

# DANBY AREA NEWS

## ELECTION SEASON

Votes To Take Place During Both November and December

Don't forget to vote in the General Election on Tuesday, November 8! The intrepid, devoted Poll Workers will be ready for voters at 6am in the morning and remain on duty until 9pm at night.

Danby residents may vote in one of two polling places, both located in Danby's Fire Stations. "Uphill" voters use the Danby Volunteer Fire Company on NYS Rt.96B near Gunderman Road. Please park in the park-and-ride lot and leave the apron in front of the building open for use by emergency vehicles.

West Danby voters use the station on Sylvan Lane.

The Danby Community Church is offering an election night supper. You can choose between the traditional pork entree and a chicken alternative. Serving starts at 5pm.

If you can't vote in person on November 8, be sure to ask for an absentee ballot. Contact the Board of Elections at 607.274.5522, 128 East Buffalo Street, Ithaca, or [elections@tompkins-co.org].

You can also sign up to be a Poll Worker at the Board of Elections. Taking part in our nation's democracy is both well appreciated and satisfying.

**Looking Forward to December**  
Danby's Fire District holds its election on Tuesday, December 13. Voting hours are usually limited to the evening time, 6-9pm. This year, the District's lawyer has advised that it is only allowed to open one polling place, and the "uphill" Fire Station on NYS Rt.96B will be used. The District is planning to provide a shuttle bus from West Danby. ❁

## BOARD VACANCIES

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

The Town Board of the Town of Danby invites residents to apply for volunteer municipal boards. Your involvement is welcome and needed.

Each year, one seat opens on the Planning Board and another seat on the Board of Zoning Appeals. The Planning Board term is seven years, while the BZA term is five years.

The Planning Board meets monthly, currently on the third Thursday, to review subdivision and development applications, and to review and revise the Town Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The Board of Zoning Appeals meets as needed, currently on the fourth Tuesday of each month, to hear and decide variance requests related to the Zoning Ordinance. Copies of the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance are available on the Code/Planning page of Danby's web site and in the Town Clerk's office.

There are several open seats on the Conservation Advisory Council. The CAC advises the Town Board in the development, management, and protection of the Town's natural resources. The full charge of the CAC, which includes making recommendations to the Town Board for Conservation Easements on property in Danby, keeping an open space inventory, and drafting management plans for Town properties, is available in the Town Clerk's office.

There are open positions for Town Historian and Town Webmaster. As provided by  
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## YOUNG NATURALISTS

Presentations about Animal Athletics, Reptiles and Amphibians, and Ants, intended for Danby's youth. Adults welcome, too.

See the *Youth Flyer* on page 9! ❁

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**DANBY NEWS NOTES**

Submitted by Ted Crane

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

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

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

## TOWN CLERK'S DESKTOP

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

### Gratitude and Thanksgiving

November is traditionally—and appropriately—a time of Thanksgiving; of taking stock, bringing in the harvest, and expressing appreciation. Even in challenging times, there is so much to be grateful for. Looking back over this past year, I am once again moved to express deep gratitude.

At the top of my “Thanksgiving List” is the fact that I live in a friendly town where even those who don't agree are civil with each other and where the different branches of government work well together. I give thanks for the rural beauty of Danby and the diversity of people who call this “home.”



I am deeply grateful for the excellent support staff in the Clerk's office: Sue McLellan and Mary Ann Barr. Each of these women diligently keep on top of so many things. The business of the Town Clerk's office would be chaotic without their help. I have similar gratitude

for the support and cooperation we have between Town departments, especially between the Clerk's office and the Supervisor. This spirit of mutual support is not always the norm in small towns. Working together towards common goals makes such a difference and results in fewer mistakes and more positive outcomes.

And I am deeply thankful for the efforts of so many people who work for the benefit of our Town—boards, volunteers, residents—and all of the ways we have supported each other through another year. I'm grateful for all of the accomplishments we've made in Danby this year, and especially for the passage of the Groundwater Protection Ordinance.

All of the Boards have done their jobs, carefully reviewing potential development with an eye towards maintaining Danby's rural character while being welcoming to new residents. I'm grateful for a Board and Planning Department which have made progress in energy programs—like participation as in the “Climate Smart Communities” coalition, which should result in improved living conditions for our residents. Our staff, elected Board, and Planning and Zoning Board volunteers have proven that it really does make a difference to get involved.

### Holiday Calendar

Speaking of Thanksgiving, the Town Hall will be closed for holidays: November 24-26 for Thanksgiving and December 23-26 for Christmas. The Town Clerk's office will be open as usual the rest of November and December: 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. We are also open Saturdays, 10am-Noon. As always, we are closed on Sundays and Thursdays.

You can always reach us at 607.277.4788 and [[townclerk@townofdanbyny.org](mailto:townclerk@townofdanbyny.org)]. And yes, there's still chocolate in the bowl on the counter. ❁

### ➤ Board Vacancies, continued from front page

NYS Law, the Town Historian collects and preserves Town history. The Historian is encouraged to engage the public in local history. The Town Webmaster assists with posting items to the Danby web site and is the Town's contact with the Email provider.

The West Danby Water Commissioners, who tend the rural water system in West Danby, have at least one and possibly two vacancies. Contact the Town Clerk or Tod Sukontarak for more information.

An appointment application is available through the Town Clerk's office. This simple form includes contact information for the applicant and three simple questions: any experience (professional, educational, etc.) which would assist in the position, a brief description of why you would like to be considered, and what you would hope to accomplish in this position.

If interested, or for more information on these positions, contact the Town Clerk, Pamela Goddard, [[townclerk@townofdanbyny.org](mailto:townclerk@townofdanbyny.org)] or 607.277.4788. ❁

## CLOCKS FALL BACK

Don't forget to wake up at 3am on Sunday, November 6, just in time to roll your clock back one hour. Digital clocks, well, roll 'em forward twenty three hours.

Daylight savings time ends on November 6. Mornings will be brighter but dark will settle in an hour earlier in the evening. Clocks are scheduled to Spring Forward again on Sunday, March 12! ❁

## WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

This may be old news to many of you who witnessed the work on Hillview Road and on Spencer Road where it intersects Hillview, but we had two large water leaks in that area at the end of September.

Our daily water consumption rose to around 100,000 gallons on September 13. One day of search located the leak on Hillview Road, where it intersects the highway. It appeared that mowing equipment had hit a valve riser and jarred the pipe below it to cause the leak. Minter Construction came out to excavate and repair the leak which was on a 3" line where it meets the valve.

Once that was repaired, we immediately developed another, similar-sized leak; our consumption rates never noticeably dropped. Another day was spent trying to locate this one and it was found on the 6" main very near where the highway meets Hillview Road. Again, Minter came out to excavate and repair the line. This time our consumption did go back down to roughly 15,000 gallons a day.

The irony of the situation is that in this summer's drought we were particularly concerned about losing so much water. It turns out that the extreme dry conditions may have helped to cause the pipe to break. Dave Herrick from T.G. Miller, coincidentally, called to ask how our water system was doing and I described to him our leak situation. He told me of other water systems around the area that experienced similar situations. They determined that the drought had caused ground conditions to shift enough that the pipe was no longer bedded properly and a jarring incident that would normally not affect the pipe could burst it.

I am happy to say that the big leaks are repaired but we still are in a drought so I guess the dangerous situation for our distribution lines still exists.

There are a few residences that are using unusually large amounts of water and I hope that homeowners will take care of any possible leaks. Please feel free to call me at 607.280.1823 if you have questions about what you can do to find or repair them.



## FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET

Submitted by Ed Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

During the summer and early fall, the Danby Fire District's Commissioners develop a preliminary budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The 2017 Preliminary Budget was filed with the Danby Town Clerk prior to the October 3 deadline, along with an official notice of a Public Hearing for comments on the budget, scheduled for October 18, 2016.

The proposed 2017 Budget expenditures totals \$514,000, which is below the NYS-mandated tax cap of \$514,702. Thanks to a year-to-year increase in the assessed valuation (from new construction and re-assessments) of properties within the Fire District, this budget results in a very small increase (0.63%) in the tax rate, while providing a modest increase in revenue.

The proposed expenditures for 2017, in declining order of value, are:

- Principal and interest payments for debt on two stations, two engines and the new, under-construction tanker
- Firefighting expenses and insurance covering fire fighters
- Equipment, apparatus, and station maintenance
- Salaries and payroll-related taxes for our two part-time employees
- Administrative costs.

In addition, we will transfer some funds to reserve accounts and provide for contingencies.

We continue to face several challenges. The first is that, in past years, the apparatus has not been replaced in a systematic way and its average age is now more than twenty years. Two small trucks are being replaced from existing reserves and, therefore, are not part of the 2017 budget. The proposed 2017 budget allows us to replace one additional small truck. One large truck is already under construction, financed by a bond issue approved in February 2016. As of January 2017, we expect to substantially reduce the average apparatus age.

The second challenge is the deferred station maintenance. The proposed 2017, budget together with the use of some reserves, begins to address that issue.

The third challenge is gear and equipment used by fire fighters has aged more than we deem prudent; it is also becoming technologically obsolete. We are applying for a grant to address this challenge.

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## SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

Here we are, speeding through October with reasonable to superb weather. So far. Did I just hear an alert from my wife with the word, "snow," in it?

This is a catch-up period for me, as I have been out of the action for a while, taking care of myself. I have been blessed with a wonderful life, of work, family, and community. It's been so good that issues pertaining to health have taken a back seat for me.

There's never a a good time to do something you need to do but do not want to do. So I have taken some time this fall to address health issues. I will be back as a player, as soon as a good recovery lets me. Right now, I feel like a helicopter parent watching from the sidelines.

I am definitely grateful for the fantastic support I'm getting from our Town staff at this time. Thank you one and all for your team efforts. So, here's some things that have progressed during my absence.

### PPA and Solar Array at Highway

The Town is on track to satisfying much of its electrical needs through Solar PV energy. The process began when the Town received the right to a favorable rate for energy we generate. We can sell power to NYSEG for more than we pay for the power we use!

The Town went through a permitting process with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to allow the construction of a 100+kW array at the Highway Department. We've negotiated with funders (there will be little, if any, up-front cost) and solar installers.

Beyond the needs at Town Hall, we've reached out to the other governmental power consumers in Danby, in-

cluding the Highway Department, the Water District, and the Fire District. Most have signed on.

It is our intent to provide electricity for the lowest cost possible, and the Town itself expects to save money starting on Day One. We have considered the option of a "buy out" after ten years, and begun setting funds aside for it in the 2017 budget. If the "buy out" is taken, we would own our own power generation and pay nothing—or close to it—for electricity for as long as we'd care to maintain the equipment.

In short, the project protects taxpayers from the get-go, and the savings could increase dramatically over time.

### Planning and Growth

Verizon has proposed a 110' telecommunication tower for property owned by and adjacent to the American Legion on Danby Road. The results of a balloon test have not yet been received. The Town has limited authority over the tower siting so, barring unexpected results from the balloon tests and other environmental considerations, the tower will eventually be erected.

The Town is allowed to introduce enhancements to the NY State Environmental Quality Review (that's SEQR). Our existing local SEQR law needs to be updated to reflect current State law and to further clarify our groundwater protection regulations. We will also alert potential developers to potential problems in regulatory or compliance issues early on during the application process.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at [[supervisor@townofdanbyny.org](mailto:supervisor@townofdanbyny.org)]. ☘

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### ⇒ **Fire Budget, cont'd from page 4—**

The fourth is that critical water availability has not been expanded nor improved. We have increased our monies for that in 2017.

The fifth is that we need to recruit volunteers and that means increasing recruiting costs. We have allowed for that in this budget.

Real Estate Taxes remain the principal source of income for Danby's Fire District. Our volunteer emergency responders, together with up-to-date fire protection technology are part of the modern civilization that your tax dollars support. All of our volunteers thank you! ☘

## COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, Tompkins County Legislature

Nineteen of the 62 counties in New York State have what is called a, “charter government.” Tompkins County has a charter government. Non-charter counties follow rules of operation set forth by the State. Tompkins decided in 1968 to write its own set of rules to organize and structure its County government, and this is our charter. You can think of it as the constitution of Tompkins County.

Approximately every ten years, we review the charter to see what needs to be changed. We read over every word in the 41,000 word document—multiple times—and have had long discussions about what changes we want to make.

We are proposing over 300 changes, most of them very small. Here are a few of the more significant changes being proposed:

- Several County departments will have name changes: the Personnel Department will become the Human Resources Department, Planning will become Planning and Sustainability, and the Division of Solid Waste will become the Department of Recycling and Materials Management.
- Some of the changes involve updating the charter to more accurately reflect our current practices. Some examples of this include outlining how the budget is put together and presented, and updated charter information about the Office of Workforce Development to align with a new Federal law.

- A big change we are recommending is to formally incorporate the process of establishing an independent redistricting commission. Every 10 years, after the census, we adjust our election district boundaries. In 2012, we were the only county in New York to use an independent redistricting commission. Now, the charter would require us to do so in the future.
- In 2015, there was some controversy surrounding two special elections that were held to fill vacant County Legislature seats. We were able to partially address one issue that was raised, which concerned the short length of time given to campaign for special elections. We added 10 days to the campaign schedule. We are trying to strike a balance between providing sufficient time for campaigns while not allowing the residents of any district in Tompkins County to be without a legislative representative for too long. The County Legislature will hold a public hearing on Tuesday November 15, 5:30 pm, in its legislative chambers, to hear from any member of the public who wishes to comment on the proposed charter changes. We will also accept comments by Email or mail, or you can contact me directly, 607.272.7582 or [[danbydan@hotmail.com](mailto:danbydan@hotmail.com)].

The charter can be found at [[tompkinscountyny.gov/files/legislature/Charter%20with%20highlighted%20changes%202016.pdf](http://tompkinscountyny.gov/files/legislature/Charter%20with%20highlighted%20changes%202016.pdf)]

As always, feel free to contact me if you have questions or comments. ❁

## AMERICAN LEGION POST UPDATE

Submitted by Marv English

Well, it’s that time of the year again. The leaves are changing and it’s getting colder outside. Time to think of a warm place for your holiday party. Give us a call about room rentals, 607.272.1129.

The Veterans Day Parade will be held in Ithaca on November 6 starting at 2pm. Don’t miss it. November 11, Friday, is Veteran’s Day. Be sure to thank a veteran/serviceman for their service to our country. A veteran is someone who wrote a blank check to the United States of America and repaid that check with their service to our country, some with their life.

On November 5 we will be having a Steak Dinner, 5-7pm. Cost is still \$12 and it includes steak cooked to

order, topped with sauteed mushrooms or onions, our salad bar, choice of baked potato, french fries, or onion rings, and dessert.

November 18 we will have a Fish Dinner, 5-7pm. \$12. Fish, either broiled or fried, choice of french fries, baked potato, or onion Rings, salad bar, and dessert.

On November 12, we will be having a Benefit Chicken BBQ, Noon ‘till done. Cost is \$10 and includes 1/2 chicken, salt potatoes, BBQ beans, and a dinner roll.

This past month, we have lost two members of the Danby Community who were a large part of the American Legion, Charles Hulbert and R.B Howe. They will be missed. Rest in Peace. ❁

## SIGNS OF CHANGE

Submitted by Ted Crane

The big, white, dimly illuminated sign out in front of the Fire pavilion on NYS Rt.96B is the Granddaddy of all the signs around Danby. It seems like it's been there forever.

Not everyone knows that the sign is owned and operated by Danby's Community Council. At times in the past, its sides featured mostly community events and *bon mots* but, in recent years, it has announced almost all official Town events, Fire District events, elections, holidays, and even whimsies like seasonal time changes...in addition to the Community Council's growing number of concerts, programs, and other events. Some weeks, it changes almost daily.

Some time in mid-November, the sign is moving.



Early this year, the Fire District, which had generously allowed the Community Council sign to use its property, began developing plans to purchase an \$18,000+ electronic sign for its own use, and decided that the new sign would occupy the location of "Old Granddad."

The Community Council expects to move its sign to another great location in the core of the uphill-Danby hamlet, give it a fresh coat of paint and maybe some rustic, decorative trim. If the new location doesn't have electricity, plans are afoot to provide inexpensive solar-PV based nighttime illumination.

The combination of hi-tech and traditional lettering should continue to serve all of Danby for many years to come. ❧

## BOOK CLUB DISCUSSING AGAIN

Submitted by Janice Beal

The Danby Book Club will meet on Sunday, November 20, at 4pm in Joanne's house, 89 Layen Road. We will be discussing *Bailey's Cafe* by Gloria Naylor.

Please join us! Questions? Reach me by Email at [beal.janice.e@gmail.com]. ❧

## EVENTS 'ROUND TOWN

*This column appears monthly, featuring brief descriptions of events—current and upcoming months—around Danby. If you have a non-profit event that the general public is invited to...send a notice to the Danby News!*

### Community Council Events

*Spiders*: Saturday, October 29, see article.

*Young Naturalists*: Saturday, November 12, Noon, see article. Also Saturday, December 3

### West Danby Community Association

*Seasonal Songs and Carols*: December 18, 3pm, in the Great Room at Slow Lane.

### At the DFC

*REFIT Fitness Classes*: October 31–December 1, Mondays, 5:30-6:30pm. \$5. Info: 607.592.4953, [yvonneklomax@ymail.com].

*Election Night Pork Dinner*: November 8, 5pm



*Red Cross Blood Drive*: November 11, 1-6pm

*Holiday Craft Fair*: November 12, 10am-2:30pm

*Doug's Fish Fry Truck*: November 21, 11am-6pm. Local desserts and seating inside!

*Community Thanksgiving Dinner*: November 26, Noon

*Operation Christmas Child*: Collection Week November 14-21

### The Great Room at Slow Lane

*Contra Dancing*: Fridays, 8pm. Beginners welcome, no partner needed, dances taught. Info: 607.273.8678.

*Scandinavian Dancing*: Sunday, November 20, 2pm, music by Stefán Ohlström, Stephen Ellner, Toby Weinberg, and others; dances taught! ❧

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Submitted by Edward Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

During the past 18 months, the Danby Fire District responded to 237 Emergency Medical (EM) calls. EM calls comprise about 60 percent of the total number emergency runs (about 400 total, during the same period).

During the same 18-month period, the EM calls can be divided into

- heart/breathing issues, 22%
- other medical issues, 58%
- motor vehicle accidents, 10%
- others (including hazardous conditions), 10%

In all, our Emergency Medical Technicians provided more than 600 hours on calls!

Ten percent of our volunteers—6 out of 60—are trained Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). We rely on Bangs Ambulance and several air ambulance services to transport patients to medical facilities like Cayuga Medical Center. We need several more volunteers for these very important EMT positions; the greatest need is at the Danby Fire Company.

Training for an EMT goes way beyond fire fighting skills. The EMTs work and train alongside firefighters, but the EMTs receive additional medical training.

Tompkins County, like many other areas of New York State, has a growing need for EMTs. Unfortunately, as the demand increases, the aging and declining EMT volunteer pool limits the availability of crucial services. In the past year, one regional volunteer ambulance service ceased operations and other Tompkins County EM services are struggling. Some municipalities now utilize commercial services or paid staffing to meet the EM needs of their citizens.

Two takeaways for you, dear reader:

- We welcome volunteers for the critical job of EMT. You can learn more and even start the application process by visiting either fire station, Danby or West Danby, on a Monday evening after 6:30pm.
- In the hope of understanding the challenges facing delivery of emergency medical services, the Tompkins County Council of Governments has created a task force, to make recommendations to stabilize and/or improve services. If you have any suggestions, please let us know. ❁

## DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be at Noon on Thursday, November 3. Turkey will be prepared, so plan your dish to share to compliment.

Thank you to our hosts for October: Dawn & George Parks, Glenn & Jeanne Grossman, and Delores Berg-horn!

Our December holiday luncheon will be at Hollybrook Country Club again this year, on Thursday, December 1. There is a fee and signups are required. Please contact Margie, 607.273.8046, for information. ❁

## SOUTHERN TOMPKINS TOWN TALK

Submitted by Gay Huddle, Ithaca Journal Columnist

Please remember to send your stories to me for the Southern Tompkins Town Talk column that appears weekly in the Ithaca Journal.

I cover the neighborhoods of Danby, West Danby, Brooktondale, Newfield, and Upper South Hill. Pictures (in JPEG format) are always welcome.

Please contact me at [gayhuddle@hotmail.com] or 607.273.6530. ❁

## DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Congratulations to Bob Dylan for winning the Nobel Peace Prize in Literature. Unprecedented! We will have a few of his children's books—based on his lyrics, like *Blowin' in the Wind*—available for borrowing.

Do you have an overdue item from the Danby Community Library? We have an outdoor drop box for returns that is accessible 24/7 by the Town Hall entrance. Please do not return items borrowed directly from the Tompkins County Public Library to Danby as we have no way to get them downtown for you.

If our "Open" flag is out on the front of the building, a volunteer is available to assist you. You can also contact [library@townofdanbyny.org] to renew an item. ❁





## DCC PRESENTS: YOUNG NATURALIST TALKS

Submitted by Alison Christie, Community Council

Does your child love learning about the animals and nature? Come learn amazing things about the reptiles and amphibians! This month, join the Danby Community Council on Saturday, November 12, Noon, in Danby's Town Hall, 1830 Danby Road, for the second Young Naturalist Talk. Like all Community Council presentations, this talk is free and open to the public.

This fall, we have exciting monthly presentations from a junior or senior biology major at Cornell University. These students are participating in a Naturalist Outreach class designed to spark kids' interest in the natural world. These talks are wonderfully prepared and presented. Kids and parents will learn a lot in a fun format. Come join the learning fun!

This month's speaker is Jenn Guerrero, and she'll be talking about Reptiles and Amphibians.

Jenn is an energetic and enthusiastic New York native and the proud owner of two slightly challenged reptiles. She's obsessed with animals and a certified wildlife rehabilitator. She's majoring in animal science and half-hearted attempts at veganism. Currently, she's working doing lab work on wasps and mice, and spends her summers working with vets in both Ecuador and the United States.

Next month: Saturday, December 3, Noon, Ants! ❁

## YOUTH GRANTS

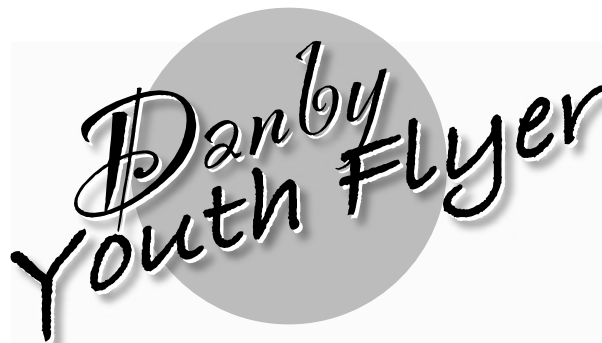
Submitted by Susan Franklin, DCC Youth Grant Coordinator

Do you have a child going to camp or participating in another program during the next few months? Financial assistance is available for Danby youth up to age 21, in the form of grants of up to \$100 per youth per year.

Grants are awarded quarterly for lessons, after-school programs, and more. The deadline is December 15 for programs beginning (or with payment deadlines) in January thru March.

Funding is provided by the United Way and the Town of Danby. Families who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch are especially encouraged to apply.

For more information and applications please contact [youthgrants@danbycc.org]. You can also find applications on the Town Hall bulletin board. ❁



## Community Council Autumn Youth Programs

Program information can be found below, in Danby's Town Hall, in flyers given out in schools, and on the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County web site [ccetompkins.org/4-h-youth/rural-youth-services]. If you have any questions about the new programs or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Jack at [jsd253@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292.x222.

### Rethink... Repurpose

Mondays, October 3-November 14 (except 10/12),  
4:30pm-6pm

Danby Community Church

One person's trash is another person's treasure! In this program we will take materials and items that have been thrown away or recycled and give them a new purpose, learning how to make the most of what we already have, and conserve our resources by being creative!

### Lunch Bunch

Boynton Middle School

We don't bite! Come hang with us for lunch Tuesdays during your lunch period.

### Primitive Pursuits

Fridays, October 7-December 16 (except 11/11, 11/25),  
3:30-5:30pm

43 Hornbrook Road

Come enjoy the brilliant colors of fall--while learning ancestral living skills such as friction fires, shelter building, native crafts, nature awareness, tracking and more! Participants learn about their local environment through the study of earth living skills and nature awareness. ❁

Postal Patron

## DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Oct 29 • Sat

7pm 🏠 American Legion Post • **Halloween Party**

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Spiders!**

Nov 3 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Seniors**

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**

Nov 5 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**

5pm 🏠 American Legion Post • **Steak Dinner**

Nov 6 • Sun

3am 🏠 Everywhere 'Round Here • **Clocks Fall Back**

Nov 8 • Tue

6am-9pm 🏠 Both Fire Stations • **General Election**

5pm 🏠 Danby Comm Church • **Election Night Dinner**

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**

Nov 11 • Fri

1-6pm 🏠 Danby Comm Church • **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Nov 12 • Sat

10am-2:30pm 🏠 Danby Comm Church • **Holiday Craft Fair**

Noon 🏠 Town Hall

**Young Naturalists: Reptiles and Amphibians**

Noon 🏠 American Legion Post • **Chicken BBQ**

Nov 14 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire Dep't Meeting**

7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • **WD Fire Dep't Meeting**

Nov 15 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**

Nov 17 • Thu

3-6pm 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Food Pantry**

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Planning Board Meeting**

Nov 18 • Fri

5pm 🏠 American Legion Post • **Fish Dinner**

Nov 21 • Mon

11am-6pm 🏠 Danby Comm Church

**Doug's Fish Fry Truck**

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**

Nov 26 • Sat

Noon-2pm 🏠 Danby Comm Church

**After-Thanksgiving Thanksgiving Community Dinner**

Nov 28 • Mon

Noon-1pm 🏠 Danby Comm Ch • **Mobile Food Truck**

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Conservation Advisory Council Mtg**

Oct 23 • Sun

4pm 🏠 371 East Millers Road • **Book Club**

Oct 25 • Thu

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Board of Zoning Appeals**

Dec 1 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Hollybrook Country Club • **Seniors**

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**

Dec 3 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**

Noon 🏠 Town Hall

**Young Naturalists: Ants**

Jul 8, 2017 • Sat

**Danby Fun Day and Parade**

### ONGOING EVENTS

**Danby Community Library Open** 🏠 Town Hall

Saturdays, 10am–Noon, Wednesdays, 1:30–3:30pm,  
and when the **Open** sign is out!

**Seniors Strength Training Group** 🏠 Danby Community Church

Mondays and Thursdays, 9am.

**AA Meeting** 🏠 Danby Community Church

Wednesdays, 7pm.

**Danby Quilters Group** ☎ 607.273.2950

Call for Info.

### 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 Community Church • 1859 Danby Road

🏠 American Legion Post 221 • 1231 Danby Road