July 2007 FREE TO RESIDENTS

DANBY AREA NEWS

Danby Fun Day July 14, 10am-4pm

Submitted by Andrea Hazard

This year's theme is holidays, so come prepared to celebrate and support our all-volunteer Danby Fire Department!

Scheduled events include:

10:00 Fun Begins!

10:30 Parade

11:30-12:30 . Children's music by John Simon

Noon Chicken BBQ

12:30 Classical Fencing Demo 12:00-12:45 . Danby Fiddlers at BBQ

1:00-1:30 . . . Cayuga Chimes Barbershop Chorus

1:45-2:45 . . . Flunk School Band

3:30 Drawing for Chinese Auction

Ongoing, all day, Events:

Cake Wheel Crafts & Exhibits

Archery Games for Kids of all ages

Book Sale White Elephants

K-9 Demo by the Tompkins County Sheriff

Emergency Preparedness Begins With You! At the Danby Fun Day, learn how to protect your family during emergencies at the Danby Emergency Preparedness Tent. Fill out a Survey related to your basic household needs—help our Fire Department and for your chance to win a Prize!

Cake Wheel: see separate article on this page.

Jennings Pond

Submitted by Amy Cusimano, Recreation Supervisor

Danby's favorite watering hole is up and running! Life guards will be on duty, from June 23 through Labor Day, Sun-Thu, Noon-7pm, and Fri-Sat, Noon-8pm.

Enjoy and have a great summer!

Chinese Auction: to donate products or services, contact John or Sharon Gaden [danby071302@yahoo.com] or 607.659.3116.

Book Booth, White Elephant Sales: to donate books or to sell white elephants, contact Leslie Connors, 607.277.1717, or Naomi Strichartz, 607.277.3058.

Vendors: Contact Mary Oltz, 607.273.2950 if you have crafts or other items you'd like to sell.

Parade: Line up at Dobson Motors at 9:30am. Contact Amy Cusimano, [amymc@twcny.rr.com] or 607.272.4634

Dime Toss: looking for glassware donations: glasses, mugs, bowls, and vases. Contact Linda to arrange pickup, [hilinda@lightlink.com] or 607.273.7359.

Volunteers: are always welcome! Please contact us!

For general questions, contact Amy Cusimano (see Parade, above) or Sue Beeners [sbeeners@aol.com], 607.277.0799.

ROLL THE CAKE WHEEL!

Submitted by Gay Huddle

Please don't forget to supply the Danby Fun Days Cake Wheel with lots and lots of yummy Desserts. Cakes, pies, bread, cookies, brownies are always a hit.

You can leave your dessert at the fire station starting early Friday evening, July 13 or before 11am on July 14.

Jeff Huddle will be in charge of the wheel. Don't let him be lonely, caught without enough desserts to give away for a mere 25 cents a spin! Keep him on his toes and working hard!

All money collected from the cake wheel goes to our own Danby Fire and Rescue. Those folks do so much for this community so show your support in this easy and fun way! For info, contact Gay Huddle, 273.6530

[gayhuddle@hotmail.com]

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Danby Town Observer

Unoffical Reports of Board Meetings, Submitted by Joel Gagnon

(Town) New Truck Purchase

The Town Board voted to solicit bids to purchase a new dump truck for the Highway Department. Highway Superintendent Andrew Thurnheer developed the specifications based on his extensive experience with custom fabrication and design. As specified, the new truck will have a stainless steel box and aluminum wheels for corrosion resistance and a "long nose" engine compartment for ease of service.

Bids are due to the Town Clerk by noon on July 6.

(Town) Subdivision Regulation Changes Voted Down On a 3-2 party line vote, the Board failed to pass proposed changes to the Subdivision Regulations that would have removed provisions calling for delineated conservation areas for subdivisions in the Low Density Zone. The changes would also have added an option for creating lots by permit (lots 15 acres or larger with no restrictions; small lots limited to one in any 5-year period). Instead, the Board voted to send the matter to

The proposal originated with the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force and was in response to concerns raised just prior to the June 2003 passage of the open space protection package of regulations for the Low Density Zone. The proposal was revised in early 2006 to respond to concerns raised by the then newly-elected Republican members of the Town Board.

the Planning Board for their recommendation.

Because of an objection by the County Planning Department to the lots-by-permit provisions, a supermajority in favor would have been required for passage, therefore the Republican minority members were able to block its passage.

(Planning) Recommendation on the Subdivision Regulation Changes

In response to the Town Board request for a recommendation on the proposed changes to the Subdivision Regulations, the Planning Board recommended that the small lots-by-permit remain one in any 5-year period.

They also recommended that the minimum size for the creation of lots without frequency restrictions be reduced to 10 acres from the 15 acres in the rejected proposal. Because the modification recommended by the Planning Board would be a substantive change, a public hearing is required before the Town Board can reconsider the recently-rejected proposal for Subdivision Regulation changes.

(Planning) Flag Lots

The Planning Board was also asked to look at the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force proposals for flag lots. Discussion was deferred to the next meeting, after Board members have had a chance to study them.

Since language has yet to be crafted to enable the concepts developed by the Task Force to be considered for incorporation into the Subdivision Regulations, action on this matter is some time off.

(Planning) Hamlet Planning

The Planning Board briefly discussed how they will tackle this matter. They charged themselves with coming up with a list of ideas to serve as the basis for discussion at the next meeting.



Prescription Assistance

Medicare beneficiaries can now get extra help with prescription drug costs!

Fran Spadafora Manzella, the Information and Referral Call Center Manager at the Tompkins County Human Services Coalition, suggests that seniors who haven't yet applied may want to consider contacting the Tompkins County Office on Aging (607.274.5482) or Lifelong (607.273.1511) to obtain greater information on the different prescription drug plans available through Medicare or for assistance with the application process. General information is also available from Information and Referral (607.272.9331).

To apply for Medicare prescription assistance, seniors need to know and have documentation of their income and assets. Income is limited to \$15,315 for an individual or \$20,535 for a married couple living together. It is possible, in some circumstances, to obtain assistance even when income exceeds those limits.

Other resources, such as bank accounts, and stocks and bonds are limited to \$11,710 (individual) or \$23,410 (married couple); cars and houses are not counted as resources.

PLANNING BOARD NOTICES

Submitted by Carol Sczepanski, Town Clerk

White Hawk Ecovillage Final Site Plan Approved

On June 21, the Planning Board granted Final Site Plan Approval for the Proposed White Hawk Ecovillage, to be located in Planned Development Zone 19 on the west side of Danby Road.

The development consists of 30 dwelling units, a common house, and accessory structures.

Public Hearings Scheduled for July 19, 2007

The Planning Board has scheduled the following public hearings to run consecutively beginning at 7:00pm A regular meeting of the board will follow the public hearings.

- 1. Landstrom subdivision, proposed to be located on Spencer Road south of Hillview Road, dividing about 119 acres into three lots of about 37, 37, and 57 acres.
- 2. Sousa subdivision, proposed to be located on LaRue Road near South Danby Road, dividing about 16 acres into two lots of about 14 and 2 acres.
- 3. Nitchman subdivision, proposed to be located on Danby Road near Van De Bogart Road, dividing about 24 acres into three lots of about 7, 6, and 11 acres.

Recommendation for Subdivision Regulations

The Planning Board unanimously approved a recommendation to the Town Board regarding the Proposed Subdivision Regulations, that the regulations for "Subdivision by Permit" be changed from fifteen (15) acres to ten (10) acres.

Calling Danby Businesses

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

As a part of my web site, I'm preparing a web page describing the Town of Danby. You can find it at [www.ilovethefingerlakes.com/countiesandtowns/tompkinscounty-danby.htm].

After the description of the town, there is a section called *Local Businesses*. I don't charge for simple listings, and I'd like include everyone with a business in Danby who would like to be listed. This simple listing is free and permanent.

Feel free send your business name, address, and phone number, along with a web site address if you have one, to [publisher@ilovethefingerlakes.com].

JENNINGS POND THANK-YOU

Submitted by Amy Cusimano, Recreation Supervisor

I would like to thank James Bond (yes, double-ohseven) and his crew from the Probation Department for their continued support for the cleanup of Jennings Pond.

Without Jim, Jennings Pond would not be available. This is a huge volunteer effort with no volunteer support from the community. While you enjoy canoeing, BBQing, or enjoying the wild life please remember to be respectful of the hard work done to make Jennings Pond a beautiful place to spend a day.

Danby Highway Dep't

Submitted by Andrew Thurnheer, Highway Sup't

The Highway Department will be closed from 4:30pm on Wednesday, June 27 until 6am on Monday, July 9, for its annual vacation.

Please be aware that the construction on East Miller Road is still underway and should be finished late July. Afterward, we hope to finish work on Lieb Road and Hill Road during the remainder of the summer months.

Questions or concerns? Contact us at 607.272.9169. \$

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Phone: 277.4788 • Fax: 277.0559 Tue–Fri, 9am–4pm; Sat, 9am–Noon

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Tue, 7pm

Danby Community Library

Tue & Thu 3:30–5:30pm, Sat 9:30am–2:30pm All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

Danby Community Library

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Propelled by the same storytelling instinct that made The Kite Runner a beloved classic, A Thousand Splendid Suns is at once a remarkable chronicle of three decades of Afghan history and a deeply moving account of family and friendship. It is a striking, heart-wrenching novel of an unforgiving time, an unlikely friendship, and an indestructible love.—from the book jacket of A Thousand Splendid suns by Khaled Hosseini, the first in our list of Summer Reading Recommendations.

All books on our list are available at the Danby Community Library this summer, including:

- 2. *The Good Husband of Zebra Drive* by Alexander McCall Smith
- 3. The Double Bind by Chris Bohjalian
- 4. The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion
- 5. Lean, Mean Thirteen by Janet Evanovich
- 6. Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen
- 7. On Chesil Beach by Ian McEwan
- 8. Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community and War by Nathaniel Philbrick
- 9. Whitethorn Woods by Maeve Binchy
- 10. The Road by Cormac McCarthy

Also new this month are Juvenile Fiction, Adult Paperbacks, Picture Books and Easy Reader Collections from Tompkins County Public Library.

Look for our expanded line of DVDs. Remember to ask the librarian for the disc when checking out since these are not available through our self-check process.

Happy Reading! See you at Danby Fun Days. Kids, remember to sign up for the Summer Reading Program and also submit your name to be the first to borrow the new Harry Potter book on its release date!

American Legion News

Submitted by Brownie

The Post installed new officers June 13. Congratulations to Commander Frank LaVore and the new officers who have stepped forward to lead during the coming year. To Richard Wilbur, the outgoing Commander, a hearty *Well Done* for his guidance and leadership during 2006-07.

The new officers take command after the closing ceremonies of the Department convention on July 21.

SHORTER NOTICES!

Reduce, Recycle, Reuse, and Rebuy

Has spring-cleaning left you with a pile of junk? Visit the newly revitalized Tompkins County Solid Waste web site, [www.recycletompkins.org/], to learn how to reduce, reuse, recycle and rebuy in Tompkins County. Information about residential pickup schedules and acceptable materials can be found on the site's front page.

Schools and educational programs are welcome to browse the resource library and learn about scheduling a tour of the recycling facility. Businesses interested in reducing waste will be interested in the ReBusiness Partnership Program.

See the *Youth Flyer* page to learn about Babbage's Basement, where computers are reused and recycled!

Bereaved Parents Meeting Notice

The next meeting of the bereaved parents support group will be on Tuesday, July 10, 5:30–7pm at Hospicare on East King Road in Ithaca. This is a peer-run group serving parents or grandparents who have lost a child or grandchild. For more information about the group, please contact Carlo Troise at 607.255.9470.

Pet Loss Grief Support Group

The monthly pet loss support group for humans who grieve the loss of a pet or other animal companion will meet 7-9pm, Tuesday, July 17 in the Centennial Room at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals.

The group is a joint project of the Colonial Veterinary Hospital and Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine. Participants are asked to bring a photograph or other memento of the companion animal they wish to honor. For more info, contact Colonial Veterinary Hospital at 607.257.3650 or [petloss@colonialvet.com].

Foster Care/Adoption Informational Meeting

Considering becoming a foster parent or adoptive parent? The Tompkins County Department of Social Services will hold an informational meeting at the Human Services Building, Room 142, 320 West State Street, on Thursday, July 12, Noon–1pm.

Tompkins County has a special need for foster families in the Ithaca City School District and for families who will foster teenagers. Please call 274-5266 for more information.

Free Family Programs

Submitted by Dan Klein, Danby Comm.Council

These programs are open to the Danby community (and everybody else!) and have been designed to appeal to youth of just about any age. Adults are welcome to join us for all programs.

All programs will take place at Jennings Pond on Bald Hill Road, and will be led by Arne VanLeuken.

July 10, 7–8:30pm. **Paper Making**. Take a look at how recycled paper gets made. We'll be mixing up scrap paper in blenders and creating our own paperwork. Whatever you make, you get to take home.

July 17, 7–8:30pm. **Ice Cream Making**. Bring your sweet tooth and extra energy 'cause it takes a lot of hand power to make it. We'll also try out some alternative ice cream makers and see how they hold up.

July 24, 7–8:30pm. Wild Animals. Come explore the animal life of Jennings Pond. We'll be start by spending a few minutes trying to catch some critters. Then we'll finish by looking over our finds, as well as some other surprises I've gathered from the day before. Nets and guidebooks will be provided.

July 31, 7–8:30pm. Wild Edibles. Sound yucky? Well, watch me gather some plants, all from right around the pond, and use them in entrees you might actually enjoy.

These programs are made possible by funding from the Danby Community Council. For more information, contact Dan Klein, 607.272.7582, [danbydan@hotmail.com].

Danby Fun Day z July 14

SUMMER VACATION STORIES

Submitted by Gay Huddle, Ithaca Journal Correspondent

It was wonderful or it was terrible, it was far away or in the backyard, it was hot or cold, damp or dry. It was your vacation story and and you're sticking to it!

Maybe you'd like to share it with others through my Danby Town Talk summertime columns? Pictures are always welcome, also. Please send your stories to [gayhuddle@hotmail.com] or mail to 65 Gunderman Road, Ithaca, New York, 14850.

200th Anniversary!

Submitted by Sidney Doan

The Danby Federated Church, at 1859 Danby Road, invites the public to join in a celebration of the 200th anniversary of the founding of the congregation. The weekend festivities begin on Saturday, July 28 and include the following activities:

12:30-4:30pm: Biblical Marketplace Vacation Bible School

5-7pm: Dish-to-pass dinner and open house 7-8pm: Hymn sing and memory sharing

8pm: Ice cream dessert

The celebration continues on Sunday morning, July 29, with an anniversary worship service at 10am followed by a Noon luncheon provided by the church. At 1pm we'll wind down our anniversary observance with praise and singing.

The Danby Federated Church looks forward to celebrating this historic event with all of its neighbors. For more info (or to RSVP) contact Sidney Doan, [danbyf edchurch@clarityconnect.com] or 607.272.1687.

GARDEN TOURS

Danby resident Wayne Myers' inspiring garden will be open to the public, 10am—4pm on Saturday, July 14, as part of a larger garden tour sponsored by the Tompkins County Community Beautification Program and the national Garden Conservancy. Wayne's garden is at 1071 Michigan Hollow Road. Once there, you can pick up directions to the other gardens on the tour.

Wayne's garden consists of six acres of rolling lawn and perennial beds and contains more than 550 different varieties of perennials nestled behind and between fieldstone walls and structures. It includes a covered bridge, a working water wheel on a post-and-beam constructed feed mill, a blacksmith shop, and a huge glass sponge fossil rock enclosed in a unique display case. There's also a thirty-foot diameter stone sundial and a potting shed garden with four raised beds.

The self-guided garden tour costs \$5 per garden visited. For more information about any of the six gardens on the tour, visit the [gardenconservancy.org] and follow the link about "Open Days" or contact Dan Klein at 607.272.7582, [danbydan@hotmail.com].

Community Council Youth Programs Summer 2007

Programs are for youth who live in or near Danby; the age range is listed for each program. All programs are free. Look for brochures and registration forms at the Town Hall and on the web.

For Tom's programs, to have a brochure mailed or faxed to you, please contact Tom Archibald, 607.272.2292 x222, [tga4@cornell.edu], orvisit [http: //www.cce.cornell.edu/tompkins/rys/local.htm].

For Julie's programs, contact Julie Kulik, 607.277.0062 box #2, or [flickerdharma@yahoo.com].

Danby Farmers' Market-Grades 6-11

Pavilion at the Danby Fire Hall

Thursdays Jun 7, 14, 28 (4-6pm), Sat Jun 9 (time TBA) Thursdays Jul 5-Aug 23 (1:30-6:30pm)

If you're 14 or older and are looking for a job, or if you're younger and are looking for a great volunteer experience, the Farmers' Market is it! You'll get to help run the Danby Farmers' Market, meet lots of people, learn skills to help you get more jobs later on, discover where our food comes from, practice cooking, and more. In June we'll meet to get ready for the season (including some fun field trips to the Ithaca Farmers' Market and to a local farm) and then open for business on July 5.

"Team Fun": Fun Day Planning-Grades 3-8 Danby Town Hall

Fri, Jun 29–Jul 13 (10am-Noon); Sat Jul 14, (9am-3pm) We need your help to make this years' Fun Day an extra fun success! Help us brainstorm new activity ideas, touch up the old games and make up new ones. During Fun Day (July 14) we'll be responsible for running games and crafts and just making sure all your neighbors have lots of fun. This the most fun way there is to help out your community.

Primitive Pursuits—Grades 4-8

Danby Federated Church

Mon-Thur, Jul 16-19 (9am-Noon)

It's time for summer adventures in the woods! Come join us to learn ancestral living skills such as friction fires, shelter building, native crafts, nature awareness, tracking and more! This is great environmental education program that connects participants to their local environment through the study of earth-living skills and nature awareness.

Garage Band-Grades 4-8

Danby Federated Church

Tues-Thur, July 24-26 (9am-Noon)

Here is another chance to participate in this unique and special program. We'll learn about and practice creating and recording our own music. Garage Band is also a computer program we'll use to record and add effects (like echo and reverb) to music.

Whether it's rock, rap, jazz or something else you like, bring your creativity, an instrument (if you have one already) and come make music! Everyone will go home with their very own CD that they created.

Cultural Cooking-Grades 4-8

Danby Federated Church

Tues-Thur, July 31-August 2 (9am-Noon)

Come to learn recipes from around the world. Be prepared to learn plenty of new cooking techniques and develop a taste for new things! You'll help decide what countries you want to explore, and then get to eat and enjoy what we make! We will also take time to listen to music, look at pictures, and even meet people from other cultures.

Water Wizards-Grades 4-8

meet at Danby Town Hall

Mon–Thur, August 6–9 (8:30am-1:30pm)

Explore Cayuga watershed streams and the lake on a floating classroom! Don't miss this exciting and unique opportunity to learn about our watershed and to perform scientific water tests in a local stream and aboard a floating classroom boat. It will be an experience you'll remember for a long time.

Tom adds, "The more the merrier, so please don't hesitate to try these wonderful free programs. Homeschoolers are more than welcome. Wherever you are, in or near Danby, just come! See you soon!"

Have old computers? Looking for a computer?

Unused computer and computer-related equipment can be dropped off at Babbage's Basement. The donations are tested and cleaned (disks are securely erased), built into working systems, and sold—cheap!—to the public. Mac and PC. Unused parts are recycled.

Proceeds benefit the non-profit Sciencenter in Ithaca. Check out [babbagesbasement.com/] for more information, business hours, location, and directions!



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Danby Area News: Event Calendar

Jun 23—Sep 3 Jennings Pond Jennings Pond Open for the Summer! Jul 5 • Thu 1pm The Merritt's, 297 Jersey Hill Road Danby Senior Citizens Annual Picnic; meat and drinks supplied, bring a dish to pass 3:30-6:30pm Danby Fire Hall Pavilion Danby Farmer's Market 7pm 🔁 Town Hall Danby Community Council Meeting Jul 9 • Mon 6:00pm 🕰 Town Hall **Interviews for Planning Board Alternate Members** 6:30pm 🕰 Town Hall Bid opening, for new Highway Dep't truck 6:30pm @ Town Hall Town Board Agenda meeting Jul 10 • Tue 7-8:30pm 🚇 Jennings Pond Family Program: Paper Making Jul 14 • Sat Danby Fun Day and Parade Jul 16 • Mon 6:30pm @ Town Hall Town Board Meeting Jul 17 • Tue 10:30-11:30am Town Hall Meet Your Representatives—County Rep Frank Proto and Town Supervisor Ric Dietrich 7-8:30pm 🚇 Jennings Pond Family Program: Ice Cream Making

Jul 19 • Thu

7pm 🕰 Town Hall

Public Hearing and Meeting

Planning Board

Jul 24 • Tue
7-8:30pm Jennings Pond
Family Program: Wild Animals
Jul 31 • Tue
7-8:30pm Jennings Pond
Family Program: Wild Edibles

ONGOING EVENTS

Seniors Strength Training Group Federated Church Mondays, 9am.

West Danby Volunteer Fire Company WD Fire Hall 2nd Monday, 7pm.

Danby Fire Commissioners Fire Hall or WD Fire Hall 3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm.

Danby Fire Company 🙀 Fire Hall

Mondays, 7pm; monthly mtg 2nd Monday, 7:30pm.

Danby Food Pantry Federated Church

3rd Friday, 4–6pm, Thursday the-day-before, 6–8pm

Danby Community Library Reading Group Town Hall 4th Tuesdays, 7pm.

Danby Quilters Group № 273.2950 Fridays, 9–11am.

WHERE THINGS HAPPEN

- Danby Town Hall 1830 Danby Road
- Danby Community Library 1830 Danby Road
- Danby Fire Hall 1780 Danby Road
- West Danby Fire Hall Sylvan Lane, off Rt.34/96
- Danby Federated Church 1859 Danby Road
- American Legion Hall 1231 Danby Road

The Danby Volunteer Fire Company now has a website! [http://www.danbyfiredept.com]

Did you know you can find the Danby News on the web? [http://danbynews.tedcrane.com/]