

Fryeburg Recreation Capital Campaign Journey

The Fryeburg Recreation Department (FRD) was established in 1988 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to provide opportunities for the residents of Fryeburg and the six surrounding towns of Brownfield, Denmark, Lovell, Stoneham, Stow and Sweden to participate in recreational activities without bias toward race, gender, age or physical abilities. A dedicated committee of community volunteers works tirelessly each year to raise funds through various events to support FRD programs and services. The Fryeburg Recreation Committee's long range vision was to build a recreation complex complete with a Community Center.

In 1996 the Fryeburg Recreation Department raised \$45,000 through community fundraising events and used the funds to purchase 20 acres of land on which they constructed the Fryeburg Community Recreation Complex. Between 1997 and 2002, with the assistance of the 133rd Battalion of the Maine National Guard and many volunteers, the 20-acre parcel was transformed into an amazing outdoor athletic complex.

The Fryeburg Community Recreation Complex opened in 2002 and features three regulation size Little League/softball fields, two full-size football/soccer/field hockey/lacrosse fields, two basketball courts, four horseshoe pits, a volleyball court, a three-quarter mile walking track around the perimeter, a playground, three small maintenance buildings and a snack shack. A recent addition includes an open, outdoor pavilion built by members of the Fryeburg Area Rotary Club.

The next phase was kicked off in 2010 when Brad Littlefield, long term member of Fryeburg Recreation, received the 6 Who Care Award, given by WCSH and TD Bank. Please take a few minutes to see the video presentation on our Capital Campaign Facebook Page. The Capital Campaign was underway with our first donation from TD Bank and from there it has grown to \$1,400,000.00 to date.

The new 17,000 sq. ft. Community Center will include a multi-use gymnasium, teen center with study area, a senior center complete with technology area, restrooms, kitchen, conference room and an office.

With a new permanent home, FRD will have the ability to significantly expand its services by offering after school enrichment programs, full-day summer camps, sports clinics, and computer classes. The expansion of senior programs would be a welcome addition to this age group. Healthy lifestyle cooking programs would be added, exercise programs for all ages; and young parents would have a safe place to engage in toddler play groups. The Community Center will become the nucleus of the town's events.

We are just \$200,000.00 shy of our goal. Work continues with grant applications and outreach to the business community. If you would like to make a donation, a pledge form can be found on this page.

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Thank you for investing in the future of Fryeburg.