

DANBY AREA NEWS

SEASONAL SONGFEST

Submitted by Joel Gagnon, WD Community Association

COME SING, PLAY, OR LISTEN, high above the picturesque West Danby valley in Slow Lane, 888 Comfort Road, on Sunday, December 15, 3pm.

We used to call it Christmas Caroling (and there are always lot of carols in the mix), but it has come to include not only music from other holiday gatherings (like, Hanukah), but popular seasonal tunes (think, *Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire* and *Frosty the Snowman*).

We've got our own songbook—pages and pages of choices—and we get through many of them. So, whether you love to sing or just like sipping hot chocolate while listening to others sing, do come.

Besides the chocolate, there will be a few finger foods to snack on. Bring some yourself if you'd like, but don't feel like you have to. The singing, and the pleasure of doing it together, is the real reason for being there.

We indebted once again to Pamela Goddard and Ted Crane for letting us use their great room for this event. Great acoustic and a gorgeous setting!

Organized by the Steering Committee of the West Danby Community Association. ❁

TIME TO COUNT BIRDS... AGAIN!

Submitted by Bill Evans, Community Council

THE 120TH AUDUBON Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is coming up. As usual, the Ithaca area count will take place on January 1.

We extend a hearty thanks to Asher Hockett, the longtime coordinator of the Danby section of the Ithaca CBC. Asher has moved to New Mexico and we wish him good birding! Wes Blauvelt, Danby

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I.C. CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

Submitted by Bill Evans, Community Council

THREE FINE CHAMBER MUSIC GROUPS from the Ithaca College School of Music will perform in Town Hall on Saturday, December 14, 3pm.

The concert will open with a string quartet performing Schubert's *Death and the Maiden*. Written in 1824, when our own Bald Hill community was struggling to survive, it is considered one of the pillars of chamber music.

At 4pm, a different group will perform Prokofiev's second string quartet. Composed in 1941, as the Nazis were invading Russia, this is a hugely exquisite piece based on melodies from Russian folk songs.

For the program's finale, at about 4:45pm, another third group will perform Schumann's piano quintet, one of the greatest of chamber works. The piece interweaves Town Hall's Chickering baby grand piano (on loan from Bob & Naomi Strichartz) with two violins, a viola, and a cello in wonderfully shifting conversations.

There will be 10-15 minute intermissions between each piece, with refreshments served. This a lengthy program and you are welcome to attend one or more performances as your listening stamina allows. Please note the start times for each piece and try to time your arrival to minimize disturbance during the performances.

This concert is the finale of the 2019 Danby Concert Series. Like all other Community Council Concerts, admission is free and is open to the public. It is supported by funding from the Town of Danby and the **COMMUNITY ARTS PARTNERSHIP** of Tompkins County. It's family-friendly and refreshments will be served. ❁

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DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submitted by Ted Crane

Submission Guidelines: Before submitting an item for the Danby News, please have a look at the *Submission Guidelines*. You can request them by Email from the editor at [danbynews@tedcrane.com] or find them at [danbyny.org/DanbyNews]. If you're thinking of sending something for publication in the Danby News, there's two documents to read: the

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

Farewell...sort of

THIS IS MY FINAL *TOWN CLERK'S DESKTOP* article. My ten years of service to the Town of Danby comes to a formal close at the end of December. When the new year turns, I will have completed five terms as Town Clerk. I've learned a lot about local government and enjoyed getting to know so many people in Danby. The good news is, I will still be in Danby and still involved with our community. I will still see many of you at Fire Station breakfasts, Community Council concerts, and other fun events.



When I started in 2010, there was so much I didn't know about the various jobs and duties of a Town Clerk. I started writing the "Clerk's Desk" articles to help others know about the wide variety of activities we clerks are involved with. I hope that these monthly snapshots and notices of events have given readers of the Danby Area News a better understanding of all the things we do.

I leave feeling good about the organization of and public access to Danby's municipal records. Many are available on the [townofdanby.org] web site. All are organized for long term care and accessibility in Town Hall's document archive. I'm also pleased to say that this should be the most seamless transition of Clerks in decades of Danby history. All the services you've come to need and expect are still here. The only change will be in office hours, with a shift to an earlier start time in the Clerk's office.

Although my 10-year run as Town Clerk ends at the end of December, you will still see me in January, when I stay on to help (as a Deputy Clerk) with property tax collection. Alex Pfeifer will officially be the new Town Clerk starting 2020. Alex enters her role as the official, elected Town Clerk with a solid ground of experience. Please, show her all of the support and understanding which you've given me.

Many people have asked whether I'm looking forward to "retirement." In fact, I'm shifting my career to focus more on music while still working to serve the wider community of Tompkins County and the Southern Tier. In 2018, I earned certification as a Therapeutic Harpist musician and have already begun offering ser-

vices to skilled nursing facilities, elder care residences, and to patients at Cayuga Medical Center through its spiritual care team. Therapeutic music is responsive and can provide an added layer of support for palliative care, socialization, spiritual care, and mental/emotional well being. I look forward to doing more of this, and to expanding the reach of this beautiful way for music and healing come together. Look into Compassion Harp (bringing therapeutic harp to those in need; [compassionharp.org]) to learn more.

The Town Clerk's office is open in December, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10am-5pm, and Saturday mornings, 10am-Noon. As always, the Town Clerk's office is closed Sundays and Thursdays. We will be closed December 23-January 1 for the Christmas and New Year holidays. The Clerk's office will reopen on January 2 for tax collection. Alex will be starting new hours in January, 8:30am-4pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 10am-1pm on Saturday.

You can always reach us by phone, 607.277.4788 and by Email at [townclerk@townofdanby.org]. ❄

➤ *Bird Count, cont'd from front page—*

resident and past count participant, will be coordinating the Danby section of the CBC this year.

At Noon on Saturday, December 7, in Danby's Town Hall, the Danby Community Council will host an informational meeting to prepare for this year's CBC. We'll welcome newcomers, review the species we've found in past years, and begin planning our survey routes. All are encouraged to birdwatch around Danby before the meeting and share their recent sightings. Hot beverages and homemade apple fritters will be served.

For more information about the December 7 event, contact Bill Evans, [wevans@danbycc.org]. For more information about participating in the Danby section of the January 1, 2020 Ithaca CBC, including how to submit your feeder sightings, contact Wes Blauvelt, [ravenbarnconsulting@gmail.com]. ❄

Four statements that lead to wisdom: *I don't know. I was wrong. I'm sorry. I need help.*

— Chief Inspector Armand Gamache

DANBY HOUSING SURVEY

Submitted by Jason Haremza, Town Planner

THE TOWN OF DANBY IS PREPARING to submit a request for grant funding to help its homeowners and tenants with needed structural and mechanical repairs and improvements. In other words, money to help its residents improve their homes.

This Housing Repair Survey of Interest will help identify repair needs. The information you provide about individual households will be kept confidential, but the overall results will help decide whether to continue the application process.

The survey seeks basic information about major problems facing the housing within Danby. Problems that affect health, safety, or energy efficiency should be listed, along with other common problems (roofing, windows and doors, lack of insulation, heating and electrical systems, siding, porches, steps and landings, well and septic issues, plumbing, and interior stairs and flooring).

Your responses are an important factor in obtaining grant funding. While there is no guarantee that the Town will be able to obtain funding for a housing repair program, the more surveys that are collected, the better the chances of showing a need for home improvements, and therefore the better the chance of grant funding.

Please return the survey on page 5 to the Danby Town Clerk, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 before December 20, 2019. You can also fill it in online: [townofdanbyny.org], click on [News] and follow the link. For more information, contact Jason Haremza, [planner@townofdanbyny.org] or 607.277.2400. ❄️

Home Repair Survey of Interest

Household Information

Name of Home Owner: _____
 Address: _____
 Best Phone # to reach you: HOME _____ CELL _____
 How long have you lived at this address? _____
 Do you OWN or RENT this home? (Circle One)
 Household Size: Adults _____ Dependent Children _____
 How many members of the Household are over the age of 60? _____ Disabled? _____

Eligibility Information

Future funding assistance provided through the Town of Danby would be based on the applicable income limits and Household Size for the Owner / Tenant household seeking repair help.
 What is your total Household Income expected for the next 12 months (estimated) \$ _____

Housing Problems

List or briefly describe any major problems you are having with your home:

Water & Septic Problems

Has your tap water / well been tested for any contaminants? YES _____ / NO _____
 Are you having any problems with your house septic system or other drainage issues? YES _____ / NO _____
 If YES to any of the above, please describe those problems: _____

This Survey is free and covered to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Town of Danby may request my...

WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner



AS WINTER APPROACHES, we are also approaching the season of most frequent water leaks. Hopefully we have all prepared by making sure that cold air penetrations like basement windows are closed and that yard hydrants are off and drained, etc.

There are several vacant residences in the district. We have shut off the water support to those at the curb box.

The next Water District Commissioner's meeting is Wednesday, December 4, 5pm, in the West Danby Fire Station conference room. ❄️

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!

Danby Community Council

Bird Count Warmup: Saturday, December 7, Noon, Danby Town Hall.

IC Chamber Groups in Concert: Saturday, December 14, 3pm, Danby Town Hall.

West Danby Community Association

Seasonal Songfest: Sunday, December 15, 3pm, Slow Lane, 888 Comfort Road.

Danby Community Church

Area Women's Holiday Retreat: Saturday, December 7, 8:30am-3:30pm. *Angels Honored* speaker is Nancy Motley. Elegant luncheon, \$7.

Movie Night: The Star: Friday, December 13, 7pm.

The Great Room at Slow Lane

Contra Dancing: Most Fridays, 8pm. Beginners welcome, no partner needed, dances taught. Also: *Scandinavian music and dance*, Sundays, Dec. 8, Dec. 8, 2pm. Info: 607.273.8678.

New Year's Eve Event: Potluck 6pm, Waltzing 7pm, Contras & Squares: 8pm. Info: 607.273.8678.

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List or briefly describe any *major* problems you are having with your home:

Water & Septic Problems

Has your tap water / well been tested for any contaminants? YES _____ / NO _____

Are you having any problems with your house septic system or other drainage issues? YES _____ / NO _____

If YES to any of the above, please describe those problems: _____

This Survey is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Town of Danby may contact me to collect additional information prior to my being considered for any housing grant assistance provided by Town in the future.

Owner / Tenant Signature _____ Date _____

RETURN TO: Town of Danby, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY 14850

DEADLINE: 20-Dec-2019

ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE: [townofdanbyny.org] click on "News", follow the link!

COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, Tompkins County Legislator

Some civil servants are just like my loved ones, they work so hard and they try to be strong. --from the Talking Heads song Don't Worry About the Government

TOMPKINS COUNTY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYS about 770 people. There are blue collar jobs with the Highway Department and airport, there are white collar jobs doing finance, planning, and administration of health, mental health, and social service programs, there are law enforcement jobs as deputies, and corrections officers, and more.

I think of these workers as an important part of the visible and invisible mechanism that helps maintain our quality of life. The term "deep state" was invented as a criticism. An internet definition of "deep state": "members of government agencies believed to be involved in the secret manipulation or control of government policy." Instead, I view the members of government agencies, especially locally, as heroes. They know more than policy makers do about their area of expertise. There is a place for policy makers (which is my job), but without people to carry out those policies, my role would be meaningless.

Most of the jobs with local government are not very well paid. The salaries are not terrible, but I think it's true that most people could make more money in the private sector.

Employees in Tompkins County government are eligible for NY State pensions and decent benefits. All receive a living wage. Whenever I hear someone say that it is unfair that government employees have decent pensions and benefits, I wish that they would flip that

idea around and say instead that ALL employees should have decent pensions and benefits. We should widen the circle of who is getting benefits rather than try to take them away from those who do.

In the last decade, NY State has twice reduced the benefits of government pensions for newer hires. That is a shame since the common understanding is that the lower pay government employees receive is offset by a decent pension.

These are just a few thoughts about the employees of Tompkins County government. My constituents are the residents of Danby and Caroline, but I also think of my constituents as the employees of the County, regardless of where they live. I am usually impressed by our employees, and this is a small salute to them.

There are a few other employees I would like to mention. Ric Dietrich has been the Danby Town Supervisor for over 20 years. Pamela Goddard has been the Danby Town Clerk for 10 years. Jack Miller has been a Danby Town Board member for 6 years. They are all in their last month of service. I know from experience that working for the Town is more difficult than working for the County because the Town has far fewer resources. So I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Danby Town officials for their work. If you don't agree with them politically or have other differences with them, that's fine. But consider this: how many of you would be willing take a job where a) people routinely tell you in public that you are wrong and you are expected to just accept it and not return the criticism, and b) every few years your neighbors get to decide if you will keep your job?

You can contact me directly at [danbydan@hotmail.com] or 607.272.7582. ❁

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] or 607.273.6530. ❁

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark and Nancy Gould

THE DECEMBER MEETING of the Danby Seniors is a Holiday Buffet at Stella's Barn on our usual day, December 5. Signups are required and there is a cost. Call Margie, 607.273.8046.

We thank our November hosts: Bob and Ruth Larry, Yvonne Sherman, and Elaine Forcier, assisted by the exercise gals Helen & Jan and newcomer Cindy Cerrache. Three games of Bingo were called with three winners. ❁

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

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

BOARD VACANCIES

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN of Danby invites residents to apply now for volunteer municipal boards seats starting January 2020. Your involvement is welcome and needed.

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

There are several open seats (2-year term) on the Conservation Advisory Council. This Advisory Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7pm. The CAC advises the Board in the development, management, and protection of the Town's natural resources.

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

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

If interested, or for more information on these positions, contact Town Clerk, Pamela Goddard, [townclerk@townofdanbyny.org] or 607.277.4788. ❄

THE WAR OF THE PIG

Submitted by Ted Crane

TRUE FACT. The players, United States and Great Britain, with involvement by Canada (tho' not the war of 1812). The year, 1859, just before the Civil War (ours). The place, San Juan (the island not the hill).

It is generally agreed that the War of the Pig was an proxy for the Civil War, but the details are disputed.

The people. John Frémont, the Pathfinder, a surveyor and, in 1856, candidate for President of the United States. George Pickett, a U.S. Army Captain famous for a charge with another army. Henry Robert, a freshly-minted 2nd Lieutenant, who became known for his rules. Charles Griffin owned the pig and Lyman Cutler was an American farmer with a gun.

Fremont's good-for-government-work survey of the U.S.-Canada border (among others) left ownership of San Juan island in question. The British Hudson's Bay Company employed Griffin to manage a ranch on the island. According to Cutler, one of Griffin's pigs, "...was eating my potatoes." Griffin responded, "It is up to you to keep your potatoes out of my pig."

Bear that in mind, good neighbors of Danby.

Cutler fired the gun in the general direction of the pig, killing it. Griffin was not pleased.

Pickett and a few dozen American soldiers were sent to prevent the Brits from occupying the island. The British responded with three warships, followed by two more, all with heavy cannons.

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Phone: 277.0095 • Fax: 277.0031 • Tue, 9am

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➔ **Events 'Round Town, cont'd from page 4—**

The Gathery

Let's get Ugly: Ugly Sweater-Making Party. Wednesday, December 4, 6:30-8pm. \$15.

Paper Craft Extravaganza with Wine & Blooms: Sunday, December 8, 1-4pm. \$30.

Essential Oils 101 with Holiday Make and Take: Saturday, December 14, Noon-3pm. \$10.

Winter Solstic Acoustic Flow with Flourish & Flow Yoga: Saturday, December 21, 6-8pm. \$20 (before 12/19); \$25 (at door).

Get tickets or information on these offerings and more, visit [danbygathery.com/events].

Moon Gatherings

Community potluck, nature connection, meditation, songs, story sharing at each New Moon, for all ages. For dates and directions, contact [honeysharmony@gmail.com]. ❁

AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marvin W. Eastman

WELL HERE WE ARE, just a short 31 days shy of the New Year. As we think about those new year resolutions we are all going to make, think American Legion or Veterans. Ask yourself, "What can I do to help a veteran?"



Attend a dinner at your local American Legion, or just check out several organizations that are mailing Christmas Cards to our deployed servicemen/women.

Maybe you have some toiletries or other items that can be donated to the V.A. in Bath or be sent overseas.

We are a drop-off location for the local *Cops, Kids and Toys*. Donate a new, unwrapped toy to help someone who is struggling with Christmas this year.

On December 7, 4pm-'til, we will have a Birthday Celebration (with a DJ) for Val and Dale Burgess. Stop in and wish them a happy birthday.

On December 11, 5-7pm, we will have a Pasta Dinner. Pasta with your choice of either Marinara Sauce, Meat Sauce or a Loaded Sauce. Also a Chicken Parm dinner. All dinners include garlic bread and salad bar. You can also purchase meatballs or sausage to compliment your meal. Meals start at \$8.

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

AS THE SNOW FLIES and winter is upon us, don't forget about our handy outdoor book drop so that you can return items at any time.

Angels are among us...our library is staffed by a small number of dedicated volunteers. Books and DVDs are identified, purchased, processed, rotated through the stacks, and culled on a regular basis to keep an updated and ever changing assortment available for all. Some of us are still working outside the home, some of us are grandmothers caring for babies and little children. The next time you're at the library and see one of our volunteers you will be seeing an angel!

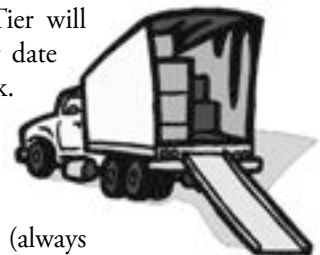


Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer is welcome to join us. ❁

MOBILE FOOD TRUCK

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY TRUCK from the Food Bank pf the Southern Tier will not come in December. Our date falls on during holiday week. Also, we will not host the truck during January and February.



We will resume on March 23 (always the 4th, not last, Monday of each month).

Folks can access the Food Bank's website [foodbankst.org] to find available food distribution dates and locations.

For help beyond food (to connect to community services), dial 2-1-1 or 877.211.8667. ❁

December 20, 5-7pm, we will have a Fish Dinner. Fish, either fried or broiled, with choice of baked potato, french fries or onion rings. Salad bar, dinner roll, and homemade desserts. \$13.

Stop in and celebrate the holidays with us on December 21, 7pm-'til, The Adult Christmas Party will include a DJ and snacks.

Our next Steak Dinner will be on January 4, 5-7pm. Hope to see you there.

Need a place for your Holiday party? Give us a call, 607.272.1129. ❁

Community Council Youth Programs

Over the past couple weeks, I've started two new Danby Youth programs. On Tuesday evenings, middle-schoolers join me at the Danby Community Church, where we share and prepare family recipes that they bring in from home. On Thursdays, students meet at Dotson Park, where we have learned to construct fires in wet conditions, to safely use carving knives, and to move through the woods respectfully.

These programs bring together both homeschooled youth and youth attending various schools in the Ithaca district. It's lovely to see kids—who don't normally have the opportunity to learn together—unite in Danby. Both of these programs will continue through the end of December.

I am also organizing a family field trip to the Corning Museum of Glass during the first week of January. The trip is free; families will meet in Danby to board a bus to the museum. Additionally, I am hosting an all-day herbalism program at the beginning of January, before schools return to session.

Please visit [danbycc.org/YouthPrograms] for updated program details. And, as always, feel free to contact me, [mas759@cornell.edu] or 607.379.0245 ,with any questions or comments.

Wishing you a pleasant holiday season. - Melis Schildkraut

Primitive Pursuits - Grades 4-5

Thursdays, 2:30-5pm, Dec. 5-12-19
Dotson Park

Join us at Dotson Park as we welcome Wren Anjali from Primitive Pursuits to help us explore Danby's natural areas. We will learn the basics of plant identification, fire & shelter building, and outdoor cooking.

Cooking: Family Matters - Grades 6-8

Tuesdays, 4:30-6:30pm, Dec. 3-10-17
Danby Community Church

Do you have a favorite recipe that your family likes to enjoy together? Something that grandma brings to thanksgiving that you've never tried to make before? Bring in a special recipe to share! Each week, we will focus on a different recipe. On the last day of program, families are invited to taste different foods prepared by the youth.

Lunch Bunch-Grade 6, 7, 8

Wednesdays, through December
Boynton Middle School Cafeteria

Lunch Bunch-Grade 4 and 5

Mondays, through December
South Hill Elementary School



➤ War of the Pig, cont'd from page 7—

Pickett quipped, "We'll make a Bunker Hill out of it," and promptly placed his light cannons directly under the British guns (see, "Charge, Pickett's"). Robert, meanwhile, built a redoubt (no rules in doubt, for sure) that you can still visit today.

All the officers on both sides were given the same orders: defend yourselves but absolutely do not fire the first shot. The island remained under joint military occupation throughout the American Civil War and was eventually ceded to the United States. This so angered the Canadians, they never forgave either the Brits or the Yanks.

The only casualty of the decade-long war was the pig.

Don't believe it? Look it up, it only gets better!

Next month: the *War Of The Stray Dog*. ❄

YOUTH GRANTS

Submitted by Susan Franklin, DCC Youth Grant Coordinator

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD going to camp or participating in another program during the next few months? Financial assistance is available for Danby youth up to age 21, in the form of grants of up to \$100 per youth per year.

Grants are awarded quarterly for lessons, after-school programs, and more. The deadline is December 15 for programs beginning (or with payment deadlines) in January, February, and March (but it's seldom too late to apply).

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

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

DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Nov 30 • Sat

Noon 🏛️ Danby Comm. Church
After-Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner

Dec 2 • 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 4 • Wed

5pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall • **WD Water District Meeting**

Dec 5 • Thu

Noon 🏛️ Stella's Barn • **Seniors Holiday Luncheon**
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**

Dec 7 • Sat

9am 🏛️ Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**
Noon 🏛️ Town Hall • **Bird Count Warmup**

Dec 9 • Mon

6pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**

Dec 10 • Tue

7pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Conservation Advisory Council Mtg**

Dec 14 • Sat

3pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Community Council Concert**
Ithaca College Classical Chamber Concordance

Dec 15 • Sun

2pm 🏛️ Slow Lane, 888 Comfort Road
West Danby Community Association: Seasonal Songfest

Dec 17 • Tue

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

Dec 19 • Thu

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

Dec 23 • Mon

Noon 🏛️ Danby Comm. Church • **NO Mobile Food Truck**

Dec 23 • Mon — Jan 1 • Wed

🏛️ Town Hall • **Closed**

Jan 2 • Thu

8:30am 🏛️ Town Hall • **Tax Payments Begin**
Noon 🏛️ Community Church • **Seniors**
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**

Jan 4 • Sat

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

Jan 6 • 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 13 • Mon

6pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**

Jan 14 • Tue

7pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Conservation Advisory Council Mtg**

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