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**Danbury Museum & Historical Society to Host  
*The Hat City Ball* on Friday, January 25, 2019  
Savings Bank of Danbury to  
Receive Hat City Award for Preservation Excellence**

**Danbury, CT** - The Friends of The Danbury Museum & Historical Society will host their fifth annual Hat City Ball—with a 50s sock hop theme this year!— on Friday, January 25, 2019. The gala celebrates the museum’s mission to acquire, preserve, and interpret the history of our city.

As part of the festivities, The Friends of The Danbury Museum & Historical Society will present Savings Bank of Danbury with *The Hat City Award for Preservation Excellence* in recognition of their stalwart dedication to the preservation of Danbury’s historic Main Street—particularly their iconic building that is part of Banker’s Row— and ongoing partnership with the museum and commitment to the preservation of the history, architecture, and heritage of our community.

“The Friends are very excited to host this year’s event and recognize Savings Bank of Danbury for their work over many decades partnering to preserve the historic integrity of downtown Danbury. We look forward to bringing the Danbury community together once again; the Hat City Ball is an essential fundraiser for the museum and supports the educational programs, history-related events, community outreach, and preservation efforts of the museum,” stated Joretta Kilcourse, President of The Friends of The Danbury Museum & Historical Society.

The evening features Mike Caravakis spinning your favorite oldies from the 1950s and ‘60s, an open beer & wine bar, a Surf & Turf meal (vegetarian option available), dancing, a rockin’ wine pull, and a Sock Hop Prize Pull (for list of items included please visit the museum’s website in January). The event will be held at The Amber Room Colonnade

and 1950s era clothing—from letter sweaters and poodle skirts to formal attire—is encouraged, as are, of course, HATS.

The museum is currently seeking sponsors and advertisers for the Hat City Ball 2019. Donations to this year's Sock Hop Prize Pull from area businesses are also welcomed.

A complete outline with Sponsor, Advertiser, and Donor details are available at: <https://danburymuseum.org/hat-city-ball>. You'll also find information and a link to purchase tickets online or in person at the museum during regular business hours.

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About the DMHSA:

The Danbury Museum & Historical Society was formed to acquire, preserve, exhibit and interpret New England's past; focusing particularly on the heritage of Danbury. Situated in downtown Danbury, the museum preserves the John and Mary Rider House (c.1785), the Dodd Hat Shop (c. 1790), the Marian Anderson Studio and the Charles Ives Birthplace. Huntington Hall, a modern exhibit building houses the museum offices and research library.

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