

WELCOME TO *The Club!*

Each quarter we'll bring you important news from around Danville!



TOWN SERVICES COMMITTEE PROGRESS

The Town Services Committee has the mission to research, compare, and recommend changes in the services the Town of Danville offers and how it may provide them, finishing up by December. It meets the second Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm in the Town Hall – keep an eye on the town website to see what they will be talking about and when!

Areas the committee plans to look into include Public Works Administration, Wastewater, Drinking Water, Recycling and Bulky Waste, Facilities and Grounds Management, and Pedestrian Safety. There are also other areas they hope to take on later as time allows.

For Pedestrian Safety, the first recommendation is out based on the Town Meeting discussion. The Committee recommended and the Selectboard agreed to increase law enforcement coverage somewhat from about 2 hours/week to about 8 hours/week, which is roughly the same as it was in the early 2000s. Beyond law enforcement, there are two other planning teams working on Traffic Calming measures (e.g. pavement markings, radar feedback signs, lane narrowing, etc.) and Public Awareness and Engagement campaigns (see the Walking Audit piece in this newsletter!).

Residents can now bring bulky items to the **Recycle Center every Saturday** during open hours.
Find pricing at danvillevt.gov **No Household Garbage*

**Pope Memorial Library Annual
Plant, Bake & Book Sale**
Memorial Day, May 26th
9:30am-1:00pm

Danville Farmers' Market
Begins June 11th at a
NEW TIME 3:00pm-6:00pm

**Town Band Concert and Ice
Cream Social on the Green**
Sunday, June 22nd
6:00pm-8:00pm



PAWS IN MOTION: DANVILLE DOG PARK PLANS TAKE SHAPE

The Danville Dog Park Committee, formed in 2023, is making great progress thanks to community support and key contributors Tim Ruggles and Steve Pitkin. The planned enclosed, off-leash park will be located just 1,100 feet from the LVRT trailhead on Route 2 across from Marty's 1st Stop, on a 6+ acre Town-owned site near the wastewater treatment plant. It will feature separate areas for small or less social dogs and larger dogs, all safely divided by commercial-grade fencing.

Phase 1 (early 2026) includes trail access, fencing, and site prep at a projected cost of \$74,350. Phase 2 (2027) will add a shade pavilion and frost-free water line, costing \$33,000.

Trail access has been approved by VTrans and the Development Review Board has approved our zoning request. Fundraising is underway with a \$45,000 T-Mobile grant application pending and a \$5,000 request to the Vermont Community Foundation in progress. Local business sponsorships are also available, offering high visibility along the popular LVRT. The Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at Town Hall.

Want to help fundraise? Email: alow@danvillevt.gov.

PLANNING GRANT RECEIVED FOR MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT

Eight years ago, the Town acquired land adjacent to the Town Hall that could provide a creative off-street parking solution for 25-29 cars, allowing the Town to reconfigure parking along Hill Street to make it safer and more walkable. This May, the Town was awarded a Municipal Planning Grant of \$29,700 to hire a design and engineering firm to create plans for a shared use parking lot, which will feature a solar canopy and EV charging. We will also identify solutions for managing stormwater runoff, permitting requirements, appropriate landscaping, and a construction estimate.

It's no secret that parking in the Village has been a hotly contested issue at times. At last year's Pop-Up Charrette in the Village, participants spent a considerable amount of time discussing their wishes and concerns for the landscaping and design of the lot. The design process for this project will therefore include a robust public engagement component that will include an intercept/user survey, a public design charrette with an architect, and a series of open houses. The work associated with this grant must be completed within 18 months. A request for qualifications for a design firm will go out shortly.

Vermont Sampler Driving Tour on display at the Danville Historical Society from Memorial Day to Columbus Day,
Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00am-5:00pm

Wood Dump
Now open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays
May to October, 8:00am-12:00pm



JOIN THE WALKING AUDIT

Danville residents are rightly concerned about speeding and its impact on neighborhoods. Every non-motorist, regardless of age or ability, has the right to feel safe walking and rolling in their neighborhood. That's why the Town of Danville has teamed up with AARP Vermont to conduct a Walkability Audit on Wednesday June 11, 12:45-2:30pm in Danville Village. In this public event, AARP will teach us to assess and report on the walkability of a street - and inspire needed change!

The audit will focus on three main corridors into Danville Village: Peacham Rd, Brainerd St, and Hill St. Participants should come prepared to walk a mile or two, wear comfortable shoes, and dress for the weather. A light lunch will be provided before we head out. A virtual orientation will take place on June 5th at 5 p.m. Participants can attend the 20-minute orientation followed by Q&A at the Town Hall, or can join via Teams. The orientation is not a mandatory requirement for participating in the Walk Audit on June 11th, but it will be helpful for anyone who's new to the process.

A walk audit is a simple activity in which an individual or a team observes and evaluates the walkability of a location to document how and if pedestrians can safely travel along a street, navigate an intersection and get from point A to B, C and so on. Walk Audits can inspire the development of pedestrian-friendly streets, gather input about community infrastructure needs, help reduce traffic congestion and pollution, educate residents about street design elements that support safety, increase exercise opportunities for people of all ages, encourage social interactions among neighbors, enable people to get around without having to drive, give a boost to property values, empower community leaders and residents to be the agents of needed change.

HISTORIC DANVILLE TRAIN STATION

The historic Danville Train Station renovation project is well underway and will be a true jewel to the Town and the users of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. We need your help to get us across the finish line for this project.

To complete fundraising, \$30,000 must be raised through donations and donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated. For those who use and love the rail trail, we are hoping you will find the soon to be amenities at the train station helpful and welcoming. There will be restrooms, an information kiosk, retail space area and of course historic exhibits. We are very excited to have the Danville Historical Society's expertise to help transform the agent's ticket office to its original grandeur.

Supporting this project with a tax-deductible contribution is a great way to assist in the needed renovations to the historic train station. Drop a check at Town Hall or donate at donorbox.org/danville-community-fund





OLD NORTH CHURCH FOR THE 2025 LAMPLIGHT SERVICES

2724 Old North Church Road, North Danville, VT

May 25, 6:30pm – Ecumenical Memorial Day Service with Pastor Diane Raymond, Pastor Pam Smith, Robert Little, Sally Fishburn playing TAPS & United Community Handbell Ensemble

June 29, 7:00pm – The Rev. Ann Hockridge of St. Johnsbury

July 27, 5:30pm – Old Home Day with Danville Town Band Concert followed by a light supper and a talk by former Vermont Governor Jim Douglas

August 31, 7:00pm – The Rev. Rick Swanson of Stowe VT

September 28, 7:00pm – Leader Robert Little of St. Johnsbury

Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather.

Follow the Old North Church on Facebook for more info.

2025 DANVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS

Danville Community Fair - Sat, Aug 2nd, All Day

Autumn on the Green - Sun, Oct 5th, 10am-4pm

Movie Nights on the Green:

Sat, July 19th, 8:30pm - The Princess Bride

Sat, August 23rd, 7:30pm - The Wild Robot

Sat, September 20th, 7:00pm - Coco

Sat, October 18th, 4pm Fun Night, 6pm Hocus Pocus

danvillevtchamber.org



Bear Crawl 5K Fun Run Benefiting the Giving Garden

Sat, August 2nd at 9am

Learn More and Register at
bit.ly/DanvilleFair5K

Grand Street Parade “Small Town, Big Heart”

Sat, August 2nd at 10:30am

Learn more and Register at
bit.ly/GrandStreetParade

New to the Fair in 2025
Even more inflatables for kids!
Green Mountain Wrestling
UnderAttack Nerf Battles
NEK Timber Fury Axe Throwing

DANVILLE SHARED PATHWAY AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

A 2014 Scoping Study identified the need to improve and expand safe routes for recreational users in the Town of Danville. The study presented preferred alternatives for a shared use pathway along Peacham Road and an ADA compliant sidewalk on Hill Street, providing safe access to the busy village center for both pedestrians and cyclists. A 2024 Congressional Directed Spending award through Senator Sanders will make this important infrastructure project a reality.

With the execution of a grant agreement with VTrans in March, work has begun. The initial estimated timeline from start to completion spans five years as follows:

- 2025 – Procure Municipal Project Manager and Design Consultant; Conceptual Plans
- 2026 – Environmental Review; Preliminary Plans; Permitting; Right of Way Plans Titles and Deeds
- 2027 – Right of Way Acquisition
- 2028 – Contract Plans and Bid Documents; Procure Construction Inspection Consultant
- 2029 - Bid Advertisement and Award; Construction; Project Close-out

To date the town has hired DuBois & King to provide Municipal Project Management and has contracted with VHB to provide Design Engineering services.



WEST DANVILLE COMMUNITY CLUB

2025 Danville Citizens of the Year

The West Danville Community Club maintains the Joe's Pond Beach and we are getting ready to begin the 2025 Season! The gate is open now and the portable toilets will be delivered soon. A reminder to all that the beach is a Carry In/Carry Out facility.

The Town of Danville has posted the Rules of the Beach and the beach shelter can be used on a first come, first serve basis. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Deb Stresing at 802-684-2192.

LET IT GROW: HOW "NO MOW MAY" HELPS NATIVE BEES THRIVE

No Mow May started in the UK by the group Plantlife, and is now a global effort to support pollinators by reducing mowing of grass lawns to allow lawn weeds, such as white clover, dandelions, and violets to bloom to serve as early forage for native bees and pollinators as they first emerge from hibernation. Research in both the UK and the US has found that simple changes in mowing can result in enough nectar for ten times more bees and other pollinators. A recent study from Lawrence University in Wisconsin found that No Mow May lawns had five times the number of bees and three times the bee species than did mown parks. This is important as native bee species are stressed and at risk.

FREE Printable
Yard Signs!



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[beecityusa.org/](https://beecityusa.org/no-mow-may)
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Native bees are considered the most important group of pollinators in terms of transferring pollen from flower to flower, but pollinators also include butterflies, moths, honeybees, and other insects. Native bees pollinate apples, cherries and blueberries more effectively than honeybees because they will forage for longer during the day, and will visit flowers in wet or cold conditions, when honeybees tend to stay in the hive. One could say that like other Vermont natives, bees work harder and longer than bees that “come from away”.

Participating in No Mow May (or Low Mow Spring) is as simple as reducing mowing in early Spring, or throughout the summer season, or could also include a dedicated patch of ground for native plants or flowers, or even a patio garden.

To learn more, find answers to frequently asked questions, and download a printable yard sign go to beecityusa.org/no-mow-may/#NoMowPromoKit

“Where flowers bloom, so does hope” – Lady Bird Johnson

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