

# DANBY AREA NEWS

## WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak

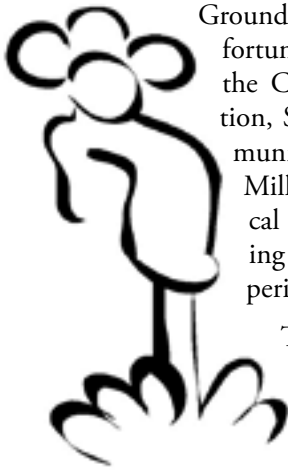
The West Danby Water District is sponsoring a dinner and water presentation on April 22, 5pm, in the West Danby Fire Station.

We will have speakers on topics covering the Cayuga Lake Watershed generally and Surface Water and Ground Water issues specifically. We are fortunate to have Hilary Lambert from the Cayuga Lake Watershed Organization, Steve Penningroth from the Community Science Institute, and Todd Miller retired from the U.S. Geological Service volunteer to do the speaking and stay for a question and answer period to follow.

The information portion of the evening will be preceded by a smoked pork dinner with delicious sides prepared by professionals who also are donating

their time. We are offering the meal free to active members of the West Danby fire department and freewill donation with suggestion of \$15 from others.

Any income in excess of preparation costs will be donated to the Danby Food Pantry. We are hoping that we will get good attendance from people living in the water district, especially those interested in learning about general water information. ❖



## KLASSIC KLEZMER

Submitted by Ted Crane

**Much** of the Yiddish language has its origins in German, Hebrew, Aramaic, and Slavic words. It's no surprise that "Klezmer" (Hebrew: *klay zemer*, literally, "instrument music") contains elements drawn from multiple cultures. In the *shtetlach* (small, Jewish villages in Eastern Europe), *klezmerim* (professional musicians, but less respectable than their high-brow cousins, the *muzikants*) wove their tunes into both culture and celebration.



Klezmer music followed the emigrant path to America but, like some other traditions, came to be viewed by the immigrants as an embarrassing holdover of the isolated Ghetto mentality they had escaped from. The roots movement of the mid- and late 20<sup>th</sup> century led to the revival of the Klezmer style...but what emerged was heavily influenced by American jazz.

The Cornell University Klezmer Ensemble is a mix of enthusiastic amateurs and serious professionals. Danby's Community Council is pleased to present a concert featuring several of CUKE's full-time musicians, on Sunday, April 9, at 3pm in Danby's Town Hall.

Many Klezmer tunes—the happier, faster ones—begin with the classic riff, "Ta Da, Da Dahhh," (remember those syllables, and see how well they fit the music!) but Klezmer is more than lively, pulse-pounding energy. There's *nigunim*, *freylekhs*, *khazones*, not to mention *krekhts*, *glitshen*, and *kneytshen*. As the great Max Epstein once said, "The difficulty is not to play the ornaments, but to play them right...but, 'never play it twice the same way—never!'"

Yes, on Sunday, April 9, at 3pm—by chance, the afternoon of the first seder of Passover—you'll hear something different than you'd hear on all other afternoons. If you're not in a pickle, join CUKE for

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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

Remember the blizzard of March 1993? That snowfall set a record, but this year's mid-March surprise came close. After almost two days of isolation, we've cleared our third-of-a-mile driveway (the ongoing snowstorm erased yesterday's attempt within a few hours) enough to allow a 4-wheel drive vehicle to escape. In the meantime—snowed in but toasty by the wood stove—I wrote this month's Clerk's article. I hope that everyone in Danby stayed as safe and warm!

I have hopes that the harsh cold of winter will soon be over, and that blue skies and sunshine will return for the Spring season.

There's a limited amount of things we can do from the Town Clerk's office to help Danby residents dealing with hazardous weather conditions. We get regular updates from County Emergency services and, when appropriate, we add those updates to the home page of the Town of Danby's web site [[townofdanbyny.org](http://townofdanbyny.org)]. They are also distributed to the Town's Email list. While we hope that this is helpful, we know that we will not replace other important local news sources such as the Ithaca Journal and Ithaca Voice. Check there for emergency road conditions, etc.

The Email list can also be used to send notices of upcoming public hearings. If you're not on the list and would like to get updates from the Town, it's easy to sign up. All the information you need is on the web site. Click on "News" link on the sidebar, directing you to the News page. Scroll to the bottom of that page where you will find "Subscribe to Town Of Danby News. Enter your email. You must "confirm submission" through your email account. Simple. We promise to not overflow your Email's InBox.

In truth, every family needs to create and prepare its own "toolbox" for dealing with hazardous weather conditions—whether those are snow storms, flooding, rain, high winds, or power outages. Have supplies on hand at home, including battery powered lighting, needed medications, and a food supply.

It's a good idea to know your neighbors and know how to reach them. Several Danby neighborhoods have created their own local Email contact lists. This is a won-

derful thing, and is particularly helpful for checking in on the aged and infirm. Staying connected is one of the best ways to help us protect each other.

Snow storms aside, one sure sign of the end of winter has come and gone: property tax collection has ended for our office. After March 31, all property taxes (including second installment payments) are paid to Tompkins County Division of Finance (125 East Court Street, Ithaca). Second installments are due by July 1, 2017.

From March through mid-May, the Town Clerk's office is open 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 10am-Noon on Saturdays. As always, we are closed on Sundays and Thursdays. And, thanks to generous contributions to the chocolate fund, the bowl of kisses is full.

You can always reach us by phone, 607.277.4788, and by Email, [[townclerk@townofdanbyny.org](mailto:townclerk@townofdanbyny.org)]. ❄️

## WEST DANBY CRAFT FAIR AND CHICKEN BBQ

Submitted by Marrell Cortright

The West Danby Fire Department will be holding its Annual Spring Chicken BBQ and Craft Show on Saturday, April 8, 10am-2pm.

The chicken will be ready around noon.

Come to the West Danby Fire Station, 47 Sylvan Lane! For more information, contact me at 607.319.6166 or find the Danby Fire and Rescue page on FaceBook. ❄️

## MOWING PROPOSALS SOUGHT

The Danby Fire District is soliciting proposals for lawn mowing at the Danby and West Danby Fire Stations for the 2017 season.

Anyone interested in submitting a proposal should contact the Danby Fire District, 1780 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 or call 607.319.4721 for a list of requirements. Proposals will be considered during the Fire District meeting, April 11, 7pm in the Danby Fire Station. ❄️



## CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL SEEKS SECRETARY

Applications are being accepted for the part-time, paid position of Secretary to the Conservation Advisory Council.

The CAC Council Secretary will attend its monthly meetings and prepare minutes of those meetings. The minutes are submitted to the Town Clerk's office, posted on the Town web site, and become part of the permanent record of the Town of Danby. The CAC meets regularly on the Fourth Monday of each month, 7-9pm, in Danby's Town Hall. The Secretary may additionally assist with writing and documenting a Natural Resources Inventory being prepared by the CAC.

Applicants should be detail oriented, reliable, and have access to a home computer and Email system. An interest in natural resources and conservation matters is a plus.

For more information contact the Town Clerk at 607.277.4788 or [townclerk@townofdanbyny.org]. To apply for this position, send a letter of interest to the Town Clerk by Email or U.S. Mail to Danby Town Hall, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca NY 14850. Be sure to include full contact info including mailing address, Email, and telephone. ☞

## HEATSMART HEATS AGAIN

Submitted by Tom Seaney

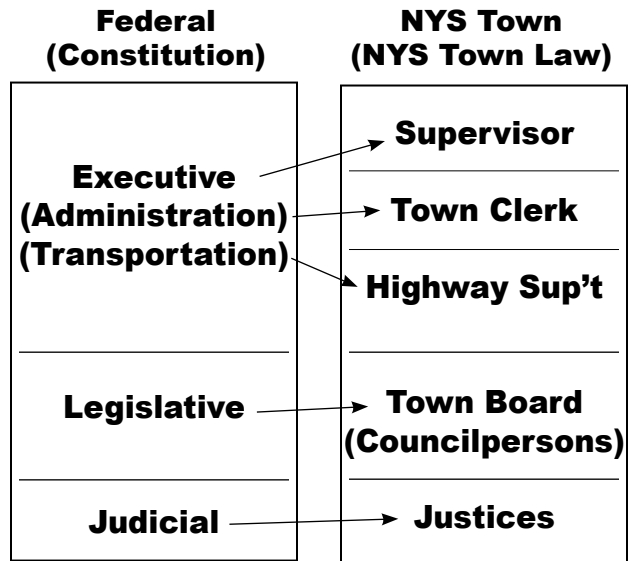
Join your neighbors for the final HeatSmart community meeting, slated for Saturday, April 22, 10am-Noon in the Danby Fire Hall, 1780 Danby Road.

### What is HeatSmart?

HeatSmart is a limited-time program intended to jump-start the rate of homeowners adopting both building envelope improvements and heat pump technologies. This program reduces the costs of improving home energy performance and has simplified the process for system selection, enabling these technologies to be brought to your home to cut your use of fossil fuels and save you money. You'll come away from our meeting more informed about how to cut your home energy use and be inspired to take the next step. ☞



## Branches of Government: Federal vs New York State Towns A Quick Primer, by Ted Crane



The governmental structure of a New York State Town, like the Town of Danby, is similar to the Federal organization created by the U.S. Constitution.

At first look, the major difference is that the role of the Federal Executive Branch—the President—is split into three elected officials: the Supervisor, the Clerk, and the Highway Superintendent.

The Supervisor runs the Town's day-to-day operations, including the employees not working for the Clerk or Superintendent, and pays the bills. The Supervisor is also a voting member of the Town Board and chairs its meetings.

The Town Clerk's position has no parallel at the Federal level. The Clerk's office is responsible for all non-Judicial record-keeping, including the creation of an objective historical record of Town actions. This form of "check and balance" is not present at the Federal level, where each branch writes its own history (which occasionally leads to inter-branch conflicts). The Clerk often acts as the Public Information Officer and Tax Collector.

The Highway Superintendent runs the Highway Department which, in a sense, is as if the Federal Secretary of Transportation was elected directly by voters.

Things get considerably more complicated when you try to draw a picture of the budgeting process...and add Fire Districts and Water Districts into the mix. More on that, next month. ☞

## SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

**I** guess the snowmobilers have had their day or two to play, plus the skiers and snowshoers. I was feeling sorry for them last month before the snow came down; how quickly the weather—as life—can be one thing one day and so different the next.

OK, winter came back. I was actually able to start my snowblower, which has been standing idle for some time, to help out. In the middle of it, I had the opportunity to ride shotgun in one of the Town trucks to see, first hand, what plowing our roads in a bear storm is like.

I have a renewed respect for our Highway staff. Under heavy snow, there is only the memory of a road to guide the drivers. Up in the truck, the roads and ditches appeared as one to me. I am sure my impressions, riding along for first time, doing something I take for granted, are my own...but I have to say I was impressed.

The Town is in constant motion, with a wide variety of duties that can go on twenty four hours a day. Whether it is the Fire Department responding to an emergency, our Town Justices being called in for an arrest in the middle of the night, or plowing our roads, someone is there to respond.

The Planning Board, CAC, BZA, Community Council, Justices, Town Board all have tasks to accomplish. Code Enforcement, Clerk, Historians, Archivist, Book-keeping, and even Supervising are all jobs in motion.

Why would a Town want to encourage commercial enterprises in one place and not in another? Why are stream setbacks receiving more attention? What does the water look like underground, and why is it so important? Why does the Water District need a second well, who is baby-sitting that whole enterprise? Why does the Community Council want to include Newfield youth in the programs it provides? Are we aware of, and who is working on problems affecting our youth, our elderly, our disabled? How is our food pantry doing? How many culverts need replacing, how to manage storm water, and which road foundations need remediation?

Why is the Brown Road project important to the above questions?

The Town has a history that we can learn from. The Town is an entity that needs feeding, the Town has a future and needs planning for. There is a world we all live in, there is the world of our lives, and there is a world that is happening all around us. We call it Danby and it goes on largely unseen by many of us who abide here.

Goals have to be established, priorities have to be set, funds have to be set aside. Residents have to come together to grapple with these issues. Events are happening in our nation, in our state, and in our county, but Danby is where the rubber meets the road.

This is your town, this is my town, this is our Town. In my opinion we live in a great town, an engaged town, a progressive Town, a Town that has a past, present, and future. Where can we do better? Let me hear from you, let me know about your life here in Danby.

I am still thinking spring thoughts; I dug a small shelter in the snow and sat in the sun, listening to the snow melt. Love that sound.

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

## ONE BOARD POSITION STILL OPEN

**A**s of the end of March, one seat on the Conservation Advisory Council remain unfilled. Contact the Town Clerk, 607.277.4788 or [[townclerk@townofdanbyny.org](mailto:townclerk@townofdanbyny.org)] for information and an application. ❁

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## BURN BAN! OPEN BURNING IN DANBY— NOT!

Submitted by Paul Hansen. Code Officer

Since 2009, New York State has prohibited any burning of trash, and has very strict limitations on other open burning. No burning *at all* is allowed from March 16 through May 14.

During the rest of the year, essentially, the only open burning allowed is:

- ❶ Campfires less than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in width or diameter.
- ❷ Small cooking fires.



- ❸ In Towns like Danby with populations less than 20,000, you may burn brush with tree limbs less than 6 inches in diameter and less than 8 feet in length.

The Department of Environmental Conservation regulates burning in Danby, and in case of any questions or to report open burning violations call the DEC hotline, 844.332.3267. Report any fires by calling 911. ❧

## COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, Tompkins County Legislator

Tompkins County was created in 1817 and the first County Board of Supervisors meeting was held in April of that year, 200 years ago. The first order of business to authorize payment of \$3,500 for construction of the courthouse, the requirement to become a County.

History buffs and fans of Tompkins County in general can see the original handwritten “proceedings” of this meeting, and then all the meetings since 1817, at [[lfweb.tompkins-co.org/weblink/Browse.aspx?dbid=12](http://web.tompkins-co.org/weblink/Browse.aspx?dbid=12)]. It is fascinating and sometimes funny to look at these proceedings. Most are about expenditures, and many of the dollar amounts are in the single digits.

For the bicentennial anniversary of Tompkins County, I want to write about everything County government does. This is an impossible task in 400 words, so I am going to cover part of what we do this month and continue the article next month.

I find that almost no one realizes the full scope of what Tompkins County government is involved in—I certainly didn’t before I got involved. I highlight individual departments in depth in this column sometimes, and will continue to do so. This month’s column will have to be not much more than a list. However, I hope it helps you appreciate, as I do, the roles the County plays. And maybe you can imagine what “a day without Tompkins County government” might be like.

Tompkins County Airport: As other upstate airports lose airline service, we are poised to become a prime regional facility.

Assessment Department: We are one of only two Counties in NYS to have countywide assessment—a much fairer system.

Assigned Counsel: Legal representation to low-income people. We are now providing this service to neighboring counties for a fee.

County Clerk: besides handling all the necessary legal filings, the Clerk promotes organ donation, helping to make Tompkins County the number one county in NYS for organ donation.

Board of Elections: Tompkins County had the highest percent turnout of any county in NYS for both the primary and the general election in 2016, and the Board of Elections made sure it all went smoothly.

Department of Emergency Response: You are safer because of this sophisticated County function, which has recently established radio interoperability with neighboring counties.

Health Department: Operates dozens of programs to keep us all healthy, the most visible of which in the last year had to with the drought and lead in drinking water.

To be continued next month. Until then, Happy 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday Tompkins County! Contact me about these or any other County Legislature issues at 607.272.7582 or [[danbydan@hotmail.com](mailto:danbydan@hotmail.com)]. ❧

## DANBY COMM. LIBRARY TURNS 27

Submitted by Alexandra Pfeifer, Town Co-Historian

The Danby Community Library (DCL), formerly known as the Danby Reading Center, opened its doors in April 1990.

Before 1990, Danby received library services from Bookmobiles, but that service was discontinued by the Finger Lake Library Service (FLLS). Danby citizens felt a strong need for a library, so, with support from Danby's Town Board, from the County Representative at the time, Frank Proto, and from community petitions, the Danby Reading Center was realized.

Matthew Decker and his mother, Donna Decker, were instrumental in the Library's founding. Their request to the Town Board and the Finger Lakes Library System Board of Trustees to start the Reading Center was approved in November, 1989. Matthew fulfilled his Eagle Scout project by working as a Reading Center volunteer and building bookshelves to hold 1,500 books. The nine bookshelves still stand today, a testament to his hard work and craftsmanship.

The DCL continues to this day, operating under the oversight of the Tompkins County Public Library (TCPL). It is run entirely by volunteers coordinated by Danby resident Patti Meyers. Dawn Parks is the DCL's

longtime advocate and volunteer extraordinaire. When you see her at the Town Hall, please thank her for her dedication to the library!

Danby's library collection consists of Fiction and Non-Fiction books for adults and children. There is a section devoted to Large Type Books, and racks full of Biographies, CDs, Books on CD, and DVDs.

Visit frequently because new books—including New York Times bestsellers and popular DVDs—appear often. In addition to the in-house collection, you can also select books from the TCPL's rotating selection of items, which changes every six months.

The Library is open Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30pm, Saturdays 10am-Noon, and whenever the *Open* flag is waving. Please stop by and check out our collection!

Without the support of Danby residents, The Town Board, The Tompkins County Public Library, and its strong core of volunteers, the Library would not be where it is today. Thank you!

Congratulation to the Danby Community for 27 great years!

*[Alexandra Pfeifer and Mary Ann Barr are the newly-appointed Town Historians.]*

## 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!*

### West Danby Community Association

*Egg Hunt:* April 15, 11am exactly. Hatch Pavilion, corner of Short and Brown. Don't be late.

*Cornell Klezmer Ensemble:* Sunday, April 9, 3pm, Town Hall. See article.

### West Danby Water District

*Smoked Pork and Water Talk:* Saturday, April 22, 5pm, West Danby Fire Station.

### The Great Room at Slow Lane

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

### ➤ *Klezmer, cont'd from front page—*

some Klassic Klezmer...you'll hear it all, and hear it explained, too.

As with all of Danby's Community Council events, this concert is free, open to the public, and refreshments will be served. The concert series is supported by funding from the **COMMUNITY ARTS PARTNERSHIP** of Tompkins County and the Town of Danby...and helped along by your contributions to the non-profit Community Council. ❁

## 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 SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, April 6, Noon, in the Danby Community Church. All seniors 55 and over are welcomed to join us for a dish to share lunch. Please bring your own place settings.

Thank you to our hosts for March, Ann and Dave VanDeMark, Bea Raponi, and Elmer VanArkel! Three raffle winners took home gift cards to the Home Depot.

In April, Judy Cuyle has arranged for a speaker from the Office of the Aging to come and Linda Howe has agreed to cook the "Easter" ham. Judy also said many have requested to keep our meeting time to Noon and it was voted on—we will not change to 6pm during summer months.

The travel committee has planned some nice trips for us this year. Stay tuned for more information! ❀

## COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM

Submitted by Cole Janda

The Danby Community Council invites you to one more public health presentation in Danby's Town Hall. The presentation will cover Lyme Disease. The date has not yet been announced.

There will be a free blood pressure check before the presentation begins. Healthy refreshments will be served.

This is the last of three health-related presentations that have been offered as part of an Eagle Scout project. All of the organization, setup, cleanup, and planning have been performed by Scouts! ❀

## SPRING YOGA CLASSES

Submitted by Kelly Morris

Yoga in the Woods, in Danby, presents *The ABCs of Yoga*—An Introduction to the basics of yoga practice on first Wednesdays of the Month, 6-7pm.

Try a sample class and learn how yoga's attention to physical alignment, unrestricted breathing, and the cultivation of consciousness can lead to feeling better in your body and lift your spirits.

For information on ongoing classes, please visit [[yogainthewoods.info](mailto:yogainthewoods.info)] or send your inquiries to [[kellymorrismail@gmail.com](mailto:kellymorrismail@gmail.com)]. ❀

## DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Missing items from our Tompkins County Public Library collection:

*Zora's Zucchini* (Picture book)

*Storm Front* (BOCD)

*Murder 101* (BOCD)

If these are not returned, you might receive a bill from the public library.

You can call us or Email us to renew an item. Please note the new due date on the card pocket. Also, when you are using self-check, please remember to leave the card, indicating the due date and your name on the card, and write the due date on the card pocket.

### New items at DCL:

Books:

*Lincoln in the Bardo*

*Humans, Bow Down*

*The Things We Keep*

*The Expatriates*

*A Piece of the World* (by the author of Orphan Train)

*Dead Letters* (set in FingerLakes wine country)

DVDs:

*The Eagle Huntress*

*Manchester by the Sea*

*Arrival*

*Moonlight*

*Hacksaw Ridge* ❀



Photo by Cindy Parlett

## MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The truck will again be in the Danby Community Church Station on April 24, Noon-1pm.

The truck is comes from the Food Bank of the Southern Tier and is sponsored by the Danby Community Church. Anyone needing food is encouraged to attend. Please bring your own bags and boxes! ❀



# Danby Youth Flyer

## Community Council Youth Programs

The Danby Youth Program is committed to offering quality, stable, uninterrupted programs to the youth of Danby. Our search for a permanent manager continues as of press time. For updates, check us out on the web at [[danbycc.org/YouthPrograms](http://danbycc.org/YouthPrograms)]. ❄

### REAL SCIENCE

Special extended Showtime! presentations:

- NanoDays, April 8
- Space and Earth Science, April 22

The Sciencenter is open on Monday, April 17.

Special Sensory Hours, Sunday, April 30, 10am-Noon.

(An admission fee, generally \$8, is charged to non-members.) ❄

### WEST DANBY EGG HUNT

Submitted by The Huntmaster

**H**ave you got your eggs yet? In case not, here are the basics of egg hunting!

Be at the Hatch's Pavilion, at the corner of Short and Brown Roads in West Danby. Be there a few minutes before 11am on Saturday, April 15, 2017.

Don't be there late because the hunt starts promptly at 11am, and the eggs turn into pumpkins very quickly. You don't want a pumpkin, you want an egg. Pumpkins are for Halloween and there is no such thing as an Easter Pumpkin. Not even in Pomphkins County.

If you're there early, you'll have a little extra time to hang out with the Easter Bunny. The Bunny is never late because the Bunny hops right to it! ❄

### SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY: LIFEGUARD

Submitted by Mary Kozak, Pond Coordinator

**S**pring is here. Think ahead! Interested in being a full-time Lifeguard this summer?

The Jennings Pond Swim Program in Danby needs lifeguards for July and August and will reimburse you for your training. Lifeguard training courses and CPR courses are available at the Ithaca YMCA during May and June.

If you are a Danby resident over 16 years old and you are interested in becoming a lifeguard for the Jennings Pond Swim Program during July and August, contact Amy Cusimano [[myemail607@gmail.com](mailto:myemail607@gmail.com)]. Get a jump on the summer! Summer is just around the corner. ❄

### NEWFIELD GIRL SCOUT UPDATE

Submitted by Lori Robbins

**O**n Saturday, April 29, 2017, the Newfield Girl Scout Service Unit will be holding two fundraising events, both located at the Newfield United Methodist Church, Main Street, Newfield that you will want to take part in!

First, our annual can and bottle drive from 8am-2pm. Returnables may be dropped off at the church starting at 8am.



Second, a tasty Chicken BBQ starting at 11:30am until gone.

The \$9 dinners include: ½ yummy BBQ'd chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans, roll w/butter, and home-made dessert. Or, you can have the 1/2 Chicken a la carte for \$6.

Tickets go on sale March 27, 2017 and will also be sold at the door. A limited number of tickets are available! To reserve your tickets, contact me [[lorianne3666@aol.com](mailto:lorianne3666@aol.com)] or 607.592.6085; leave message or text with your contact info.

All proceeds benefit the Newfield Girl Scout Service Unit, which provides opportunities for K-12 girls to build their courage, confidence, and character and make the world a better place, one girl at a time! ❄

Postal Patron

## DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Apr 1 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**  
5pm 🏠 Amer Leg Post • **Steak Dinner**

Apr 6 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Danby Comm Church • **Seniors**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**

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

Apr 3 • Sat

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

Apr 8 • Sat

10m-2pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall  
**Spring Craft Fair and Chicken BBQ**

Apr 9 • Sun

3pm 🏠 Town Hall  
**Concert: Cornell Klezmer Ensemble**

Apr 10 • 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**

Apr 11 • Tue

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

Apr 15 • Sat

11am 🏠 Hatch Pavilion, corner of Short and Brown  
**Egg Hunt — Hop to it, don't be late**

Apr 17 • Mon

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

Apr 18 • Tue

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

Apr 20 • Thu

3-6pm 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Food Pantry**  
🏠 Town Hall • **Planning Board Meeting Moved to 4/27**

Apr 22 • Sat

5pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Station • **Pork and Water**

Apr 24 • Mon

Noon-1pm 🏠 Danby Comm Church • **Mobile Food Truck**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Conservation Advisory Council Mtg**

Apr 25 • Tue

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

Apr 27 • Thu

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

May 4 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Danby Comm Church • **Seniors**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**

May 6 • Sat

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

May 8 • 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**

May 9 • Tue

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

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