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NEWSLETTER

VILLAGE OF DELANSON

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## Canadian Pacific Railway Holiday Train

### Fights Hunger

**Wednesday, November 27, 2013 at 5:00 pm!**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Train Celebration in Delanson**

*\*See attached flyer*



As part of the Duanesburg Central School Positive Behavior Program, 1 lucky child will be awarded a once in a life time opportunity to ride the CP Rail Holiday Train!

## *Toys for Tots Train comes to Delanson!*

When:

December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm  
(approx. arrival)



Where:

Main Street Crossing,  
Firehouse side

## *Delanson Volunteer Fire Fighter Fund Drive*



Flyers have been mailed to District 3 – Please give generously to these guys and gals. They do it all for you! Didn't receive your flyer in the mail? Please contact the fire department to update your contact information at 895-2100. Donations can also be made in person on Thursday evenings at the Firehouse and during their pancake breakfast hosted the first Sunday of each month! I hear the fire chief has connections at the North Pole and Santa loves pancakes! Come show your support on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and ...

*have breakfast with Santa*



### *Upcoming Events*

November 23, 2013 – **Christmas Train Express** 12:00 pm

November 27, 2013 – **CP Holiday Train** 5:00 pm

November 28, 2013 – **Thanksgiving**

December 1, 2013 – **Pancake Breakfast** 8:00 am (at the Fire House/Village Hall)

Don't forget the

**Monthly Village Meetings** -the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Firehouse/Village Hall

December 9,

**2014-** January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14

## [Emergency Information](#)

### **Schenectady County All Hazard Mitigation Plan - Revised 2007**

This **Schenectady County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan** was prepared in response to The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000).

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) was signed into law by President Clinton on October 30, 2000. The law places new emphasis on local mitigation planning to promote a proactive disaster preparedness approach and reduce the growing cost of disaster relief efforts by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The law requires State and Local jurisdictions to develop Hazard Mitigation Plans to qualify for specific post-disaster grants. For the past two years, the County Office of Emergency Management and the Mitigation Planning

Committee have been working with the County's eight local municipalities (see map below) on creating an All Hazard Mitigation Plan. The purpose of this plan is to assess the impacts of natural and manmade hazards and develop a strategy with long-term solutions and alternatives for addressing these problems. While we can't prevent natural events such as tornadoes or flooding from occurring, we may be able to reduce the impact of these events and improve our ability to respond and recover when they do occur.

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### [Schenectady County Participating Communities](#)



The mitigation plan will be updated every 5 years and will reflect the results of the bi-annual plan evaluations. The County Director of the Office of Emergency Management and the County Mitigation Coordinator will convene the planning committee to initiate the next revision process for the plan during its bi-annual review meeting in 2012.

We need your input. By reviewing the All Hazard Mitigation Plan you will have the chance to provide your comments and input to County and local officials who have been working on this planning project. The plan is available in the Village Clerks office during regular office hours.

### [Schenectady County Voluntary Evacuation Registry](#)

Every minute counts in an emergency. That is why we are pleased to announce the new Schenectady County Voluntary Evacuation Registry. The registry will help make sure our seniors and special needs residents get the assistance they need during an emergency evacuation. The Registration form is available in the Village Clerks office during regular office hours.

### [Preparing for an Emergency](#)

The best way to survive an emergency is to plan ahead. Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling a supply kit or "go bag" and developing a family communications plan, are the same for both a natural or man-made emergency. But different actions may be required for different emergencies. For example, a sudden emergency may force you to evacuate your home while an outbreak of pandemic flu could keep you home bound for up to two weeks. The Schenectady County Office of Emergency Management wants to help all residents be prepared for all emergency situations. Information is available in the Village Clerk office during regular office hours.

- **Create a Kit of Emergency Supplies**
- **Make a Family Plan for What You Will Do in an Emergency**
- **Develop a Family Communications Plan**
- **Getting Away**
- **Pandemic Flu Checklist**
- and much, much more.

## *Water System Breaks*

*The Village of Delanson is a unique rural community in many regards. One of the unique features is our municipal water supply system. The Village water needs are served by several distribution mains, which supply water to your home and the fire hydrants. Most of these mains are over 100 years old and many are undersized. Due to the age of the system the location of the water mains is not always clearly known. In some cases it actually runs under basements in some homes within the Village!*

*Understanding the extent, nature and location of our water system is key to developing a realistic and practical plan for management and potential modernization. We now have GIS (Geographic Information Systems) mapping software that allows us to view records of water main locations, calculate alternate routes and in the future, develop a computer model to monitor and report pressure.*

*Past village administrations have presented projects to replace our aging water system. These projects have been voted down for various reasons. The need to address this is still very real. In the interim we have to continue repairing the system when breaks occur. It is our goal to be able to do this in the most cost effective way possible as our system further ages and we find the means to address the greater problem.*

*For many years the Town Highway Department repaired the breaks on our water distribution system. Earlier this year, the Town advised the Village Board that their crew would no longer be available to repair water main breaks. The Village Board acted immediately to secure our ability to repair breaks. Water Commissioner Iveson and Deputy Commissioner*

*Micheli possess the skills to accomplish repairs on the system. In the short term the Village Board agreed to allow the Water Commissioner and Deputy Water Commissioner to repair any breaks that may occur. This was followed by a public Request for Proposals to outside contractors for break repair.*

*Review of the response to this RFP has allowed the Village Board to quantify the benefit of working with the town of Duanesburg in contrast to contracting outside for like services.*

*Members of the Village Board have conducted many hours of research to make certain that this relationship has legal and ethical merit in addition to being the most practical and logical approach to doing repairs. With advice from both the NY Conference of Mayors and our Village attorney, intense scrutiny of municipal law and State Comptroller's Office guidance the Village Board determined that this relationship is valid under the exceptions clause of Article 18 and that we are able to work with Our Commissioner and Deputy to repair water main breaks. Experience and a working knowledge of the water system, rapid response time, quality of work, competitive rates and the ability keep our tax dollars local were among the many benefits to the Village that were considered in making the decision to continue this working relationship.*

*At a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees on Monday, November 4th the Village Board agreed to allow our current Water Treatment Plant Operators to perform maintenance on the distribution line at an hourly rate. This relationship will be codified by resolution at the December 9th regular board meeting.*

### *Hydrant Flushing Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>*

**7:00 am – 4:30 pm**

When you drive past the reservoir it is evident we haven't had a significant rainfall in quite some time. We are NOT in an emergency situation however we encourage residents to conserve water when possible.

Hydrant flushing will still be accomplished on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> with careful monitoring of head pressure and clear well levels at the plant throughout the process. Every effort will be made to complete the process, but it may be necessary to stop before all hydrants have been flushed so the system is not compromised. We regret any inconvenience this may cause should that decision be necessary. Residents should avoid doing laundry during this time and expect water discoloration for a period of 24 hours.





## Laws

### Local Law #1- 2008

In 2008 a Local Law was adopted prohibiting outdoor wood burning furnaces within the Village of Delanson. The use of outdoor wood burning furnaces may provide an economical alternative to conventional heating systems. Concerns have been raised, however, regarding

the safety and environmental impacts of these heating devices, particularly the production of offensive odors and health effects of uncontrolled emissions. The Local Law may be reviewed at the Village Clerk's office, during office hours.

### New Flood Damage Prevention Law

This law was originally adopted in 1983 and amended in 1988 and again in 1989.

A Public Hearing has been set for December 9, 2013 at 7:15pm to repeal the current Flood Damage Prevention Local Law No. 1 and adopt the new updated Flood Damage Prevention Law.

FEMA completed a reevaluation of flood hazards in our community which resulted in the updated Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). To maintain eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) we need to adopt the updated Study and rate maps into our floodplain management regulations (local law).

Because of federal and state program changes made since the adoption of our current law, it is recommended we repeal our current law and adopt the new one. DEC provided us with a model local law specific to Delanson making it a relatively painless process.

The board has reviewed the study, maps and updated the draft law as recommended. The village attorney and DEC have approved our final draft. Copies of the law, as well as the FIS and FIRMs are available in the clerk's office. The final draft of the Local Law is also available on the website at [www.delanson.net](http://www.delanson.net)

### Local Law 1-2012 Animal Law

#### Section 5 **Feeding of Cats:**

This law prohibits the feeding of domestic cats outside the owners dwelling, unless the food is in a shelter where it cannot be penetrated by wild animals. Food or food vessels left outside for the purpose of feeding wild animals is strictly prohibited, with the exception of birds. Non-domestic cats are considered wild animals. *(to read this Local Law in its entirety visit the website or obtain a copy from the Village Clerk). The purpose of this section is intended to limit the food source for predatory animals and limit potential health hazards for village residents.*

### Website

Bruce Barton has done an awesome job with our new website! Have you seen it? Check it out: [www.delanson.net](http://www.delanson.net) He has been an integral part of keeping our neighbors informed of current events. I can count on him not only for a prompt response but he takes the extra effort to research topics to provide the most up to date information available on any given subject.

Thanks to Bruce we have a more professional email system enabling residents to contact any representative with a click of the mouse. A counter has also been implemented enabling us to monitor how many visits our website gets each day.

Thanks Bruce, for your dedication to your community and volunteerism! Visit our website at [www.delanson.net](http://www.delanson.net)

# Village News/Notes

## *DVAC Wreath Donation*

The dissolution of the Duaneburg VFW left in its wake, a room full of items that no one wanted. DVAC members had the fore site to contact the historical society in an effort to salvage some items of historical significance. Lenny Van Buren informed the village of some memorial wreaths we may be able to save and use for future dedications on Memorial Day. Thanks to the generosity and forward thinking of our DVAC representatives, history will be preserved and we will have wreaths for the Memorial Day celebration for the next 6 years!



**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL DUANESBURG VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS!**



## *Pollard Disposal Holiday Schedule*

Trash pickup will be  
Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>  
for Christmas week and  
Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014  
for New Years week!

**Merry Christmas &  
Happy Holidays!**

## *Water Rents*



We are making great strides in restructuring the accounting system in the Village offices. Accepting payments after the due date and not collecting penalties was a violation addressed in the most recent audit released in March of this year and available on our website at [www.delanson.net](http://www.delanson.net) The Village staff will make every effort to send water and tax bills in a timely fashion. Please take the time to review your bills and note the due dates.

## *Leaf Pick Up*

**Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> & Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**



The Town Highway crew has scheduled 2 leaf pick up days this year to give residents plenty of time to clean up the leaves. Leaves must be contained in bio-degradable paper bags. Remember to rake the leaves only. Bags containing anything other than leaves will be refused.

**PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE!**

## *Village General Election*

**MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

One (1) Trustee, Four (4) Year Term  
Polling Place is Delanson Firehouse  
from 12:00pm – 9:00pm

You must be a Village Resident, living in the village for 30 days, US Citizen 18 years of age or older and registered voter of Schenectady County. Absentee Ballots and Independent Nominating Petitions will be available in the Village Clerks office during December.

## *Village of Delanson*

### *Village Board Meetings*

are held the second Monday of each  
month at 7:00pm.

All residents are encouraged to  
attend!

## *Winter On-Street Parking Regulations*

Effective November 15<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup>, no on-street parking is allowed anywhere on State Highway 395 – Main Street - within the Village limits, when a three inch snowfall (or greater) has been forecast, and for a 24-hour period after the snow event has ended. The Village has designated News Channel 6 – CBS 6, as the official station for snowfall forecast amounts. Parking is available in the Village Hall parking lot. Enforcement may include ticketing and/or towing at the owners expense. This local law is intended to provide safety to not only pedestrians and vehicular traffic, but to allow adequate access for snowplowing.

Residents on all Village streets are encouraged to follow the parking regulations, as well. Your cooperation will help ensure the prompt delivery of services, and enable crews to efficiently maintain the roadways.

To report road conditions within the Village, that present an immediate hazard, please contact the Town Highway Department at 895-2772. To register complaints, of a non-emergency nature, please call Mayor Gayle Gifford at 895-2199 or 895-2257.



### *Leash Law in Effect*

Please call Animal Control Officer, Darla Gullotta, at 860-3179 if you see a pet running loose. Thank you for cleaning up after your pets, your neighbors appreciate your consideration. If you leave your dog/pet outside, please be sure there is plenty of water available.



## *Board Met with Lamont Engineers*

The Village of Delanson Village Board and Lamont Engineers met **Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm** to visit the subject properties specified below. They reviewed engineering and required permits associated with repairs to areas in and around our Municipal Water Source funded by FEMA in response to damage sustained during hurricane Irene.

### **Lower Reservoir – Broken concrete Spillway and washed out Rip Rap**

Repair damaged concrete discharge spillway at the Lower Reservoir in an area 12' x 15' x 6" thick. Directly below the spillway, flood waters washed out a concrete headwall 15' x 2' x 1' and the erosion control Rip Rap in an area 15' x 20' x 2'.

### **McMillan Well – Well inlet Basin Debris**

Remove earth and rock debris in an area 42 ft x 30 ft x 8 ft deep = 373 cy, and 30 ft x 28 ft x 3 ft = 94 cy in the upper creek at the upper side of the Main Catch basin at McMillan Well. In the Main catch basin, at the McMillan Well there are 2 – areas of debris. (1#) is the elevated pile of earth and rock debris above the water level in an area 57 ft x 40 ft x 5 ft deep = 423 cy, and area (#2) is the debris below the water line 60 ft x 40 ft x 4 ft = 355 cy.

### **McMillan Well – Concrete Dam Wall and Gabion Retaining Wall Baskets**

Repair gabion retaining wall 20' x 6' x 3' along the McMillan Well basin perimeter, and repair washed away 5' x 2' x 3' section of concrete dam spillway wall and footing.

### **Upper Reservoir – Dam, Spillway, and Foot Bridge**

Replace and repair eroded earthen and rock filled dam at the Upper Reservoir for 1000' long x 3' wide x 4' deep, a wooden foot bridge 28' long x 8' wide, and concrete spillway below the bridge in an area 10' long x 26' wide x 6" thick.

## *New Clerk Hours*

The Village Clerk will be at the Village Hall on Tues & Thurs 5PM -7:30PM & Sat 9AM to Noon. If you are not available during these hours, please call the Clerk's office at 895-2199 to make other accommodations.

## *Delanson Fire Company Winter Safety Guidelines*

### **SMOKE DETECTORS:**

They save lives. Don't have any? Buy some NOW! Change the batteries in existing detectors right now while you are thinking about it.

### **CO DETECTORS:**

A great gift idea. If yours goes off, leave your home immediately and call 911 from your cell phone or from a neighbor's house. The fire department will respond with a CO meter.

### **BURNING WOOD?**

Have your chimney cleaned and inspected. New installations need to be checked by the Building Inspector. Burn only seasoned wood, and watch for creosol build-up.

### **ALTERNATIVE HEATING SOURCE:**

Kerosene heaters, pellet stoves, ceramic heaters, ventless fireplaces can be very dangerous. Some have open flames, and some contribute to poor air quality. Their use must be continuously monitored.

### **POWER OUTAGES:**

Have flashlights and a battery operated radio available. Your firehouse has heat, electricity, water and cooking facilities available for your use.

### **CANDLES:**

Did you know that they are one of the leading causes of house fires? If you must use them, please do so with extreme caution.

### **FIRE HYDRANTS:**

Please help us keep them clear when it snows!



## *Blast From The Past! Historical Ordinance:*

SUBJECT TO GENERAL LAWS, STATE OF NEW YORK.

*Be it resolved, that road known as Owen's Hill be closed to traffic between the hours of 4 p. m. until 10:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Friday, from December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1927, until March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1928, to allow children to coast on this hill between the hours mentioned, after proper arrangements have been made and traffic STOPS displayed. Any person coasting on the above mentioned hill does so at his or her own risk.*

*Be it further resolved that coasting on any other highway within the Incorporated Village of Delanson, N.Y, be forbidden and that violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100.00 for any single offense. As provided by Article 4, Section 93, Laws of the State of New York.*

Signed, R. H. SMITH, Mayor.

C.R. WRIGHT,

J. S. EMPIE,

W. S. BLADE,

W. B. WRIGHT

Trustees.

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# Village + Phone Numbers

Contact Name	Phone	email
<b>Government</b>		
Mayor Gayle Gifford	895-2257	<a href="mailto:mayor@delanson.net">mayor@delanson.net</a>
Trustee/ Deputy Mayor Joshua O'Connor	256-6465	<a href="mailto:joshuadoconnor@delanson.net">joshuadoconnor@delanson.net</a>
Trustee George "Bucky" Grenier	895-2199	<a href="mailto:info@delanson.net">info@delanson.net</a>
Clerk Penny Holbrook	895-2199	<a href="mailto:clerk@delanson.net">clerk@delanson.net</a>
Treasurer Nicole O' Connor	895-2199	<a href="mailto:treasurer@delanson.net">treasurer@delanson.net</a>
Deputy Treasurer Penny Holbrook	895-2199	<a href="mailto:clerk@delanson.net">clerk@delanson.net</a>
<b>Planning Board</b>		
Chairman Al Zubal	895-9063	<a href="mailto:zoning@delanson.net">zoning@delanson.net</a>
Secretary Jim Donnelly	895-2199	<a href="mailto:zoning@delanson.net">zoning@delanson.net</a>
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>		
Chairman Larry O'Connor	495-7504	
<b>Fire Department</b>		
Fire Chief / Treasurer Kevin Morrison	895-2100	<a href="mailto:firechief@delanson.net">firechief@delanson.net</a>
Asst. Chief Dom Friello Jr.	895-2100	<a href="mailto:delansonfd@yahoo.com">delansonfd@yahoo.com</a>
President / Secretary Jennifer Friello	895-2100	<a href="mailto:delansonfd@yahoo.com">delansonfd@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Water Department</b>		
Water Commissioner Jeff Iveson	895-8926	<a href="mailto:water@delanson.net">water@delanson.net</a>
Assist. Water Comm. Steve Micheli	895-8859	<a href="mailto:water@delanson.net">water@delanson.net</a>
<b>Building Permits</b>		
Building Inspector Dale Warner	895-2966	<a href="mailto:buildinginspector@delanson.net">buildinginspector@delanson.net</a>
<b>Animal Control</b>		
Animal Control Darla Gullotta	860-3179	<a href="mailto:animalcontrol@delanson.net">animalcontrol@delanson.net</a>
<b>Other</b>		
Garbage Pickup Pollard Disposal	861-5452	
Time Warner Cable	866-321-2225	
Delanson Post Office	895-8810	
Town Clerk Leah Lennon	895-8920 ext 100	<a href="mailto:llennon@duanesburg.net">llennon@duanesburg.net</a>
Web Administrator Bruce A. Barton		<a href="mailto:webmaster@delanson.net">webmaster@delanson.net</a>
National Grid	800-642-4272	

Going to dig in the Village?  
 Call digsafely at  
 then contact the Village

811  
 895-2199

[Digsafely@delanson.net](mailto:Digsafely@delanson.net)







## Canadian Pacific Railway Holiday Train Fights Hunger

**Wednesday, November 27, 2013 at 5:00 pm!**

### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Train Celebration in Delanson**

You're invited to Delanson's Annual Holiday Train Celebration. The Canadian Pacific Railway's (CPR) lighted Holiday Train and Musical Show will roll up to the Main Street crossing to entertain us with a live Holiday Concert and present a check to our local food pantry to help feed our community! The train is all decked out with Thousands of Christmas lights, a lighted tree atop the cab and lighted wreaths on the front and back.

Each year we ask our guests to bring items for our local food pantry as well as new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots. This year with the local disasters kids and families need your generosity more than ever!

**\$1.00 will buy 5 POUNDS of food!**

**All proceeds and food donations collected at the Delanson stop will go to Our Lady of Fatima Food Pantry and will benefit area residents.** Donations will be collected at several locations including the Firehouse, Gazebo, and Delanson United Methodist Church. Sing along to the music at the gazebo and spread your Holiday Spirit and Good Will!

Canal Street Station Railroad Village Museum will hold its 4<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Train Express event with focus on local disaster relief on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more details on this event please see reverse side of this flyer.



**Main Street will be closed to traffic from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Holiday Train Arrival (approx): 5:00 p.m.**

Guests must be on the South side (gazebo side) no later than 4:45 pm

**SPECTATORS MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RESPECT CP RAIL SECURITY OFFICIALS SO THE TRAIN WILL CONTINUE TO STOP HERE FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**

**At the Firehouse:** Restrooms and Donation drop boxes

**Delanson United Methodist Church @ East Shore & Main:** FREE Hot dogs, chili, hot chocolate, cookies, restrooms and heat! Donation drop boxes

**Main Street Crossing:** The Train! Hot Chocolate, food vendor

**Gazebo:** DJ, donation drop boxes, **MUST BE HERE BY 4:45 PM**

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Train Express Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

The Canal Street Station Railroad Village in Duanesburg will hold its fourth annual “Christmas Train Express” relief fund weekend. This event will be held on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 noon until 6:00 PM. All cash proceeds, canned goods, along with Toys for Tots collected will be delivered to the CP Rail Holiday Train Event in Delanson on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Come and enjoy a fun filled day in the spirit of giving back to the community to the less fortunate over the Holiday season. Attending this event will be local farm market food vendors with baked goods, homemade jellies, cheese spreads, wine, pies, hot cider, BBQ and more. A special appearance by Santa, arriving at 3:00 PM for all the kids to enjoy. There will be face painting, raffles of items donated by local businesses, Christmas gifts, and hand made ornaments, all held in the Wallace Armer Museum General Store.

Climb aboard the Christmas train greeted by train conductors who will accept all your canned goods and unwrapped Toys for Tots. A complimentary ticket pass will be given to all participants who board the train. Enjoy Christmas lights on the train, all in the spirit of giving back to help those in need.

This community project is held each year in conjunction with the CP Rail Holiday Train. This is a supplemental day long pre-train arrival event, helping to collect food, toys and cash donations by visitors who may not be able to attend the Delanson Holiday Train event. The train arrives in Delanson at Main St. crossing Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at approx. 5:00 pm. For details see the next page.

Canal Street Station Railroad Village is located on Route 20, 2 miles east of I-88 in Duanesburg and 6 miles west of Route 158 in Guilderland. **Just look for the New York Central locomotive.**

For more details call 518-355-6536 or visit [www.canalstreetstation.com](http://www.canalstreetstation.com)

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[www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org)

Toys for Tots Train comes to Delanson!

When: December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm (approx. arrival)

Where: Main Street Crossing, Firehouse side

**Area Drop sites accepting donations: (check out the website for additional locations)**

Delanson Firehouse – Thursday evenings and Dec. 1 Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Delanson Village Hall – Tues & Thurs 5pm-7:30pm, Saturday 9am-12pm

Duanesburg Elementary School

Canal Street Station Railroad Museum Village, Rt. 20

NBT Bank - Duanesburg

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