



DANBY AREA NEWS

GAS DRILLING TASK FORCE

Submitted by Katherine Halton

On December 8, Danby's response to the draft of the Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (dSGEIS) was sent to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) by mail. The response, prepared by volunteers from the Task Force, was a professional and impressive document. It was approved by the Town Board before it was sent and, hopefully, the Planning Board will approve it as well. We are waiting for a response from the DEC to many of its points, and will be writing about that when it comes in January.

The Town of Danby has been and will continue to work on several ordinances intended to help protect Danby from some of the more glaring problems that other localities have experienced with gas drilling:

- road ordinances that will apply to trucks driving through Danby and to trucks that are going to and from drilling sites
- stormwater ordinances dealing with run-off water and the protection of groundwater
- culvert and road cutting permits
- light and noise ordinances.

The beginning of the year will feature several public hearings, allowing the public to have input into these ordinances. Watch for info about these hearings on the Town web site [town.danby.ny.us], in local papers, and in the Danby News.

In late November, several members of the Task Force attended a meeting with Walter Hang. We discussed ways to encourage Governor Paterson to withdraw the dSGEIS because of the many questions about its efficacy, mainly the regulations' ability to protect drinking water. Walter runs a company, Toxics Targeting, which uses government databases to investigate toxic spills. He presented a range of problems that have occurred at conventional vertical wells in New York State...that have not been dealt with adequately by the DEC. Toxics Targeting, a local company, has already collected more than 7,300 signatures on a petition to Governor Paterson,

DANBY COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

Submitted by Bob Strichartz, DCC President

The Danby Community Council's Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday Jan 28, 2010 at 7pm in the Danby Town Hall.

During the meeting, new board members will be elected. Any resident of Danby who is 18 or older is eligible to vote. There will be 5 positions to be filled (one or two year terms) out of a total of 7 members.

Refreshments will be served, and there will be short presentations about the accomplishments of the Council during 2009.

Serving on the DCC Board is an enjoyable way to contribute to your community. If you think you are interested, please contact me at 607.277.3058 or [str@math.cornell.edu]. Please note that by-laws give preference to candidates who state their intention to run by January 14 (two weeks before the election). ♣

urging him to withdraw the dSGEIS (you can see the petition at [toxicstargeting.com/MarcellusShale/coalition_letter] and sign it there, too). Danby's Town Board has also passed a resolution presenting the same request to Governor Paterson.

The Task Force continues its work on other topics:

- pipelines for the transmission of natural gas and their impact on the local environment
- regulations about wastewater that is generated by the drilling process
- an demonstration in Albany on January 12 and a meeting with legislators there to let them know our concerns about drilling's impact on our town.

Early in the year, Cornell's Water Law Clinic (including Cynthia Bowman and students Katarina Barquet and Erin McLeod, who helped us a great deal with our

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SNAFU AT POST OFFICE: DANBY AREA NEWS LOST IN THE MAIL

Submitted by Ted Crane

Sometimes, when our expectations
have reached a high point, we have
to be prepared for a setback. Even so,
none of us who work on the Danby
News expected the snafu level achieved
by the delivery of the December issue
(if you're not old enough to remember
the word "snafu", google it).

Here's a snapshot review of our de-
livery process: we hand-carry mailing
flats full of the Danby News to the
Ithaca post office. The flats are pre-
sorted and labelled with their desti-
nation post office names. We're good;
the post office always gets them in
time to be delivered to you before the
1st of the month.

About two-thirds of the issues are ad-
dressed to "Postal Patron" and the Post
Office delivers them to every mailbox
on specific carrier routes. The remain-
ing third of the issues are individually
addressed to residents whose homes
are *not* on one of the carrier routes.

"What?" you ask. Aren't all homes on
one carrier route or another? Danby is
an orphan created by the Post Office's
constant cost cutting. It has no post

office of its own and its geography is
divided among five (count 'em, five)
different ZIPcodes; worse, four of the
five have the 148- region prefix in
common, but the fifth (Willseyville)
is part of a Binghamton-based region.
As a result, there is no set of carrier
routes that covers all of Danby, or
even that covers *exclusively* Danby ad-
dresses. It's a blivet (yes, look it up).

By now, we're used to hearing from
residents in Willseyville, who receive
issues a week later than most others,
from residents in Spencer who don't
get issues in spite of being on a carrier
route we target, and from Ithaca-based
residents who miss the occasional issue.
We seldom hear from Newfield
residents (in theory, *all* of them receive
individually-addressed issues) or from
folks on the Brooktondale delivery
routes (maybe they don't know about
the Danby News?).

OK, now you have the picture. Imag-
ine the surprise when the Ithaca car-
rier showed up in Town Hall, early
in December, to drop off two flats—
perhaps 400 copies—with the com-

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DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Happy 2010!

What do you have? We have:

- The best volunteers!
- A Great Community Library!
- The Twilight series!
- All of the Lemony Snicket Books 1-13
- New Juvenile Fiction and NonFiction:
 - Meet President Barack Obama
 - Pets at the White House
 - 1000 Times No
 - 11 Birthdays
 - Abby's Asthma and the Big Race
 - Abigail Iris: the one and only
 - Abigail Spells
 - All the Broken Pieces
 - Also Known as Harper
 - Always in Trouble
 - April Fool! Watch out at School!
 - Baby Colors
 - Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau
 - Wild Tracks! A Guide to Nature's Footprints ✨

LOCALLY-OWNED BUSINESS PASSES A MILESTONE

Submitted by Carol Bushberg

January, 2010 marks the first anniversary of a Danby-resident-owned business, Carol Bushberg Real Estate. Despite the challenges of the economic climate, the company has gained a solid foothold in the local business community and boasts of a highly successful year.

Since opening for business, the firm has sold over 30 Ithaca-area properties with a total value greater than 5.5 million dollars.

Based on Bushberg's analysis, more than half of the sales involved new home owners chasing the benefits of the Federal Government's First-Time Homebuyer Tax Credit. "This offers proof positive that the Federal Government's stimulus package is having a positive impact on the local economy", Bushberg says. "The great news is that, now, you don't have to be a first-time homebuyer in order to benefit from this Tax Credit program.

Eligible buyers who are selling a home that they have occupied for five of the last eight years may now apply for a \$6500 tax credit, as well. In order to qualify for

TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE

Submitted by Pamela Goddard

As I write, the Winter Solstice has not yet passed and the holiday gifts are not yet wrapped...but snow is falling through a dark sky.

Officially, I don't begin my duties as Town Clerk until January 1. In reality, I've been learning about the Town Clerk's duties by meeting with of Clerks and government departments around Tompkins County. One of the "hot topics" has been Tax Collection, which begins on January 5.

Long time residents will find a slight shift in tax collection hours. During the month of January, in keeping with the other offices in Town Hall, the Town Clerk's office will be open Tuesday-Friday, 10am-5pm, and on Saturdays, 10am-1pm. The last day to pay taxes without penalties is Monday, February 1, and the Clerk's office /will/ be open, 10am-5pm.

I'm looking forward to meeting many more Danby residents during the months to come. As I enter the new year in a new position, I want to express my gratitude to the people of Danby: I will do my best to fulfill the trust you've extended to me. Each of you can help me along the way by letting me know what's on your mind about the Town and how the Clerk's office can best serve you. I'm here to listen and to pass your input on to the appropriate people in the Town offices.

The flow of useful information is a two-way street. A large part of the Town Clerk's job is records management and getting information to the public. It's my job to provide for the needs of the Town by greasing the wheels of local government. I'm looking forward to doing my part to assure that all clerical needs are met promptly and accurately for such matters as the pending Storm Water Regulations that are needed to protect the pure water Danby residents rely upon.

I firmly believe that an informed public is crucial to the well-being of our town. Expect a monthly report from the Town Clerk's desk in future issues of the Danby Area News. There's much to do in the next several months and I'm looking forward to digging into it. ✨

this Tax Credit, homebuyers must close on their new homes by June 30, 2010."

The firm's motto is "Sound Advice for Big Decisions." Contact them at [carol@carolbushberg.com] or 607.273.3400. ✨

Snafu at Post Office, continued from page 2—

plaint, “I already delivered the Postal Patron copies to my addresses a few days ago.” Coincidentally, we began hearing from Spencer and Willseyville residents, complaining that their issues hadn’t yet arrived.

Are you thinking what we thought? A call to the Ithaca postmaster began to confirm the situation, and we were relieved to hear that he had personally noted the correct labelling on our flats when they were hand-carried to the Warren Road post office. Whatever happened, it wasn’t our mistake.

We returned the undelivered copies back to ground zero, and the postmaster agreed to investigate where they should have gone—and to get them there.

What a surprise, then, to learn that the issues still had not been delivered to Spencer. Yup, still sitting in the post office on December 10. Another call to the postmaster (anyone keeping count?) yielded another promise to get them to Spencer.

Fast forward to December 16, when our mail (Ithaca addresses) contained a *second* copy of the December issue. Hello, postmaster? This is just speculation, but it seems possible that whatever glitch caused the Spencer copies to appear in the Ithaca carrier’s workload... happened again. Only, this time, the carrier was a substitute and, instead of saying, “Huh, what?”, happily delivered them. To. Ithaca. Addresses.

If you missed the December issue, please accept our apologies. If you’re so inclined, please direct complaints to your postmaster.

Few residents know their carrier route number but, if you’re on Ithaca RD/CR #04 (almost 500 addresses), Spencer RD/CR #01 (300+ addresses), or Willseyville RD/CR #01 (100+ addresses), you should be receiving a Postal Patron copy of the Danby News. If you aren’t, please notify your postmaster.

There are a few dozen copies of the December issue in Town Hall, if you’d like one. You can also read it online via the Danby web site, [town.danby.ny.us/DAN] (click on the Dec 2009 link).

And now the good news...

If you’re reading this, your January issue was delivered properly and, maybe, in a timely fashion. If you’re reading a borrowed copy, get in touch with us and we’ll do our best to get you your own copy!

PS: If you’d like to be notified via Email when a new Danby News is on the web...get in touch with us. ❧

BROTHER, CAN YOU SPARE A DIME?

Submitted by Peter Fraissinet

Benefit Dinner for the Danby Food Pantry

Home-cooked dinner of turkey, ham, and several sides, as well as our delectable dessert table. The price? A free-will donation (your generosity gets you bonus karma). When and where? Sunday, January 17, 3pm in the West Danby Fire Hall, 47 Sylvan Lane.

We don’t have to tell you that this is a benefit dinner worth attending! These days, more than before, there are plenty of families in our own town who are struggling to keep food on the table, and the Danby Food Pantry is there to help. Let us help the Pantry to help our neighbors!

If you are able, please bring a further donation of a check and/or non-perishable goods* for the Pantry. Any amount is helpful. 100 percent of your cash donation goes toward Pantry goods (none to overhead). (Donation receipts are available for tax purposes.)

Live acoustic music for your entertainment!

The event is organized by the West Danby Community Association, who will conduct its annual meeting and election for a few brief minutes.

For more info, or to volunteer for this event, call Peter, 607.255.0455. If you cannot attend but would like to make a donation anyway, you may send it directly to: Danby Food Pantry c/o Joan Barber, 1859 Danby Road, Ithaca NY 14850.

**The Pantry welcomes canned or boxed food items that are not expired, toiletries, and kitchen/bath paper products. Of course, a check is the best donation: it gives the Pantry flexibility and they are usually able to get better prices than what you pay at the supermarket.* ❧

Gas Drilling, continued from page 1—

response to the dSGEIS) is publishing a *Guide to Gas Drilling Legal Issues* that will be very helpful to local landowners.

The Task Force will meet in the Town Hall at 7pm on Thursday, January 14 and on Monday January 25. Everyone who is interested in the issue of gas drilling is encouraged to attend and contribute. If you have any questions, please call me at 607.273.0533. ❧

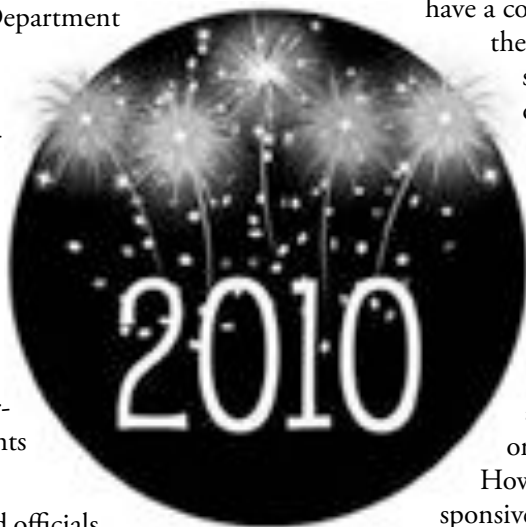
SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

It's December and, as I think about the past year, I am looking back over Danby News articles. Did I leave you wondering whether I got all my wood out? Well, no, I didn't.

Can I mention elections in this paper? They are a sensitive issue for some, but, for all of you who came out to vote in November's Town election and in the December Fire Department elections...the Town thanks you.

In retrospect, considering the Town's future and how elections here and around the county turned out, it was surprising how close many of them were. It's clear that each and every person has a voice in determining who represents you.



Now, as the newly elected officials present themselves to begin their tenure in office, I am asking the questions, "Who are these people you elect? What do you expect from them?" These are my co-workers; sometimes I have a hard time keeping up with them, but I often see them working on weekends and late into the night.

When I stopped by the Town Hall the other night to pick up some material, the place was packed for Tuesday's night court.

Last Sunday night, I got a call from a resident who was having trouble getting home. A call to the Highway Department found them still out on the roads, and they promised to swing by and lend assistance. In the background I could hear the town siren going off and knew there were people jumping into turn-out gear.

When I stopped to donate clothing at the drop-off center, the Church parking lot was full for Food Pantry day.

From the inside, looking out, the Town looks very different than the brief snapshot one might see while driving by, in the same way that a person's body gives little clue to the complexities of what goes on in the inside.

What is it really all about? What gets accomplished in any given week, what is really going on in your town? Do people want to know? We have our lives and our jobs, families, school, shopping, Church, and even all kinds of bills to pay. We worry, we fret, sometimes we smile, and sometimes we laugh. Sometimes we talk to our neighbors.

On January 4, elected officers, staff, and committee chairs will meet at the Town Hall to begin a new year. We will start by taking care of some business, and then have a conversation about tasks and responsibilities for the upcoming year. The conversation will include some of the topics that we did not fully address last year.

I hope you will attend...or send in your thoughts. What tasks would you like to see us address this year?

Our new year conversation will be the first of many that we will have about our town and how it is working. There will be conversations and suggestions about how we can do a better job of dealing with all of the realities on the inside--the ones you usually do not see. How to make us more transparent and more responsive. We'll talk about better ways to let the public know about what's going on: publicizing agendas prior to meetings and publishing minutes promptly afterward. We'll plan to write grants for housing rehabilitation, broadband development, and energy efficiency. ❁

TOWN HOURS

TOWN CLERK

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Note: Monday, February 1, 10am-5pm.

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Mon-Fri, 6am-2:30pm

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Phone: 277.0799 • Fax: 277.0559
Wed-Fri, 10am-5pm or by appointment

TOWN COURT:

Phone: 277.0095 • Fax: 277.0031
Tue, 7pm

All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

TOWN OBSERVER

A short extract from Joel Gagnon's Broader View articles

November Planning Board Meeting

During its November meeting, the Danby Planning Board unanimously approved Mike Hovanec's proposal, to replace of the storage buildings at Fort Locks Self Storage Mall with a slightly larger, climate-controlled building with interior access. No one spoke at the public hearing that preceded the board action; Board comment was minimal and uniformly supportive.

During its "privilege of the floor" period, the Planning Board also heard about a proposal to sell a 4-5 acre lot--outside the 30-home cluster--in White Hawk Ecovillage. The lot would be alongside the common driveway leading to Danby Road. Joe Italiano, speaking for White Hawk, indicated that the need for a cash infusion has forced them to consider a lot in the middle of what was designated (in the development plan) as land reserved for agriculture. Unlike lots in the village cluster, which are rented in long-term leases, this lot would be sold outright.

Board discussion centered on what is allowed within the scope of the planned development district that the Town created specifically for the 30-home village. It was opined that adding a 31st house on a separate lot probably would not fit within the district plan, and would require modification of the original approval. Substituting this lot for one of the 30 in the village cluster might, arguably, be done with a modification of the site plan instead of reapproval. Italiano thanked the board for their input and said he would bring the information back to the white hawk decision-makers for them to contemplate further.

The Board also considered the "stormwater legislative program" being advanced by the Town Board. The Board affirmed the Town Board as lead agency in environmental review and recommended a negative declaration of environmental significance. It additionally recommended that the three laws be adopted.

December 2009 Town Board Agenda Meeting

A lot of hard work by the Gas Drilling Task Force came to fruition on December 7, when the Danby Town Board embraced its report and made it the Town's official comment on the NYS DEC dSGEIS. The letter of conveyance also requests that the dSGEIS be withdrawn and reworked to address the shortcomings identified by the Task Force (and many other groups in the region).

Among the concerns cited is that the dSGEIS permits large-scale industrial development to take place with very few local mechanisms to mitigate its impact. Local governments would be tasked with water quality environmental monitoring, without an accompanying funding source. The cumulative impacts of multi-well development are largely ignored, and the DEC lacks the human resources to monitor and enforce the regulations.

The Task Force also proposed a resolution for town board consideration that would request of Governor Paterson that he withdraw the dSGEIS. (The resolution was approved by the Board on December 14-*editor*).

The Town Supervisor, Ric Dietrich, announced that the bundle of local laws to implement the stormwater regulations, originally scheduled for a public hearing on December 14, needed to be withdrawn and reworked. Little was said to indicate the nature of the inadequacy that derailed consideration. Dietrich indicated that a reworked version would appear for Board consideration at a later meeting.

Another package, to address potential highway impacts, is also being worked on. Dietrich reported that, like the stormwater regulations, a bundle of laws would be required to address all the highway issues.

The Board made good on its promise to respond to Mike Hovanec's informal proposal for added development on Muzzy Road, presented in November. Hovanec had proposed an additional 2-unit apartment on a 5-acre parcel where a 2-unit apartment already exists (the existing construction also had required a zoning variance). In November, Dan Klein had indicated that he was unsupportive and, at this meeting, Dietrich and Leslie Connors both indicated that they would not support the action. Gene Beavers was silent on the matter and Joe Salino was not present.

Nancy Medsgar was interviewed for the vacant position on the Board of Zoning Appeals that was created by the resignation of Ted Jones, and then appointed. Medsgar, a Marsh Road resident, said she had been considering getting involved in some way and decided to apply for the position when approached by Dan Klein. She spoke of her experience dealing with the appeals board in Cortland, where she owns property.

That experience sparked her interest in the process and in serving the public. The appointment was by unanimous vote.

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HAPPENING AT THE DFC

It's finger-chicken good time! There's another *Chicken and Biscuit Dinner* on Friday, January 8, 5-7pm, at the Danby Federated Church. The menu includes the bird and bread, Squash, Green Beans, Corn, Harvard Beets, Apple Sauce, Pies and Assorted Desserts, and a Beverage. Fee: \$8 for adults, \$4 for children.

All women are invited to the *12th Night Tea* on Saturday, January 9, at 4pm.

And, tah-dah, drum roll, the *1st Annual Chili Challenge* takes place on Friday, January 22, at 6pm. It's a prime moment for chili challengers and the chili challenged!

Do you think you have the best chili in the northeast? Bring your best pot of chili to this challenge! Do you like to eat chili? You be the judge! Whose is the best? See our web page, [danbyfederatedchurch.org] for additional details as we cook 'em up. ❄

Adoptive/Foster Parenting Meeting Notice

Tompkins County Department of Social Services has a need for foster families for all ages of children but especially for families in the Ithaca City School District and for families who will foster teenagers.

You can help! Come to an informational meeting regarding foster care and adoption on Thursday, January 14, Noon-1pm in the Human Services Building, room 142, 320 West State Street, Ithaca, NY.

For more information, please call 607.274.5266. ❄

Town Observer, continued from previous page—

Ed Marx, the Tompkins County Planning and Public Works Commissioner, requested that the Town Board indicate its support for a grant application to the U.S. Department of Energy, to establish an energy efficiency financing program. The fund created by the grant would create a loan pool from which property owners could borrow to make energy efficiency improvements or to install renewable energy systems on their buildings. Loan repayment amounts would be equal to or less than the savings in energy costs and would be made over a number of years.

The need for quick response (Marx asked for action by December 10 so the county could make the December 14 application deadline) led the Board to act at this meeting. Following comments by both board and audience indicating strong support, a letter was unanimously approved.

FIRE DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Ralph Bowles, Fire Commissioner

My thanks go out to all the Danby citizens who voted in the commissioner's election on December 8. We had a near-record turnout of voters and a result satisfactory to me as a commissioner. I hope that my 5-year term will be filled with success in the District and both fire companies. Thanks again.

Now, on to the firehouse addition. As everyone will have noticed, the construction mess has started. Certainly, progress is being made in spite of the clutter. We are trying hard to maintain our normally prompt response to all emergencies. Hope nobody has one, but if you do, see you there. ❄

Fire Commissioner Election Results

Candidate	Dist 1+3	Dist 2	Total
Ralph Bowles	87	29	116
Adam Crown	15	3	18
Void Ballot	2	1	3
Total Voters	104	33	137

Supervisor Dietrich updated the board on the contract negotiations with the union representing the highway workers. He indicated that the negotiations have now reached the difficult issues of wages and benefits, and that progress is very slow.

Town Clerk Carol Sczepanski reported that the town has received a new MIA flag from the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Ithaca, to replace one damaged in the course of painting the Town Hall.

Also, three new benches have been installed around the gazebo (next to Town Hall, courtesy of the Bicentennial Committee. Sczepanski mentioned that the Town still has several bicentennial throws for sale (\$35; available at the Town Hall).

The Board set the date for its year-end meeting: 6:30pm on December 28. ❄

DANBY STATE FOREST NEWS

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

Ticks

On the first day of deer shotgun season, two hunters on Bald Hill Road, just south of Comfort Road, reported to me that they had encountered a number of ticks, though they didn't know what kind, and that the ticks had made their way past their camo pants and long johns right onto their legs and groin area. I was surprised at this news and Emailed DEC forester John Clancy to see if he had encountered any ticks.

Yes, Clancy responded, in 2009 he had encountered, for the first time, *Ixodes dammini* ticks in the Bald Hill Road area. *Ixodes dammini* are the ticks known for being vectors of *Borrelia burgdorferi*, commonly called Lyme disease.

Ticks, like mites, spiders, millipedes, and centipedes, are arachnids, not insects. Therefore, they don't have wings and don't fly. They get around by hitchhiking on warm-blooded animals (humans, dogs, coyotes, deer, etc.). The male *Ixodes dammini* tick is black and very small (about the size of a coffee grain), and is able to crawl through certain types of fabrics. The female is about twice as large but still small and brown.

An *Ixodes dammini* tick doesn't always carry the spirochete that causes Lyme disease, but two West Danby gardeners have reported that they did have the disease, presumably from ticks in their own yards.

Whether we're walking in the Danby State Forest or in our own yards, we will all need to start checking ourselves, our children and our pets for ticks. For more information and photos on this topic, google the words *Ixodes dammini*, *Borrelia burgdorferi* and *Lyme disease*.

Trash Dumping

There has been a lot of trash dumped in various places in the forest, especially along lower Bald Hill Road and at the quarry on Traver Road, and there has been a lot of target shooting at signs and trees.

A huge black cherry on Bald Hill Road, probably worth hundreds of dollars in board feet, was recently shot up. Dave Brooks, the head forest ranger for Region 7, believes the culprits are Danby residents.

I like to think that Danby residents are above that sort of thing but two people who were caught littering on South Danby Road actually live on that road, so anything is possible.

COMMUNITY BIOMASS ENERGY

Submitted by Elizabeth Keokosky

The Danby Land Bank Cooperative and Energy Independent Caroline are sponsoring two meetings: one in Danby Town Hall (Wednesday, January 13, 7pm), and the other in Caroline Town Hall (Thursday, January 14, 7pm).

The purpose of the meetings is to let the community know how plans for a local pelletizing mill are evolving into Community Biomass Energy. A location for the mill has been found on Boiceville Road, near NYS Rt.79, thanks to new partners Tony Nekut, Ben Boynton, and Ken White.

The group's mission statement is, "To responsibly transform locally produced biomass into sustainable energy products for the community." They are interested in talking to local stakeholders and exploring avenues of local ownership.

Since renewable energy and energy efficiency go hand in hand, this meeting will also include representatives from TCAction to explain New York State and Federal financial incentives for weatherization and new stove purchases.

A meeting of Danby Land Bank Cooperative, aimed at new members, will be held in February. For more info, visit our web site, [www.danbylandbank.com].



The only reason why people get away with this is because these areas have little traffic and there are few witnesses to the dumping and damage. I'm asking residents around these areas to pay more attention to these spots, to take photos, and to report anything found or seen to the DEC at 607.753.3095, 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday, or 877.457.5680 at any other time.

Community Council Youth Programs Winter 2010



After School Programs require pre-registration and are open for youth living in Danby. Contact Laura Smith, Danby Youth Program Manager, with any questions, concerns or requests for a form: 607.272.2292.x225 or [ljs257@cornell.edu].

United Way FOCUS program coming to Danby!

There is an exciting and unique opportunity with Danby Youth Programs! During February and March of 2010, we will partner with United Way in a community building and service project.

United Way staff will lead youth in a series of activities to help them assess strengths and needs in Danby. The youth will accept grant proposals for community projects and allocate around \$3000 to selected groups.

This program is geared toward youth who are ready to work together as a team to solve real issues in Danby through discussions, community service-learning, and event planning. Youth take on leadership roles within community, so a high level of maturity and motivation are required.

We will meet weekly for two months in the Danby Town Hall, day of the week to be announced. Please contact Laura Smith (see below) to indicate interest or with questions.

Dungeons and Dragons

January through March

Join the campaign that began this fall--journey to ancient Rome without leaving Danby! Learn the rules of this role-playing game, and see where the adventure leads you.

Dance on Fridays

Fridays, January through March

Practice a variety of dance styles with professional instructors. Ballet, hip-hop, contra, and even Jazzercise! No experience necessary, this is a great opportunity to try a new hobby and a great way to work out!

Stop Action Photography

Tuesdays, February and March

Design and implement your own stop action film. Learn basic techniques and practice writing, directing, and filming.

Lunch Bunch

Thursdays, February and March

This in-school program at Boynton is a fun way to try new foods, create crafts, and go outside during the school day.

Primitive Pursuits

Mondays, April through June

The adventure continues at June's house once the weather warms. Explore the world of tracking and awareness while playing games and gaining understanding of the wilderness around you.

Funky Furniture

Tuesdays, April and June

Create a bulletin board, paint a step stool, add your own artistic flair to furniture pieces large and small.

Animal Explorations

Thursdays, April through June

Visit the SPCA, bake your own dog treats, and learn about a variety of animal careers and hobbies with hands on experience and field trips! ❁

STATE PARK LIFEGUARDS

Hey, swimmers! Are you trained in lifeguarding skills and CPR? The Finger lakes State Parks are holding qualifying tests for lifeguards in this region.

Starting pay is \$10.35 per hour.

The tests are conducted at the Watkins Glen High School on:

- Saturday, January 9 at 9am
- Friday, March 26 at 5:30pm
- Friday, April 2 at 5:30pm
- Friday, April 23 at 5:30pm

The exams, which evaluate practical lifesaving skills and CPR skills are evaluated on a pass/fail basis. They are open to the public. Candidates are required to bring their own pocket masks for the CPR portion of the test and, presumably, a bathing suit and towel.

For more information, contact Kathie Notarfonzo at 607.387.7041.x111 or [kathie.notarfonzo@oprhp.state.ny.us]. ❁

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DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- Jan 4 • Mon
6:30pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Town Board Annual Organizational Meeting
- Jan 7 • Thu
Noon 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
Danby Seniors' Meeting
No Danby Community Council Meeting, see Jan 28
- Jan 8 • Fri
5-7pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
Chicken and Biscuit Dinner
- Jan 9 • Sat
4pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
12th Night Tea
- Jan 11 • Mon
6:30pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Town Board Regular Meeting
7:30pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall
Danby Fire Department Monthly Meeting
- Jan 12 • Tue
7pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall
Danby Fire Commissioners Organizational Meeting
- Jan 14 • Thu
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall—**Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting**
- Jan 17 • Sun
3pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall
West Danby Community Association Annual Meeting
Fundraiser for Danby Food Pantry
- Jan 19 • Tue
7pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall
Danby Fire Commissioners Monthly Meeting
- Jan 21 • Thu
6:30pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
Military Family Support Group (note special date)
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Planning Board Meeting
- Jan 22 • Fri
5-7pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
1st Annual Chili Challenge
- Jan 25 • Mon
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall—**Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting**

- Jan 28 • Thu
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Danby Community Council Annual Meeting
- Feb 1 • Mon
6:30pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Town Board Agenda Meeting
- Jul 10, 2010 • Sat
Danby Fun Day and Parade

ONGOING EVENTS

- Danby Community Council 🏛️ Town Hall
1st Thursday, 7pm
- Danby Community Library Open 🏛️ Town Hall
Saturdays, 10am–Noon, Wednesdays, 1:30–3:30pm,
and when the Open sign is out!
- Danby Community Library Volunteer Mtg 🏛️ Town Hall
1st Wednesday, 6:30pm. Public Welcome.
- Danby Fire Company 🏛️ Fire Hall
Mondays, 7pm; monthly mtg 2nd Monday, 7:30pm.
- 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 Community Park Association 🏛️ Town Hall
2nd and 4th Thursday, 7pm.
- Danby Food Pantry 🏛️ Federated Church
3rd Friday, 4–6pm, Thursday the-day-before, 6–8pm
- Military Family Support Group 🏛️ Federated Church
2nd Thursday, 6:30pm.
- Seniors Strength Training Group 🏛️ Federated Church
Mondays, 9am.
- Danby Quilters Group 🏠 273.2950
Fridays, 9–11am.

WHERE THINGS HAPPEN

- 🏛️ Danby Town Hall • 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