

# DANBY AREA NEWS

## PANCAKES ROLLING BACK TO DANBY!

Info from Steve Hilsdorf, DVFC, and Marrell Cortright, WDFD

Downhill in West Danby, the West Danby Fire Department has set the dates for its breakfast offerings: Valentines Day Breakfast on February 9 and St.Patty's Day Breakfast on March 16. Its Breakfasts are all you can eat, featuring pancakes, eggs made to order, homefries, sausage, and bacon. Always 8-11am. Adults are \$7, seniors are \$6, kids (5-12) are \$5, and children under 5 are free.



West Danby is a small, special community in its own right, and they do breakfast right. It's well worth a trip downhill to see how they do it!

Meanwhile, in uphill Danby, the Danby Volunteer Fire Company, also known to the uphillers as, "The Fire Department," has scheduled its

Pancake Breakfasts for the coming months: December 9, January 13, February 10, and March 13.

The December Pancake Breakfast is all you can eat for the price of a donation! Pancakes, french toast, eggs made to order, home fries, sausage, toast and oatmeal. You don't want to miss it!

Doors open at 8am and breakfast is served until 11am.

All the breakfasts, whether downhill or uphill, WDFD or DVFC, benefit the Fire Departments. You can watch firefighters working over a hot fire while others happily serve tables. And, on the weekend of Feb 9-10... you can compare the offerings, back to back. ❁

## FLUTE RECITAL

Submitted by Bob Strichartz

Danby's Community Council presents a free concert featuring Wendy Mehne, flute, and Diane Birr, piano, on Sunday, December 9, 3pm, in Danby's Town Hall.

Mehne and Birr are faculty members of the Ithaca College School of Music and have previously performed in Danby. Their program includes classical dance music by Bizet, Faure, Bach, Astor Piazzola, and Paul Schoenfield.

Mehne holds degrees from University of Nebraska, Michigan State University, and University of Wisconsin-Madison. She performs frequently in the Ithaca area, in particular with the Ithaca Wind Quintet, Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, and Ensemble X. She has also performed at Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall.

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

This is the last concert in the 2018 series.❁

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## SEASONAL SINGING

Submitted by West Danby Community Association

**A**DD YOUR VOICE to the annual West Danby winter singing event on Sunday, December 16, 3-5pm. Enjoy a respite from the holiday hustle and join your friends and neighbors at a friendly community sing.

Gather in the Great Room of Slow Lane, the home of Ted Crane and Pamela Goddard, down the long driveway at 888 Comfort Road. We'll sing a wide range of seasonal favorites, including Christmas carols, Hanukah songs, aand Solstice favorites. Musical accompanists are welcome, too.

Warm cocoa, cider, and seasonal treats. Bring something to share if you like. ❁

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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

### Year End Reflections

As I write this, the Town is clearing up from its first major snow event of the season. It's looking a lot like December, a real kick-starter for my holiday season mood. People of many religious faiths and traditions look to this time of year with a yearning toward increased light, warmth, interconnection, and peace. I can be grateful that, in the midst of chaos and crisis around the globe, Danby has had a safe and peaceful year.

Here's a look back at changes during 2017. A major change came when Sue McLellan and her husband Mike needed to move from Danby to Bath, NY, in order to be closer to a VA medical center. This also brought them closer to relatives in that region of the state. While we know that this was the best thing for them, we miss Sue all the time. She brought a high degree of professionalism to her job and left our records in stellar shape.

We are quite happy to have Alexandra Pfeifer taking on the role of Deputy Clerk in the second part of 2018. Alex has been learning all the systems and procedures and often covers for me when I need to be out of the office. There is very little that I do, that she can't also. Given Alex's background in recordkeeping, technical writing, library systems, and as Town Historian, we have a solid team here in the Clerk's office. I look forward to 2019.

Alex just passed her NYS Notary test. The Danby Town Clerk's office now has two fully certified notaries at your service to notarize signatures on all sorts of legal documents. This service is offered without charge.

### Property Tax Collection

The Town and County property tax bills will be sent at the end of December, mailed around the Christmas holiday. Payment (without additional interest or fees) is due between January 2-31. Those who have their taxes paid by escrow account will not see a bill (those bills go directly to the bank or escrow service), but if you would like a copy, contact us and we will be happy to send a duplicate bill to you.

If you pay your taxes directly, but have not received your tax bill by January 2, contact us and we can mail or Email it to you right away. Please note that the tax

bills are prepared by the Tompkins County Department of Assessment. This year, we are contracting with them to mail the bills as well. Occasionally, tax bills go missing in the mail, especially if your address has changed or your mortgage has just been paid off. We can send another copy, by mail or Email, if need be.

As a reminder, the Town Clerk's office only collects Town and County property taxes. We do not collect School taxes or have any information about school taxes. Contact the school district related to your address for information about those.

### Holiday Calendar

The Town Clerk's office is open and accessible 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Some hours will be limited due to the holiday season. We will also be closed during the holiday week, December 24-January 1. Saturday hours will be extended to 10am-1pm during tax season in January. We are closed on Sundays and Thursdays. Messages can be left at 607.277.4788. And yes, the chocolate bowl is still full. Chocolate is a necessity in the days of darkness.

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



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(ted crane)

## DISPLAYING OUR HISTORY

Submitted by M.A. Barr, Town Historian

LEARNING ABOUT DANBY'S HISTORY is fun...and informative. Author and Journalist Norman Cousins once said, "History is a good, vast, early warning system." The fun part is seeing an object or document that takes us back in time or brings up memories of our own past. The informative part is seeing actions our ancestors took as a result of events in their lives and times.

The Town Historian display will again be "up and running" in the big meeting room of Town Hall in the next couple of months and hopefully will be fun for people to look at as well as informative. Danby's display of historic items and photos at the Tompkins County History Center has been removed—just in time for the History Center to pack up and move to its new quarters on the Commons. All the Danby items from the display will be returned to the Historian's office and as time goes on they will be displayed here in Danby Town Hall.

Volunteers are needed. If you can spare a couple of hours on a one-time basis to help sort and store historic items and documents please contact me in Town Hall on any Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday between 1pm and 4pm, or call 607.277.4788. Or Email me at [mbarr@townofdanbyny.org](mailto:mbarr@townofdanbyny.org). Your help is appreciated. Have good holidays and make some holiday history for the record books. ❧

## GIVING AT THE GATHERY HOLIDAY MARKET & FUNDRAISER

Sunday, December 2, 10am-3pm

Local artisans, food, raffles, all to benefit Foodbank of the Southern Tier, Tompkins County Backpack Program, helping children at risk of hunger.

Come out, shop local, and help those in need in our community! ❧

### Found on the Web:

[\[africacheck.org\]](http://africacheck.org), sorting fact from fiction.

We rate the accuracy of statements on a 6-point scale from *correct* and *mostly correct* to *unproven*, *exaggerated* or *understated*, to *misleading*, and *incorrect*.

Obviously, not just for the African continent. (tc)

## COMMUNITY DAY THANKS

Submitted by the Community Day Committee

DANBY COMMUNITY DAY was on September 15, 2018, marking the second time we've done this in September. The weather was fine and both Danby-ites and visitors from near and far had a good time enjoying the wonderful variety of music, the chicken BBQ, the huge bake sale, children's games, an obstacle course, the Lucky Draw auction for both kids and adults (renamed from the Chinese Auction), archery instruction with the Flashing Feathers bowhunters, displays and demonstrations by the NY State Police (accident impact simulator without seatbelt), Tai Chi, the Sheriff's Department with its dog, the Society for Creative Anachronism's medieval booth, not to mention the wonderful vendors. This event has been enjoyed by townspeople for more than 30 years and it could not come off well without the hard work of individuals and generosity from many local organizations and businesses.

We encourage you to choose to give business to those who support this wonderful town event and tradition, their names are listed in the last paragraph.

We'd like to thank the planning committee, which included Linda Hansen, Charlene Testut, Bernie Fitzpatrick, Gretchen Rymarchyk, Kim Nitchman, Susan Franklin, and the members of the Danby Volunteer Fire Company. We could not have done it without the following individuals, families and groups for their help coordinating the day's activities: Tala Solomon, Addie Hitz, Noah Gotlieb, Lucy Clougherty, Ellie Angers, Leslie Connors, Susan Franklin, Heidi McNeil, Courtney McNeil, Amy Westmiller, Garry and Gay Huddle, Brett Senno, Jonathan Zisk, Connie Sczepanski, Sharon Krupper, Whitney Saulsbury, Shannon, Emma and Leah Sessler, Tom Roach, Tom Janda, Tom Landis, Rose Keel, Melis Schildkraut, Jeff Lang, Ben Hogben, Tod Sukontarak, Joe Hillebrandt, Roger Hecht, Kim and Russ Nitchman, Larry Burke, Steve Barber, Bruce Boda, Mark Peterson, Duanne Miller, John Fry, American Legion (for the use of its walk-in coolers), Danby Community Church (for the use of its tables), Peter Fraissinet from The West Danby Henry Ford String Throttlers, Bev Fitzpatrick from Off the Rails, Evan Eisenberg and Laura Wolfe from Flunk School, and Flashing Feathers Bowhunters (for its equipment for the Archery activity). If we missed you somehow, please accept our thanks and apology.

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## SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

**W**ELL, AS I WRITE, the generator is running in the background. I'm just checking that things are in order, just in case. Either it's going to be wet snow, or ice, or whatever, the first real snow of the year, not counting the snow dust already on the ground.

Is this *An Event* or just normal, upstate snow? All of the above. We all get to play.

Town Board action items are numerous. At the Highway Department, we're looking at a shed to protect the fuel pump, the garage doors, and the wash bay building.

A big thank you to our Code Enforcement officer and our Highway Department for their work on installing the EV vehicle charging station at Town Hall along with the beginning of planters to decorate the front entrance, all planned to accommodate a new handicapped access ramp. Their list of action items also includes a new bus stop across the road, complete with a shelter and a park and ride lot. A big thank you for your collaboration and hard work to bring these projects to completion.

The Town Planner has worked with Highway over the last several years to address critical areas of concern, and we've now received grants to fund these projects. A big thank you to our Planner; we've received \$186,000 for Brown Road, \$139,000 for the Gunderman Road

bridge over Buttermilk Creek, and \$187,000 for a culvert on West Jersey Hill Road where it goes over the creek.

We are fortunate to have the level of care and dedication to Town goals from our staff. Also of interest, our financial officer has announced that arrangements are being made for a complete audit of the municipal finances. It is anticipated that this audit will take place by the end of the 2018 calendar year.

The Board passed the 2019 budget. I informed the Board that negotiations with our employees union are complete and a contract has been approved the CSEA for three years. I support reasonable pay raises for union employees and those who work for the Town.

Another milestone has been met with The CAC's presentation of land maps depicting various natural features within the Town. The maps, covering many of the Town's natural resources, is a invaluable tool to help Planning Board members in the decisions they make. A thank you to the CAC for their ongoing commitment to working with residents who are interested in protecting their land with conservation easements. The town recently approved a new easement on over 40 acres of land along NYS Rt.96B). It's a good example of how residents are taking responsibility to protect sensitive areas and enhance open space.

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

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## WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner



**W**E HAVE IDENTIFIED two newly vacant properties in the Water District and turned off their water service to keep it from freezing.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 5, 5pm, in the West Danby Fire Station conference room. ❧

## COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, , Tompkins County Legislator

**H**ERE IS A ROUNDUP of various things the County Legislature is working on:

We have created a County Office of Veterans Services. This is a NYS mandate. The details of this new office are not finalized yet. You can expect it to be a one-stop shop for veterans to learn about services that are available to them. This office will be up and running some time in 2019.

If you are 65 or older and are low-income, or you are disabled and low-income, you are entitled to a partial exemption of your property tax. The definition of what is low-income has not been changed for 10 years in Tompkins County. In December, we will be voting on adjusting those dollar figures by about 3 percent. I can provide you with more information about this, or you can contact the County Assessment Office. It is likely that if you are in one of these categories, you are already getting this exemption, and it will be adjusted automatically.

Tompkins County government has a fleet of cars used for various services we provide (Health Department visits to homes, Assessment Department field data, etc.). We have been converting the fleet to electric cars over the last few years, and will continue to do so for a few more. We have received some large outside grants that basically covers the cost difference between an electric car and a standard car, and also pays for the charging stations. Most environmentalists agree that the best long-term solution to climate change is to move as much as possible to electricity, since the electrical system can be made green while gasoline and natural gas cannot. We are replacing approximately five cars per year.

We continue to consider adopting a plastic bag ban for Tompkins County. The basic idea is that single-use plastic "grocery" bags would be banned (with a few exceptions). Paper bags would be available at 10 cents apiece. Some people are trying to enact the ban quickly while others are trying to slow the process way down. My guess is that eventually the ban will be enacted.

The County and the Town of Danby both put in some extra money to bring the Danby Youth Program Manager up to a full-time position. We have had a lot of turnover in this position, and we think that making it full-time will help with retention. Thanks to the Danby Community Council volunteers who have been working on this issue for a while.

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

## DANBY FIRE DISTRICT NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

Submitted by Sharon Gaden, Fire District Secretary

**Notice is hereby given** that the Annual Election of the Danby Fire District will take place on December 11, 2018 between the hours of 5pm and 9pm at the Danby Firehouse at 1780 Danby Road, Danby, New York for the purpose of electing the following fire district officer:

One Fire Commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2023.

All candidates for a District Office shall be residents of the Danby Fire District, not convicted of any degree of arson and shall file in writing their name, the position and term they are seeking with the Secretary of the Danby Fire District, at 1780 Danby Road, Ithaca, New York 14850 and must be actually received by the Fire District Secretary on or before 5:00 p.m. on November 21, 2018.

**Notice is hereby further given,** that at such time and place, the following Propositions shall be considered:

Proposition 1: Shall the Danby Fire District combine, restate, rename and authorize the transfers of funds from the two existing apparatus reserve accounts, the "Equipment Maintenance Capital Reserve Account" and the "New Equipment Capital Reserve Account" into a single "Apparatus Procurement, Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Account" for the purpose of accumulating the capital reserves of the Fire District for procuring, maintaining, repairing, improving and replacing the apparatus of the Fire District?

Proposition 2: Shall the Danby Fire District combine, restate, rename and authorize the transfers of funds from the two existing building reserve accounts, the "Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Account" and the "New Building Capital Reserve Account" into a single "Building Procurement, Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Account" for the purpose of accumulating the capital reserves of the Fire District for procuring, maintaining, repairing, improving and replacing the buildings of the Fire District?

Proposition 3: Shall the Danby Fire District establish an "Equipment Procurement Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Account" for the purpose of accumulating the capital reserves of the Fire District for procuring, maintaining, repairing, improving and replacing the equipment of the Fire District?

Any elector of the Danby Fire District who shall be registered voter with the Tompkins County Board of Elections on or prior to November 19, 2018 and who shall have resided in the Danby Fire District for at least thirty days preceding such election shall be qualified to vote. ❧

### ➔ *Community Day, cont'd from page 4—*

Additionally we'd like to thank the following local and regional businesses who generously donated more than \$4,000 in gift cards and gift certificates for dining, annual memberships for local museums, automotive services, wine and spirits, in addition to assorted merchandise, and promotional materials to make up a wonderful array of options to bid on in the Lucky Draw Auction. Many say every year, this auction is one of the best of its kind around Tompkins County. Auction sponsors included: 5 Guys, ABC Oriental Rug Carpet Cleaning, Aluminartz, Autozone, Barnstormer Winery, Bed Bath & Beyond, Brookton's Market, Bruce's Pit Stop, Cat's Pajama's Children's store, Catatunk Golf Club, CFCU, Cherry Arts Theatre, Copper Horse Coffee, Core Life Eatery, Cost Cutter's Hair Salon, Danby Gathery, Dandy Mart Stores, Danny McNeil, Dolce Delight, Eastern Mountain Sports, FinishLine Auto, Firehouse Subs, Susan Franklin, Frisbie Welding, Glenwood Pines, Goodyear Auto, Greek Peak Mountain Resort, Hangar Theatre, Highland Farms Kennels, Hollenbeck Feed and Coal, Hollybrook Golf, Iron Kettle Farm, Island Fitness, Italian Carryout, Ithaca Agway, Ithaca Ale House, Ithaca College Theatre, Ithaca Flower Shop, John and Sharon Gaden, John Thomas Steakhouse, Just a Taste Tapas & Wine Bar, La Tourelle, Lane's Automotive, Leah & Kevin Faehndrich, Little's Lawn Equipment, Lowes Home Improvement, Maxie's Supper Club, Meadow Court Inn, Mikey David's Barbershop, Mother Daughter Sewn, Museum of the Earth/Cayuga Nature Center, Myer Farm Distillery, Papa John's Pizza, Pat's Pizza, Ringwood Raceway, Rt.96 Power & Paddle, Russ Nitchman, Sciencenter, Szczepanski Farm, Sherwin-Williams Paint, Stonehedges Golf, Stork H & E Turbo Blading, SuperCuts Hair Salon, Susan Franklin, Tenwood Lodge, the Rose Taproom and Grill, Tompkins Trust Co., Tops Friendly Markets, Walmart, Ward & Van Scoy, Wegmans Ithaca, West Candor Maple, Willcox Tire and Service, Linda Wyatt. Thank you all for your generous support.

The goal of Danby Community Day is to bring our small community together for a day of fun supporting the Danby Volunteer Fire Company. Won't you plan to join us next year? We are already planning Danby Community Fun Day for Saturday, September 21, 2019. ❁

## TIME TO COUNT BIRDS AGAIN

Submitted by Bill Evans, Danby Community Council

GET YOUR BINOCULARS WARMED UP! The annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC) will be taking place again on January 1. The Danby CBC is part of the larger Ithaca CBC, which has been running for more than 50 years.

Danby resident Asher Hockett coordinates the Danby section. The count is one of the ways we get to see beyond our backyards and tune into the ebbs and flows of population for many species of birds in the broader region and the continent as a whole. For example, did you know that the Ithaca count regularly has had the highest tally of Black-capped Chickadees of any count in North America? Or, that our colorful Cardinal was not likely a resident of Danby until the 1940s?

Every year has a unique species composition due to available food resources and weather dynamics. This winter we have the best numbers of Evening Grosbeaks in many years, and Common Redpolls are just starting to show up. Keep an eye out at your feeders for these two colorful winter finches.

In preparation for this year's Danby CBC, there will be an organizational meeting at Town Hall on Saturday Dec 15, 11am-Noon, with hot beverages and homemade baked goods. All skill levels are welcome! If you'd like to help us count birds in Danby on January 1, Email Asher, [[asherhockett@hotmail.com](mailto:asherhockett@hotmail.com)].

For more information on the Audubon Christmas Count, visit [[audubon.org](http://audubon.org)] and click on the press release about the count. ❁

## 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 every other week 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](mailto:gayhuddle@hotmail.com)] or 607.273.6530. ❁

## 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

*Flute Concert:* Sunday, December 9, 3pm, in Town Hall. Wendy Mehne (flute) and Diane Birr (piano).

### The Great Room at Slow Lane

*Contra Dancing:* Most Fridays, 8pm. Beginners welcome, no partner needed, dances taught. Also: New Year's Eve Potluck and Dancing, Monday, Dec.31, 6pm. Info: 607.273.8678.

*Scandinavian Music and Dancing:* Sunday, 2-5pm, December 9. Music by Stephan Ohlström and Friends. Info: 607.273.8678.

### West Danby Community Association

*Seasonal Songs:* Sunday, December 16, 3pm, in the Great Room at Slow Lane.

### Danby Community Church

*Red Cross Blood Drive:* Friday, January 18, 1-5pm.

*Chicken and Biscuits:* Friday, January 11, 5pm.

### Danby Gathery

Tickets or info, [[danbygathery.com](http://danbygathery.com)] or 607.319.2595.  
*Holiday Stress Management for Women:* Why we do too much and how we can stop; with Michelle Berry. Tuesday Dec.4, 7-8:30pm. \$20

*Ugly Sweater Making Party:* Wednesday Dec.5, 6:30-8:30pm. \$12

*Vinyasa Yoga Technique Class:* with Lennessa Shantaya. Thursday, 12/6 5:30pm-7pm. \$18

*DarlingDecorating:* Social Cake Decorating w/ Darling-Cake. Thursday Dec.13, 6:30-8:30pm. \$40 ❁

## DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

THE DANBY SENIORS WILL NOT BE MEETING in the Church in December but will visit LaTourelle to enjoy a special holiday luncheon--with entertainment--on Wednesday, December 5. There is a fee and you must sign up in advance; call me at 607.273.8046.

On December 15, the group will travel to Cortland for Hollenbeck's Cider Mill, Greek Peak Resort for lunch, and a show at the Repertory Theater. There may still be openings; contact Pat, 607.539.6477.

We thank our November hosts, Ann and Dave VanDeMark and Connie and Ted Merritt, assisted by the exercise gals. Big thanks also go out to Sharon Boda for cooking our "Thanksgiving" turkeys right there at the church. The place smelled soooo good!

Our January meeting will return to the first Thursday of the month, January 3, Noon, in the Danby Community Church for a dish to share luncheon. All seniors 55 and over are encouraged to join us for fun and fellowship. ❁

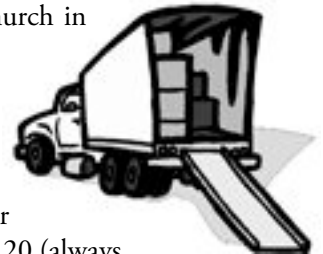
## MOBILE FOOD TRUCK UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

REMINDER: NO MOBILE FOOD TRUCK at Danby Community Church in December.

The Food Bank of the Southern Tier is on holiday that week.

There is an indoor Danby Food Pantry at the Church, for Danby residents, on December 20 (always the 3rd Thursday, 3-6 pm). ❁



First light on first snowstorm.

(ted crane)



## Community Council Youth Programs

Hi, I'm Tom Janda, Danby's Interim Youth Program Educator. If we've never met, I'm the trebuchet guy from Danby's Harvest Festival!

A fall brochure detailing these programs is going out via Email. If you know you are not on my contact list (or even if you're not sure) please contact me at [tj37@cornell.edu] or watch the Danby Youth Program web site, [danbycc.org/YouthPrograms].

Afterschool programs continue from November:

### Theater Exploration

Tuesdays, 2:30-5:30pm, Dec.4, Dec.11

Open to Danby elementary and middle school students.

In this program we will explore and perform classic and contemporary activities used by actors to warm up, build comradery and self-confidence and, most importantly, to have fun. We will also take a few field trips to local theaters to see behind the scenes and talk with real performers and directors. Field Trips include: Hangar Theater to see "Christmas Carol" on December 1, a tour of the Hangar theater backstage on December 4. Free tickets available to Danby youth and transportation available.

### Board and Card Games (Magic anyone?)

Boynton Middle School

Wednesdays, 3:25-5:30pm, Dec.5, Dec.12

### Art and Soul

Boynton Middle School

Thursdays, 3:25:30pm, Dec.6, Dec.13

We do a different art and craft project every week. Some projects are specific and directed but each youth's creativity can be realized. ✨

## DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

WHAT DO YOU CALL A PERSON who loves to read books? A bibliophile! Translated, it means lover of books or more affectionately we are known as "bookworms". There's nothing better than losing yourself in a book or finding a book that is so good you can't put it down.

We have hundreds of books to choose from and it's quite possible you can find that book to capture your attention. A new selection of juvenile books will be chosen from the TCPL this month. ✨

*Danby Youth Flyer*



(Cindy Parlett)



Goldenrod (imagine the color, please).

(ted crane)

Do you have a telescope or other astronomical tool? Could you bring it to Dotson Park on January 20? Contact [programs@danbycc.org] to help with viewing of Total Lunar Eclipse!

### Fortune Cookie of the Month

Success is getting what you want.

Happiness is wanting what you get.

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## DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Nov 29 • Thu

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

Dec 1 • Sat

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

Dec 5 • Wed

Noon 🏠 La Tourelle • **Seniors Holiday Luncheon**

5pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • **WD Water District Mtg**

Dec 6 • Thu

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

Dec 9 • Sun

8-11am 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • **Pancake Breakfast**

3pm 🏠 Town Hall

**Flute Recital: Wendy Mehne and Diane Birr**

Dec 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**

Dec 11 • Tue

5-9pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall

**Fire District Election**

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

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

Dec 15 • Sat

11am-Noon 🏠 Town Hall • **Bird Count Warmup**

Dec 16 • Sun

3-5pm 🏠 Slow Lane / 888 Comfort

**Seasonal Songs and Treats**

Dec 17 • Mon

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

Dec 18 • Tue

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

Dec 20 • Thu

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

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

Jan 3 • Thu

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

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

Jan 5 • Sat

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

Jan 8 • Tue

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

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

Jan 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**

Jan 17 • Thu

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

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

Jan 20 • Sun

afternoon 🏠 Danby Town Hall • **Tour of the Solar System**

evening 🏠 Dotson Park • **View A Total Lunar Eclipse**

### ONGOING EVENTS

**Danby Community Library** 🏠 Town Hall

Open whenever Town Hall is open!

Librarian on duty when the **Open** flag 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