

# DANBY AREA NEWS

## CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND** the several events in Danby, in honor of Earth Day, Sunday, April 22!

11-1: Join the Rt.96B cleanup crew! Ted Crane and Pamela Goddard leave from and return to Town Hall. Wear boots; if late, look for orange vests and bags.

1-2:45 *Marvelous Mucus*: Learning about the Little-Known World of Land Snails, a talk and snail search at the Town Hall by Marla Coppolino.

3-5pm *Marvelous Moss*: Learning about the Little-Known World of our Local Mosses, a walk and talk in the woods at Jennings Pond by Norm Trigoboff.

5-8pm Dish-to-Pass dinner, kayaking on Jennings Pond, and bonfire. Please bring some food to share (no alcoholic beverages, please), your own plate and silverware, and perhaps a lawn chair to sit in. Kayaks will be supplied by Route 96 Power and Paddle (who will be there to help you learn if you're a newbie); the \$40 rental fee will include a vest and paddle.

*To reserve a kayak, please send a check for \$40 to Ronda Roaring, 571 South Danby Rd., Spencer, NY 14883 (607.589.4031). Write checks to Route 96 Power and Paddle. Specify whether you want a one-person or two-person kayak (same price, but there are only three two-person kayaks). Deadline for reserving a kayak is April 14.*

Kayaking is easy and fun. Don't miss this opportunity to explore Jennings Pond by the light of the moon and experience nature like you've never seen. This will be peeper time! ♣



## VIOLIN RECITAL BY ARIANA KIM

Submitted by Bob Strichartz, Community Council

**ON SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 3pm**, in Danby's Town Hall, the Danby Community Council presents another free event in its 2018 Concert Series. Two international stars of classical music, Ariana Kim, violin, and Ieva Jokubaviciute, piano, will perform sonatas of Franck, Bach and Clara Schumann.

Ariana Kim is part of the faculty of Cornell music department. She is a member of the Aizuri String Quartet, which received a gold medal at the 2017 Osaka International Chamber Music Competition, and recently returned from a concert tour in Japan. She also performs with the New York based chamber music group The Knights, and has performed at Carnegie's Weill Hall.

Ieva Jokubaviciute is on the faculty at Shenandoah University. She has performed chamber music at Carnegie Hall and has accompanied the well-known violinist, Midori, at many recitals. She is a regular participant at the Marlboro Music Festival.

As always, this free concert is presented by Danby's Community Council with support from the Town of Danby and grant support from the **COMMUNITY ARTS PARTNERSHIP** of Tompkins County.

Refreshments will be served and a good time is promised for all! ♣

## FAILING WELLS IN A GROWING TOWN

Submitted by Ted Crane

**ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT** parts of attending Danby's various board meetings is understanding and reacting to the various stories told by residents who are concerned about changes to their neighborhoods.

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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

**F**LASH BACK TO MAY 2011, seven years ago. We were looking for a new Deputy Clerk and found a gem. Now, in the spring of 2018, I am sad to say that Sue McLellan will be leaving us sometime over the next few months. She and her husband Mike will be moving to Bath, NY this Spring or early Summer.

We are currently seeking applicants for Deputy Clerk, in the hope that there will be some overlap between Sue and the new Deputy. We are not looking to “replace” Sue (as if that were possible), but to begin a new chapter in the Town Clerk’s office. The Deputy Clerk position will be part time (three days a week, most of the year, including Saturday mornings) and will focus on normal office functions in the Clerk’s office. Good computer skills and ability to work with public are required. For more information, contact me in the Clerk’s Office, 607.277.4788.



### Farewell, Sue McLellan

When Sue McLellan arrived in 2011, she came with excellent skills honed by a career in Administration and Finance at Cornell University: Office Manager for the Johnson Graduate School of Management and Executive Staff Assistant to the Associate Dean of the Graduate School. Her financial and organizational skills made her a perfect fit in the Clerk’s Office team.

During the past seven years, Sue’s eye for financial detail and skill with administrative processes have expanded her work into contract and grant management. Her organizational skills help assure that the Town is in compliance with grant reporting, outside contracting, and labor laws. These tasks alone have become close to a full time job, and we now realize that contract and grant management deserves its own staff.

Sue has also taken an interest in residents and their needs. On a weekly basis, she brings care and understanding to such mundane tasks as renewing dog licenses and issuing accessibility parking tags. Thanks to Sue’s interest in veteran’s affairs, Danby adopted the Veteran’s Tax Exemption on property tax providing real and substantial benefit to those who undertook this service to our country.

Sue’s work experience, curiosity, and cheerful manner stood out in 2011 and have been an asset to our local

government team. I continue to be impressed by the way she thinks deeply about processes and procedures, and by the many ways that she cares deeply about the people of Danby. Sue will be deeply missed when she moves her household (Veteran husband Mike and service dog Tyson) to Bath and nearer to the VA Center there.

As a reminder, Spring office hours for the Town Clerk are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10am-5pm and Saturdays 10am-Noon. And yes, thanks to resident generosity, the chocolate kiss bowl remains full.

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

## SEEKING PB & BZA SECRETARY

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

**T**HE TOWN OF DANBY IS SEEKING applicants for the position of secretary to the Planning Board and Board of Zoning Appeals. This is a Civil Service position with the title *Typist Part-time*. The secretary attends all meetings of these two boards and prepares the meeting minutes.

Planning Board meetings are mostly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 7-9pm. The BZA only meets when necessary to hear requests for zoning variances, usually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Minutes must be prepared in a timely fashion, no later than two weeks following each meeting, and become part of the permanent record of the Town of Danby. An hourly salary is offered.

Long time secretary, Kelly Cecala, is leaving due to family and work related scheduling problems. Kelly has been secretary to these boards for several years. We appreciate the quality of service Kelly has provided and value the records she has created for the Town. In order for there to be some overlap between Kelly’s service and the work of the new person, it is hoped that the Secretary’s position will be filled as soon as possible.

Interested residents are encouraged to apply soon. For more details and information on how to apply, contact the Town Clerk’s office, 607.277.4788 or [[townclerk@townofdanbyny.org](mailto:townclerk@townofdanbyny.org)]. There are many ways to be involved with activities in Danby. This is an interesting one. ❁

## COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, , Tompkins County Legislator

HERE IS A ROUNDUP of some of the issues and news from Tompkins County government.

The County Assessment Department put out its annual report, creating a snapshot of housing values in the County. Danby did not get reassessed townwide this year, although individual properties in Danby may have been reassessed. Six percent of properties in Tompkins County had their assessments reduced.

The Assessment Director also reported that he is aware of new housing for 5,800 people in various stages of planning and development in Tompkins County. There are also plans for housing—a few years out—for thousands of additional people. As these housing units come online, it may significantly shift the housing situation in the county.

In March, the County passed resolutions asking Spectrum, the cable television provider for most people in the County, to reverse its decision to cut the WSKG and WENY stations from its lineup. We have no real power over Spectrum's decision, and cable companies are notorious for not being responsive to local communities to meet their needs in terms of programming and coverage.

The County Legislature began discussions about a resolution calling on NY State to ban single-use plastic bags. There are many versions of what such a ban could look like, and I am writing this a month before we actually vote. This issue elicits strong opinions on both sides. If this topic is interesting to you, check the County website for the legislature meeting agendas, or contact me to see where we are in the process.

The County has also been discussing funding for arts and culture organizations such as the Hangar Theater, the State Theater, the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, the History Center, the Museum of the Earth, and the Cayuga Nature Center. All of these organizations had their funding cut by the County after 2015. The funding has not yet been restored, despite huge increases in the hotel tax revenue, the source for this funding. If adequate funding for arts and culture organizations is important to you, please contact me so I can suggest how you can help.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me; [danbydan@hotmail.com] or 607.272.7582. ✿

### ➤ *Failing Wells, cont'd from front page—*

These concerns are most often aired during the Planning Board and Board of Zoning Appeals meetings I attend, but they have also come up during regular Town Board meetings. If I had to guess at the most frequent concern, it would be the effect of neighborhood changes on the availability of water. The enormous investment we have put into our homes is painfully dependent on a water source. Our well.

During a recent Planning Board meeting, residents were concerned about the effect of new construction on their already unreliable water supply. As early as the 1980s, massive holding tanks were included in some new construction in that neighborhood. The residents described how their older wells were once overflowing but have, in recent years, become unreliable.

Our Town Planner correctly noted that water studies available to the Town, some recent, some older, indicate sufficient water for construction in the area. It was pointed out that the biggest study, the USGS study of Danby's water, focused on the NYS Rt.96B corridor, and contributed no new data about resources in the area of concern, where water issues seem to abound.

In fact, most of the information about water yields comes from historical well drilling reports! Casting no aspersions on any driller, the report submitted to the NYS DEC when my well was drilled was based on a quick, casual, and by no means scientific test. The same driller—one of the more responsible ones, I've been told—recently said that he didn't have the resources to do meaningful tests to determine well yields.

I am proposing to carry out an informal study of *current* well yields throughout Danby. I hope to create and distribute (via Danby News and the web) a survey to every home in Danby, and I hope that all residents will respond to it. After all, it's your home we're trying to protect! The result would include a map of water available to homes throughout Danby, and this would be made available to the Town—and to its residents—for its planning purposes. Watch the future Danby News for it. If you don't already get my "Danby News is ready" Emails (and want to hear more), drop me an Email at [danbynews@tedcrane.com]. ✿

## SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

**T**HE BIG PUSH in the Fall is to get a budget together for the coming year but, in the Spring, the big administrative push is to get financial documents to the State as our year end report. So, by March, we see the results: where we were on target and which accounts were under-budgeted.

Last year we did not spend as much on winter roads as we have this year, but those kind of monetary swings are anticipated and budgeted for. Other items, like the Danby News postage costs, are less predictable and we must build some flexibility for ongoing surprises.

Budgets are best guesses on the future, in that they tend to be based on past and present performance. Each year always has "pop up" items that were not anticipated.

This year's newest pop up—the Gunderman Road bridge near NYS Rt.96B is down to one lane—has led us toward what will be another pop up. (Engineers are providing feedback on what it will take to repair the Gunderman Road bridge.)

Peak water events have increased dramatically during the last forty years, so all our culverts and bridges are being evaluated and rebuilt for the future. We anticipate that millions of dollars will be required to rebuild, in order to anticipate increased capacity engineering specifications.

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## WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

**T**HE WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT Commissioner met on Wednesday, March 7, at 5pm in the West Danby Fire Station.

The agenda was small but important. We discussed Carl Seamon's offer to serve another five year term as a District Commissioner. We all agreed that that is a good idea as Carl is knowledgeable of the water system its residents and is active in all aspects of its functions. We recommended to Town Board that they reappoint Carl as a Water District Commissioner.

We will be flushing the distribution lines for two days in April. Weather permitting, the lines north of the fire station will be flushed on April 17 and those south of the station April 18. The work each day will begin shortly after 9am. ❧

This is cost prohibitive, so we must either bond for the work or try and find grants to cover the cost.

Which brings me to that second pop up. It is one thing to write grant applications to cover the cost of rebuilding our Town's infrastructure...but it is another to process the grant requirements and manage the cash. Grants have audits, performance, and compliance issues attached to them. We have never been able to be so aggressive in seeking outside money to cover costs and, now that we are, we realize we need more administrative help.

We have run out of staff time to research, write, and administer grant funding. We need to hire additional help. In short, it's going to cost some money to manage an awful lot more money that we can obtain without going to our taxpayers. We have some funding built into the budget for contingency expenses, and this will be discussed during the next few TownBoard meetings.

On another note, we have been working on a Cayuga Watershed conference for a while, and just received a grant from Cornell to cover the costs. Now we have to bring other municipalities into the Town's efforts to stop exporting dirt into Cayuga Lake.

We will also be seeking grants—with a whole new set of compliance issues—for housing. As I have indicated in past Danby News articles, it has been a while since we have done one of these. Why is this relevant? The last time around, we were able to help residents get some help with upgrades to their housing. A little effort in one place can reap bigger rewards for Town residents in another.

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

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## CAC MISSION STATEMENT

Submitted by Matt Ulinski, Chair, CAC

DANBY'S CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC) needs help from any and all wordsmiths out there. We want to create a simple but meaningful mission statement. It should be short (less than seven words) and encompass our charge from the Town (below). The winning submission will be announced in the Danby News. The winner will receive, well, notoriety; we are a government board after all.

The CAC is charged with doing research on and keeping an inventory of the conservation features of the Town. We work with other Town groups (official and unofficial) to coordinate environmental activities with a focus on preserving open space areas with natural resource value and low density. A key responsibility of the CAC is to actively pursue the creation of preserved space through voluntary easements and other mechanisms (grants, gifts, bequests).

Our full charge can be found on the Danby's web site, [[townofdanby.org](http://townofdanby.org)], click on "Boards", then "CAC", then "Documents", and then "Resolution 82". ❁

## FREEMAN SPEAKS FREELY ABOUT OPEN GOVERNMENT

Submitted by Ted Crane

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of the NYS Committee on Open Government, Robert Freeman, has been invited to meet with Danby folks on Thursday, April 5, 6:30, in Danby's Town Hall.

Freeman is probably one of the easiest—and fun—speakers to listen to, that you'll ever meet. Not only does he have something to say—he is the State's preeminent expert on his subject—but he can say it in a way that everyone can understand and enjoy. In a typical meeting, he does not lecture; his starting line is a question from the audience, and and he runs from there.

Freeman's visit to Danby was prompted by questions, during the 15-January-2018 Town Board meeting, about Executive Sessions and the requirements of Open Meetings Law.

All members of all Town boards have been asked to attend, and the meeting is also open to the general public. If you've ever attended a Board meeting, for any reason, and wondered about procedure (open meetings

## TOWN OF DANBY EXPLORES LOWER-COST ELECTRICITY

Submitted by Ted Crane

IN ADDITION TO THE SEVERAL SOLAR ENERGY options to be presented on Monday, April 2 (see separate article), Danby residents should be aware of two non-Solar alternatives being discussed at Danby Town Board meetings.

Right now, the Town is considering a move to adopt the Energy Cooperative of America as its electric power provider. Just as individual homeowners can choose to buy electricity from either NYSEG or any of a number of electric service companies ("ESCOs"), the Town can choose a provider.

ECA—a cooperative—buys power at wholesale prices, marks it up a fraction of a cent, and sells it to its members. Individual homeowners are also welcome as members. A recent survey of electric service prices on the NYS Public Service Commission web site [[documents.dps.ny.gov/PTC/zipcode/14850](http://documents.dps.ny.gov/PTC/zipcode/14850)], click on "View Electric" shows ECA charging a bit more than 3 cents per kilowatt hour, about one cent less than its closest competitor and 1.7 cents less than NYSEG, the Town's previous supplier. (Those are variable rate prices; fixed rate customers are paying NYSEG almost 5 cents more)(also, you're going to pay delivery and service charges to NYSEG, no matter where you buy your electricity).

The Town is following the lead of the Fire District to ECA. If you want to follow the Town, see [[ecamerica.org](http://ecamerica.org)].

Looking to the long term, the Town is participating in meetings about "Community Choice Aggregation." To make a long story short, CCA would allow the Town to select a default power provider for everyone in town, and to negotiate a bulk purchase price to maximize savings. Individual customers could, of course, opt out of the bulk purchase. That said, if the program resulted in lower cost (though non-Solar) electricity, opting out might not be for everyone. ❁

law), about knowing what's going on (freedom of information law), or about personal privacy protection, this will be a great moment to ask a question. The online resource for the Committee is [[dos.ny.gov/coog](http://dos.ny.gov/coog)]. ❁

## SOLAR OPTIONS FOR EVERYONE

Submitted by Annalise Kukor, Energy Educator, Coop Extension

TAKE YOUR THOUGHTS about going solar one step farther by attending an information session in Danby's Town Hall on Monday, April 2, at 7pm. The Community Council has asked the energy experts at Cornell's Cooperative Extension to describe the available options—some are *Pay Now*, others are *Pay As You Go*, but all *Save Now and Later*—for new Sunshine Enthusiasts.

Want solar energy, but think that solar isn't possible for you? New developments are making it more possible for just about everyone. Whether you own a home or rent, whether you live in a field or forest, there are now financially viable options for you to go solar.

Rooftop and backyard solar installations are still a great option for homeowners with good solar exposure and the ability to pay the upfront costs. For these people, onsite solar may offer you the best return on your investment. Rooftop or backyard solar allows you to fully own the system, take advantage of the 30 percent federal tax credit, 25 percent state tax credit, and the \$0.35/W state rebate. Onsite solar also allows you the option to go off-grid (the only way to avoid NYSEG's \$15/month service fee), or to have a battery backup system for when the grid goes down.

For renters, apartment dwellers, and those who live in the woods or simply don't want to invest in an onsite solar system, Community Solar can meet your needs and is available to anyone who pays a NYSEG electric bill. It's growing in popularity across New York State, with companies settling on two main participation models:

- Purchase Models, where you own solar panels at an offsite location

- Subscription Models, where you don't own anything, but pay a monthly bill for electricity from a privately-owned solar farm.

In both models, residents remain attached to the grid and receive a bill from NYSEG.

In the purchase model of community solar, the panels you own will generate credits on your utility bill, lowering your monthly cost as if the panels were on your property. The purchase model often offers a lower up-front cost than rooftop or backyard installations because the developers are able to build the farm all at once instead of working on many smaller installations. Also, you've bought the panels so you are also eligible for the Federal and State tax credits and incentives. There typically are monthly operations and maintenance fees with this model.

If you don't want to put down any money to own panels, a subscription model could be best for you. The developer you work with plans its solar farm with enough production to cover your energy needs. The developer pays for the farm while you agree to buy the electricity every month. The developer will often give you a small discount relative to NYSEG's charge for electricity. You won't save as much as you might if you owned the panels but you will save a little while getting your electricity from clean, renewable energy. In addition to the developer's monthly bill, NYSEG will bill you for electricity you used (over what you contracted with the developer). These contracts tend to be much shorter in length than ownership contracts and can therefore be much more flexible.

To learn more, visit [[cctompkins.org/solar](http://cctompkins.org/solar)] and join us for the free, no sales pitch information session on Monday, April 2, at 7pm in Danby's Town Hall. ❁

## MOWING PROPOSALS SOUGHT

Submitted by Sharon Gaden, Fire District Secretary

THE DANBY FIRE DISTRICT is soliciting proposals for lawn mowing at the Danby and West Danby Fire Stations for the 2018 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 Danby Fire District meeting on April 10, 7pm in the Danby Fire Station. ❁

## DANBY BOOK CLUB

Submitted by Janice Beal

THE DANBY BOOK CLUB meets on the third or fourth Sunday of each month, 4pm, at one of our homes.

We read mostly non-fiction and are very focused on discussing the book. Refreshments are served.

Please join us! New members are always welcome. Questions? Contact me, 607.279.1480 or [[beal.janice.e@gmail.com](mailto:beal.janice.e@gmail.com)]. ❁

## DOTSON PARK UPDATE

Submitted by Julie Clougherty, Community Pak Association

**T**HERE'S A NEW PARK AND RIDE bus stop coming to Danby this spring! The Danby Community Park Association, Town of Danby, and TCAT are working together to provide a new, northbound stop along Route 96B, located right at the entrance to Dotson Park, across from Town Hall.

A parking lot with spaces for several cars will be created along the entrance road, with an accessible pathway to the shelter. Riders heading into Ithaca will have a safer place to wait for the bus, especially in winter, rather than having to wait at unmarked locations along the dark highway shoulder. The creation of the new parking spaces is a win-win, as it will also provide convenient parking for access to the park's natural playground when it is finished. A free electric vehicle charging station is also being researched. Questions, comments, concerns? Contact us at [[info@dotsonpark.com](mailto:info@dotsonpark.com)].

Dotson Park is a special place. Recent visitors to the park signed the guestbook with these comments: Bigger and better than expected! Awesome! Love this place! Lookin' good! Locals, if you haven't yet been out to explore the 92 acre park, take an hour or two to walk the trails.

And if you want to try your hand at some disc golf, there are discs for available for free sign-out in Town Hall, under the coat rack in the entrance. Why not give it a whirl and see why people are coming from Elmira, Kingston, New Jersey, Newfield, Harford, and even Portland, Oregon to play this course, even before it is 100% completed. Rules of play can be found online at [[discgolf.com](http://discgolf.com)], click on "Education" and then "How to Play". ❁

## WOMEN'S FICTION

Submitted by Joanne Farbman

**T**HE WOMEN'S FICTION BOOK CLUB of Danby is currently meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 1 pm. Since it's a pretty new group, this schedule could change.

So, anyone interested in this new group should contact me at 607.280.3069 or [[jsfarbman@gmail.com](mailto:jsfarbman@gmail.com)]. We'd love to have you! ❁

## DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

**T**HE NEXT MEETING of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, April 5, at Noon in the Danby Community Church.

We thank our hosts in March, Bill & Judy Cuyle, and we thank Linda Howe for cooking our "Easter" ham! There was an abundance of good food enjoyed by about 45 seniors. Three Bingo games were called with gift certificates going to the winners.

The travel committee has set up some nice trips for this year. In addition to the ones listed below, Pat Phelps is working on a September 6 trip to the Cortland Repertory Theater. ❁

**Del Lago Casino** \$15 members, \$20 non-members  
**Wednesday, April 25, 2018** Danby Church: Leave 10am, return 6pm

Info: Nancy Gould, 607.273.8705

\$25 free slot play, theater ticket for *Grease* and the music of the 50s and 60s, and a \$5 food coupon (can be used toward purchase of buffet or other restaurants). Bring photo ID to get your slot card and discount on buffet.

**The Beeches, Rome, NY** \$50 members, \$55 non-members  
**Wednesday, June 13, 2018** Danby Church: Leave 9am, return 6pm

Info: Nancy Gould, 607.273.8705

Entree buffet (served salad, delicious dishes, chef carved meats and a sweet dessert display), show is *Voices of Legends* by singing impressionist Eric Kearns.

**Steamtown National Historic Site Museum** \$30 members, \$35 non-members  
**Thursday, July 26, 2018** Danby Church: Leave 9am, return 7pm

Info: Ann VanDeMark, 607.539.7928

Trolley museum and trolley ride, dinner at *Bingham's Family Restaurant* on the way home.

**Checks payable to Danby Seniors and given to Nancy Weitzel 607.272.6570.**



## ROLL, RELAX, REVITALIZE

Submitted by Kelly Morris

**D**ANBY YOGA TEACHER, Kelly Morris, is now certified to teach The Roll Model Method of self-massage and myofascial release. This method uses small, pliable rubber balls to systematically massage out all of those common-and many not so common-areas of tightness and tension. Common areas include the neck and shoulders, back, hips and feet.

In April, on Sunday, April 8, 3-5pm, and Thursday, April 19, 5:30-7:30pm, Kelly will offer introductory workshops that will include a head-to-toe exploration of a variety of techniques for self-massage in eight general areas of the body. We will use gentle yoga stretches before and after using the massage balls to observe any changes. These self-massage techniques may lead to freer movement, less pain, improved posture, better breathing habits, stress reduction and more.

Workshops are offered by donation at Studio in the Woods in Danby (previously known as Yoga in the Woods). For more information and to reserve your place, please visit [[studiointhewoods.site](http://studiointhewoods.site)]. Each workshop is limited to 10 participants. ❧

## OLD MARKET REVITALIZED

Submitted by Nancy Medsker

**T**HE OLD DANBY MARKET is starting its new life as a Yoga/Fitness Studio and Event Center. So, after all these months of wondering what is going on there, starting in June the plan is to offer different types of classes for all ages during the week. The space will also be offered for rent for special occasions on the weekends.

We would really like some feedback from Danby area residents about what types of classes they would like to have offered in the space or if you have any interest in teaching or holding a class there. Look for classes to start sometime this summer.

I can be reached at [[nancy@vintagespiritstudio.com](mailto:nancy@vintagespiritstudio.com)] or 607.592.0327.

### Coming up in the Old Danby Market:

*Answer the Muse* will be playing a concert set on Friday, April 13, 7:30pm, then stay longer for a night of dance with more music. \$10. ❧

## RECRUITMENT OPEN HOUSE AND CHICKEN BBQ

Submitted by Simn Wyatt

**A**S PART OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL RecruitNY statewide initiative, the Danby Volunteer Fire Company will host an open house and chicken BBQ on Sunday, April 29, Noon-4pm. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn life-saving “hands-only CPR” skills, and Fire Company members will conduct tours of the station and equipment, discuss the process of becoming a volunteer, and answer questions about what we do and how you can get involved.

Like most all-volunteer fire departments, the Danby Volunteer Fire Company has an ongoing need for more volunteers to provide emergency response services to the community. While the greatest need is for volunteers with time to commit to the training to become firefighters or Emergency Medical Technicians, we also need more personnel for non-emergency support and fundraising.

Training, equipment, and annual medical exams are provided. Among other benefits, Fire Company volunteers are eligible for a New York State tax credit, the FASNY HELP program for tuition reimbursement at New York community colleges, and a Fire District-provided life insurance policy. ❧



## AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marvin Eastman, Post Manager

WELL, ACCORDING TO THE CALENDAR it's spring. But don't ask Mother Nature or the Groundhog. They say the cold could be with us for a while longer. So, on those chilly nights, why not stop into the American Legion. Maybe it's for a quick snack or one of the various dinners we put on.



Steak, just think, on April 7, we will be having a Steak Dinner, 5-7pm. We are pleased to announce that Michelle is back to help cook the steaks. You can get your steak (cut from a prime rib loin) cooked to order. Enjoy the salad bar as well as the homemade desserts made by the Ladies Auxiliary. Steak comes with your choice of baked potato, french fries, or onion rings. Top it with either saute'd onions or mushrooms. All this for just \$13.

Feel like a little pasta? Well, stop in on either April 11 or April 25, 5-7pm for a Pasta Dinner. Guaranteed not to leave hungry. Pasta with marinara sauce, \$7; with meat sauce, \$7; with house-special loaded sauce, \$8. Chicken Parm w/ side of pasta, \$8; Chicken and Broccoli Alfredo, \$8. Dinners come with the salad bar and garlic bread. Meatballs and sausage upon request.

On April 20, 5-7pm, we will be having a Fish Dinner. Choice of either Baked or Fried Fish, baked potato, french fries, or onion rings, salad bar and an array of homemade desserts for only \$13.

It's never too early to start thinking about that party or gathering you want to throw this year. Maybe it's a birthday party, a retirement party or just a family get-together and the garage just isn't big enough or you don't want to deal with all the clean-up. Give us a call, 607.272.1129, or, better yet, stop in and see what we can do for you.

## MOBILE FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY returns to Danby Community Church parking lot for its April 23, Noon-1pm, distribution. We thank the Fire Department for their allowing use of its site for January-March, especially Peter Goodman for his assistance!

Anyone needing food may attend and can pick up for another household as well. Please bring your own bags or boxes.

## 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:

*Ariana Kim:* Classical Violin; Sunday, April 15, 3pm Town Hall.

### The Great Room at Slow Lane

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

*Scandinavian Dancing:* music by Steffan Ohlström and Stephen Ellner. Sunday, April 1, 2pm. Info 607.273.8678.

*Three Ravens:* music and song from masters of the art. Sunday, April 15, 3pm. Info 607.273.8678.

### Danby Community Church

*Chicken and Biscuits:* Friday, April 13, 5-7pm.

*Lunch and Games:* Monday, April 16, Noon. Hot homemade soup and easy games.

### Fire Departments

*Open House:* Danby Volunteer Fire Company, Sunday April 29, Noon-4pm.

## SOUTHERN TOMPKINS TOWN TALK

Gay Huddle, Ithaca Journal Columnist

I WOULD LIKE TO NOTIFY EVERYONE that the Ithaca Journal has cut all the Town Talk columns back to every other week, instead of each week.

I am very disappointed in this decision and believe it to be a step in the direction of doing away with an Ithaca Journal completely.

I will, however, continue to work very hard on bringing all local information from Danby, West Danby, Newfield, Brooktondale, and upper South Hill to readers of my column in a timely manner for as long as I can. My column will appear on April 12 and 26 and so on.

Please get your information to me at least 2 weeks in advance, or sooner, so we can make this work. Photos in JPEG format are still most welcome at [gayhuddle@hotmail.com].

I thank you for your continued support and for your consideration during this time of change.

# Community Council Spring Youth Programs

If you are not already on my mailing list, please send me a message and I will add you. Contact me at 585.236.6304, or Email [mas759@cornell.edu] or visit [danbycc.org/YouthPrograms] - Melis Schildkraut ✿

## DIY Recycled Crafts—Grade 6, 7, 8

Newfield Middle School  
Tuesdays, 3-5pm, 3/13, 3/20, 4/10, 4/17

Join me on Tuesdays after school for some DIY time, as we turn ordinary objects into something exciting and new. Activities will include tin can candle holders and cereal box magazine racks. Snacks will be provided!



## Don't Be Board!—Grade 4 and 5

Danby Community Church  
Wednesdays, 2:30-5pm, 3/14, 3/21, 4/11, 4/18, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23

South Hill students are invited to join my community bench making program. During this program, we will learn basic carpentry skills while constructing benches for the Danby Community. The final resting location for the benches is not yet set—I will work with both the youth and the community to figure out the best place possible!

## Hip Hop at Kroch Library—Grade 6 and above

Monday, April 16, 4-6pm

This field trip will explore the Kroch Library's extensive hip hop collection with curator, DJ, and educator Ben Ortiz. Youth will learn about hip hop as an art, a genre, and as a movement, and will be given hands-on access to Kroch's unique collection.

## JENNINGS POND LIFEGUARDS

Submitted by Mary Ann Kozak

SUMMER WILL BE HERE SOON! The Jennings Pond Swim Program, a part of Buttermilk Falls State Park, is looking for lifeguards for the 2018 swim season, from the end of June until Labor Day. All applicants must be 15 years old with the following certifications:

- Lifeguarding/First Aid
- CPR-adult-AED and Waterfront.

All of these Red Cross courses are available through the YMCA. We will reimburse you for your training. Courses are ongoing in the Spring.

We encourage all of our Danby Youth to seek Lifeguarding at Jennings Pond as a great employment opportunity and to be part of your community. For further information please contact: Amy Cusimano [myemail607@gmail.com] or [jeremiah.kozak85@gmail.com]. ✿

## DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

APRIL IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH, when we celebrate the work that volunteers do, year-round. During National Volunteer Week (April 10-16), organizations across the country will recognize their volunteers for helping. Our library is staffed by volunteers; next time you come in, let them know you appreciate their time and commitment.

The movie, *A Wrinkle in Time*, is playing in the theaters and we have the book for you to enjoy. A new selection of Large Type and Science Fiction books will be arriving this month. Anyone like jigsaw puzzles? Come help put the community puzzle together—every piece counts! ✿



**Apr 2018**

## DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Mar 31 • Sat

11am 🏠 Hatch Pavilion (corner of Short and Brown)  
**West Danby Egg Hunt**

Apr 2 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Solar For Everyone**

Apr 5 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Danby Comm Church • **Seniors**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Robert Freeman on Open Gov't**

Apr 7 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**  
5-7pm 🏠 American Legion • **Steak Dinner**

Apr 9 • 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 10 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**

Apr 11 • Wed

5-7pm 🏠 American Legion • **Pasta Dinner**

Apr 13 • Fri

5-7pm 🏠 Danby Comm Church • **Chicken & Biscuit Dinner**

Apr 15 • Sun

3pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Community Council Concert**  
**Ariana Kim - classical violin**

Apr 16 • Mon

Noon 🏠 Danby Comm Church • **Hot Soup & Cool Games**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**

Apr 17 • Tue

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

Apr 19 • Thu

3-6pm 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Food Pantry**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Planning Board Meeting**

Apr 20 • Fri

5-7pm 🏠 American Legion • **Fish Dinner**

Apr 22 • Sun

11am-7pm 🏠 Town Hall and Jennings Pond  
**Earth Day Events**

Apr 23 • Mon

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

Apr 25 • Wed

5-7pm 🏠 American Legion • **Pasta Dinner**

Apr 29 • Sun

Noon-4pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall  
**Fire Dep't Open House / Recruitment and Chicken BBQ**

May 3 • Thu

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

May 5 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**  
5-7pm 🏠 American Legion • **Steak Dinner**

### ONGOING EVENTS

**Danby Community Library Open** 🏠 Town Hall  
Tuesdays, 1-3:30pm, Saturdays, 10am-Noon,  
and when the **Open** sign is out!

**Food Scrap Recycling** 🏠 Town Hall  
Saturdays, 9am-Noon

**Seniors Strength Training Group** 🏠 Danby Community Church  
Mondays and Thursdays, 9am.

**Tai Chi Classes** 🏠 Danby Community Church  
Mondays and Wednesdays, 11am.

**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 Drive, off Rt.34/96

🏠 **Danby Community Church** • 1859 Danby Road

🏠 **American Legion Post 221** • 1231 Danby Road