respond then batteries need to be replaced or the detector replaced.

② Fire Extinguishers are inspected by looking at the pressure gauge and making sure the needle is in the green area and the pin is in the handle. The seal holding the pin in place should not be broken. Once a year, the extinguisher should be placed upside down for a minute or two to let powder loosen up inside it. Also, visually inspect the fire extinguisher to ensure there are no dents or rust on the body of the extinguisher. If anything is not in good working order with the extinguisher, you will need to have it serviced or replaced. ❀

DANBY SENIORS!

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

THE DANBY SENIORS DO NOT PLAN to meet monthly until the spring. We're looking forward to our December gathering at LaTourelle. It will be great to see everyone again! I'll have that report next month. ❀

FIND GREAT LOCAL PROGRAMS ON YOUTUBE!

SURE, WE'RE ALL READY to move on from this COVID thing, but it has changed the way we meet and get together, perhaps forever.

Zoom meetings are easy to attend, and even easier to record. If you've missed one of the concerts or programs presented by Danby's Community Council during the last year or so, most of them are preserved online.

Links to all the YouTube videos can be found at [danbycc.org] (click on "Past Events"). You'll find virtual flower walks, hi-tech programs from outer space, guitar and harp concerts, and even some cooking presentations. ❀



Alien creatures at Danby's Halloween Trunk or Treat Event

photos by Olivia Vent and Ted Crane

Danby Youth Flyer

Danby Community Council Youth Programs

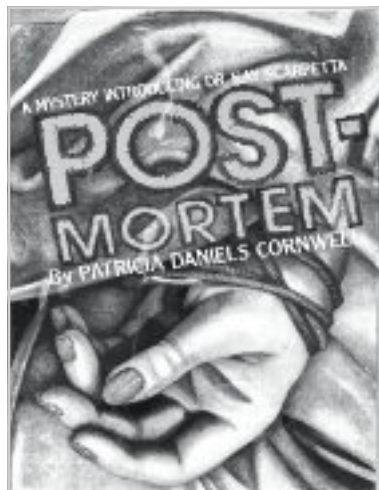
The Community Council's Youth Programs are off to a running start. Mondays and Tuesdays we're building with marshmallows. Wednesdays is Gift Making and Crafting. Thursdays we're out at Dotson Park doing Campfire Cooking and Crafting. We're already having some enthusiastic discussions about plans for upcoming programs.

Please visit [danbycc.org/YouthPrograms] or contact me, 585.236.6304 or [hd289@cornell.edu], for the most up-to-date program schedules. —Heidi Doggett

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

AUTHOR PATRICIA CORNWELL HAS BEEN WRITING Crime novels since the 1990s. Millions of copies of her books have sold and has she won many awards for her books.



She was first inspired by a series of sensational murders in Richmond, VA and many of her books feature her recurring character, Dr. Kay Scarpetta, a forensic pathologist. In recent news,

Hot Cocoa Science—Grades 6-8
South Hill Business Campus
4-6pm, Mondays, December 6, 13, 20

Hot Cocoa Science—Grades 4-5
South Hill Business Campus
2:30-5pm, Tuesdays, December 7, 14, 21

What makes a marshmallow so marshy? Where does chocolate come from? How do they fit so much fluffy whipped cream into a spray can...or do they? These are some of the very important science questions we'll be exploring in Hot Cocoa Science. We'll build marshmallow catapults, experiment with making our own hot cocoa outdoors, set marshmallows on fire, take a hot cocoa hike, and more. Avoiding dairy or sugar? We've got you covered. Come with your own hot cocoa questions and we'll explore them together.

Gift Making and Crafts—Grades 6-8
South Hill Business Campus
4-6pm, Wednesdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22

Come learn some new skills and make crafts for gifts—for friends, family, or (you deserve something special too) for yourself. Offered activities include resin jewelry and dice making, beaded jewelry, shrink art, painting, yarn crafts, upcycled pouches, fairy doors, and more. Youth ideas and leadership welcome!

Campfire Cooking and Crafting—Grades 4-5
Dotson Park
2:45-5pm, Thursdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23

Have you ever toasted bread over a fire? Come try it out! We'll be making foil packet campfire dinners, cider, our own herbal tea blends, plus crafts like no-sew fleece hats to keep warm and wax-dipped pinecone fire starters. We'll also play your favorite games, tell stories, and, well, what else? Bring ideas! The cozier, the better. Youth with restricted diets are encouraged to participate. We'll make sure you have options.

Jamie Lee Curtis' Comet Pictures and Blumhouse Television have obtained the rights to the books and plan to produce an hour-long drama series featuring 25 books of the Kay Scarpetta series. We have 20 books by Patricia Cornwell so, if you haven't read her yet, come and check one out.

Our holiday books are now out on display. Come in to see us, Tuesdays, 1-3pm; Thursdays, 10am-Noon; and Saturdays, 10am-Noon. ❄️

DANBY NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- Dec 1 • Wed
5pm 📺 Zoom • West Danby Water District Mtg
- Dec 2 • Thu
Noon 📺 La Tourelle • Danby Seniors Holiday Luncheon
7pm 📺 Zoom • Danby Community Council Mtg
- Dec 4 • Sat
9am 📺 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting
11am 📺 Highway Garage • Open House
- Dec 5 • Sun
8-11am 📺 DVFC Station • Drive-Thru Pancakes
- Dec 7 • Tue
7pm 📺 Zoom • Town Board Meeting
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7pm 📺 DVFC Station • Fire Dep't Meeting
7pm 📺 West Danby Fire Station • WD Fire Dep't Mtg
- Dec 14 • Tue
6-9pm 📺 DVFC Station • Fire District Election
7pm 📺 DVFC Station/YouTube • Fire District Meeting
7pm 📺 Zoom • Conservation Advisory Council Mtg
- Dec 16 • Thu
4pm 📺 Community Church • Danby Food Pantry
- Dec 20 • Mon
7pm 📺 Zoom • Town Board Meeting: Zoning

- Dec 21 • Tue
7pm 📺 Zoom • Planning Board Mtg
 - Dec 22 • Wed
7pm 📺 Zoom • Town Board Meeting
 - Dec 28 • Tue
7pm 📺 DVFC Station/YouTube • Fire District Meeting
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- Jan 1 • Sat
All day 📺 Everywhere • Bird Count
9am 📺 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting
 - Jan 4 • Tue
7pm 📺 Zoom • Town Board Meeting
 - Jan 6 • Thu
7pm 📺 Zoom • Danby Community Council Mtg
 - Jan 10 • Mon
7pm 📺 DVFC Station • Fire Dep't Meeting
7pm 📺 West Danby Fire Station • WD Fire Dep't Mtg
 - Jan 11 • Tue
7pm 📺 DVFC Station/YouTube • Fire District Meeting
7pm 📺 Zoom • Conservation Advisory Council Mtg
 - Jan 13 • Thu
7pm 📺 Zoom • Agricultural Education Series
4pm 📺 Community Church • Danby Food Pantry

Meeting	Date	Zoom MtgID	Passcode
Planning Group	None	970 8279 1227	???
Town Board	Dec 7	980 8515 9868	754633
CAC	Dec 14	972 1566 0090	423584
Planning Board	Dec 21	958 0817 5336	245871
Town Board	Dec 22	971 0723 2988	535713
Zoning Appeals	None	986 3534 5196	281804
To join a meeting by telephone, call 646.876.9923			

- Ongoing Events**
- Seniors Strength Class 📺 Danby Community Church
Mondays and Thursdays, 9-10am
Contact [jmchurch@twcny.rr.com] for info
 - Danby Community Library 📺 Town Hall
Tuesday, 1-3pm; Thursday & Saturday, 10am-Noon
Curbside pickup available; can return in drop box.
 - Danby Food Pantry 📺 Danby Community Church
3rd Thursday, 4-6pm
 - Food Scrap Recycling 📺 Town Hall 🔄🔁🔃🔄
Saturdays, 9am-Noon
 - AA Meeting 📺 Danby Community Church
Wednesdays, 7pm