

Danby Community Council Annual Report 2013

Directors

President: Ted Crane (Fifth Year)

Vice President: Cathleen Banford (Second Year)

Treasurer: Julie Clougherty (Second Year)

Secretary: several during the year

Director: Alison Christie (First Year)

Director: Maya Patt (First Year)

Mission of the Danby Community Council

1. To promote and support community welfare
2. To provide educational, social, and recreational programs and facilities
3. To publish community news
4. To assist in Town related activities
5. To coordinate requests for supporting funds from State, County and Service Agencies with the Danby Town Board

Administration

- Federal and State tax reports completed for 2012 (January, 2013) by 990 "ePostcard" and the somewhat longer New York State form.
- United Way grant funding.
- Community Arts Partnership funding.

Danby Youth Development

Youth Development (noun): A process which prepares young people to meet the challenges of adolescence and adulthood through a coordinated, progressive series of activities and experiences which help them to become socially, morally, emotionally, physically, and cognitively competent.

Tompkins County Youth Services

- Participated in County Youth Services "Brainstorming" Groups.
- Part of CYS planning group about future directions in Youth Service programming.
- Cornell Cooperative Extension Youth Programming with Simone Lackey. Programs provided for free to Danby Youth.

Youth Grants/Scholarships

- Continued program of distribution of funds to Danby youth, helping them to attend activities or programs of their own choice. Awards limited to one per child per year, max \$100.

Danby Area News

The Danby Area News is the Danby community's bulletin board, events calendar, and source for

local news. Twelve issues were published in 2013, edited by Ted Crane and distributed with assistance from Julie Clougherty. Circulation aims to place a copy in the mailbox of every Danby resident, despite the town's multiple zip codes and mailing routes.

Danby Concerts

- Most concerts booked by Bob Strichartz, others proposed and managed directly by the Board of Directors. Concerts are free and open to the public.
- Concerts included a full range of genres, from Classical music to Old Time to an a capella vocal ensemble.
- Attendance at several of the concerts was “standing room only”.
- Greater emphasis on encouraging donations from attendees. Several of the better attended events yielded contributions in excess of the amount collected during entire past years.

Danby Family Programs

- General interest and educational programming: presented several lectures from Cornell Scientist Rick Kline, illustrating our Solar System and the technology for capturing images from space. Also, “Meet the Raptors,” a standing-room-only event featuring live raptors.
- Harvest Festival: replacing the Halloween Party of previous years, this event generated intense community interest. In the future we’ll try to hold it earlier in the Fall, for better weather and attendance. Thanks are due to Tom Janda for his amazing trebuchet.
- West Danby Association: The DCC provides insurance sponsorship and minor funding to several wonderful West Danby Association events.
- Danby Barn Dance: Co-sponsored this annual event featuring a potluck, waltzing, and country dancing with a live band and callers.

Danby Seniors

- Received \$200 in United Way grant-funding for the Danby Seniors group, and passed this amount along to them.