

FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK SPONSORS CHARITY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Franklin Savings Bank recently announced plans for the bank's 18th annual Charity Softball Tournament. This year's double-elimination tournament will begin on Wednesday, September 14, at Odell Park in Franklin and, depending on the number of teams entered, could run through Thursday, September 22.

Last year, the 2010 tournament hosted a competition of eleven co-ed teams where Beauchine's Towing was crowned the tournament champions after coming out of the loser's bracket to twice defeat second place winners, PatrAngie Mold. Extreme Auto took home third place honors.

Others that put up a good fight for the good cause were: Andover Swingers, Byron Septic, Delta Dental, Elektrisola, Franklin Savings Bank, Patrick's Pub and Eatery, Ross Express, and Sisti Law Offices.

The tournament began in 1994 after a discussion about a charity softball tournament being held on MTV. Each year since, the tournament has had an overwhelming response, with many teams returning each year and new teams asking to join in the fun.

Over the past 17 years, the Franklin Savings Bank Charity Softball Tournament has raised over \$39,700 for organi-

zations throughout central New Hampshire. Last year, local food pantries and community kitchens were awarded \$3,600 to help restock shelves and nourish Central New Hampshire families in need.

Organizations receiving donations from the Tournament in years prior to last include: the American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, local DARE programs, Franklin VNA & NANA, local Hospice programs, Lakes Region Habitat for Humanity, Make-A-Wish New Hampshire, the New Hampshire Task Force to Prevent Child Abuse, the Relay for Life, the American Diabetes Association, the Aaron Robert Risley Memorial Scholarship Fund, Mix 94.1 FM Cash-N-Cans, local animal shelters, the MacDonald Family Scholarship Fund, and the Odell Park concession stand rebuilding effort.

All proceeds are earned through the \$150 per team entry fees, concession stand profits, donations, and raffles with items donated by local businesses and community members.

Team registration deadline is Friday, August 12. Co-ed teams with teammates ages 13 and older interested in participating are welcome to inquire about registration with Franklin Savings Bank's Co-Chairpersons, Cheri Caruso or Gail Smith, at 934-4445 or by e-mail at MyBanker@fsbnh.com.

A significant amount of the charity donation comes from the annual raffle. Donations of items and gift certificates from community individuals and businesses are more than welcome and are currently being collected. In exchange for the donation, FSB will provide public recognition for donations.

More information and tournament updates will be posted at the bank's new web site at FSBNH.com and on the FSB Facebook page at Facebook.com/FranklinSavingsBank. You can also follow the Franklin Savings Bank Charity Softball Tournament on Twitter at Twitter.com/FSBsoftball.

Danbury Community Center Holds Town-Wide Yard Sale

By Dave Grover
Director, Danbury Community Center

Danbury Community Center (DCC) invites area-wide residents to participate in this year's yard sale fundraiser on Saturday, August 13, from 8 AM to 2 PM. The Community Center raises funds by publishing and selling a yard sale map that indicates the address of each yard sale participant.

You don't have to be a Danbury resident to get on the map. Your address can be included on the map for just \$10. Your address and last name will be listed on the map, and a corresponding number on the map will show where you live. We will send you two yard sale signs showing your assigned number. Maps can be purchased in Danbury for \$2 and will guide buyers to your location.

If you live on one of our beautiful back roads, you know how difficult it is to attract people to your yard sale. Last year 27 homes were listed on our map, and another 10 individuals, organizations, and vendors set up near the yard sale tent (provided thanks to R.P. Johnson and Son).

The tent will be situated between Route 4 and the Northern Rail Trail, across from the Danbury General Store. Ample parking next to the Danbury General Store has been made available compliments of proprietors Tom and Dawn Thomson.

So whether you want to set up at your place or ours, for \$10 we will put your address on our map or reserve a space for you at the tent across from the

Danbury General Store. Vendors are welcome at \$20 per space.

The yard sale starts at the tent where you buy your map for \$2. We'll also have coffee and doughnuts available for purchase, if you're so inclined. The doughnuts are made fresh and donated by the world famous Huntoon Farm Bakery.

I know you could just wander around the back roads of Danbury until you ran across the individual yard sales, but this is a fund raiser! So buy the map. You'll save at least the \$2 in gas, and you won't have to wander your way back from being lost! To get in on this, just make out a check for \$10. (It's OK with us if you want to donate more!) Send your check to the Danbury Community Center, 15 High Street, Danbury 03230 by August 8 to be on our map or at the tent. Proceeds from the map, as well as the concession stand (serving coffee, doughnuts, hot dogs, water, and soda) and the purchase of donated DCC yard sale items will benefit the DCC.

We are now accepting donations except TVs, computers, printers, stereos, etc.; clothes; exercise equipment; and large furniture; as well as that stuff you couldn't even give away at your last yard sale. (After all, we don't want to overwhelm the Danbury Transfer Station with a lot of leftovers.) Drop off your saleable donations at the DCC at 15 High Street.

If you have any questions, call the DCC at 768-3424, and we'll see you at the tent on Saturday, August 13, at 8 AM!

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time looking at the pictures and yearbooks. We have found some folks that have copies of our newspaper, *The Blue and White Banner*, which we hope to have on display next year.

There was a lot of visiting, especially among classmates who hadn't seen each other for a while. It is such a great opportunity to reconnect with so many of your friends at one time. You'd never get

to see this number on a regular visit.

Our thanks to Lily Ordway for the use of the facilities, and to her sons, who got us all parked correctly; to the committee who makes the plans: Shirley Currier, Pat Fleury, Judy Barrett, Edna Peters, Stuart Lenk, Lily Ordway, and Judy Perreault; and to David Jewett, our MC.

We have all re-upped for next year. If you couldn't make it this year, we hope to see you on the Saturday after the Fourth of July in 2012.

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