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A Modern Day Barn Raising

By Lawrence Furbish, President, Sweat Morin Homestead

In the 18th and 19th centuries, a barn raising referred to a collective action by the community to build or rebuild a barn for a neighbor. It was very common in rural North America because a barn was necessary for a farmer to store grain and hay and to house livestock. On Tuesday, April 23, a different and modern kind of barn raising took place at the Sweat Morin Homestead on lower School Street in Sanford.

Arron Sturgis, a barn restorer from Berwick, and the Geddes Building Mover Company from Bow, New Hampshire, using large steel beams, raised the Sweat Morin Homestead barn over 10 feet into the air. It is now in a stable position on cribs, supports made of crossed timbers, which will keep it in place while the work beneath is completed. This will allow excavation underneath the barn. The current position of the barn will give access from all four sides for excavation and foundation work.

After pouring the concrete foundation, the replacement of rotted sills and repair of some posts, the barn will be lowered back to its original position. The building movers will be back afterwards to reposition the cribs outside of the barn to allow finishing work in the



Prior to raising Photos: Lawrence Furbish



Barn raised

center bay. Finally, work can begin on the outside to return some of the immense planks that were removed from the original floor in the center bay of the barn.

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Community CALENDAR

Compiled by Lisa Blanchette

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Saturday, April 27

- Get on the Map for City Wide Yard Sale, online through 5/2
- Last Day of Free Shred Week, 8:30-noon, Partners Bank, 900 Main St.
- Springvale Library's 4th Annual Online Auction, ends 4/28
- Seacoast Warhawks vs. Boston Chargers, 6 pm, Alumni Stadium, 100 Alumni Blvd.
- Rolling Thunder Bowl-A-Thon, 9 am, Bowl-A-Rama, 1217 Main St.
- Baby Blessings, 10 am, St. George's Episcopal Church, 3 Emerson St.
- DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, Sanford PD, 935 Main St.
- Aerobic Practice, 10 am, Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport, 9 Presidential Ln.
- Poetry Sharing, 11 am, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- "Addams Family" auditions, 2-5/6-8 pm, Nasson Com Ctr & Theatre, 457 Main St.
- Sanford Christian Academy Auction Night, 4 pm, SCA Gym, 25 Riverside Ave.
- Annie Jr., 7 pm, SPAC, 100 Alumni Blvd.
- Rome Streetz w/Skyzoo & Termanology, 9 pm, Pilot's Cove, 199 Airport Rd.

Sunday, April 28

- St. Thomas Spring Fever Fair, 9 am, Memorial Gym, 678 Main St.

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NEWS NOTES

Compiled By Zendelle Bouchard



Local firefighters put out a dump truck fire on Route 112. Quick action by the driver, Logan Ricker of Sanford, prevented injuries.

Photo York County Sheriff's Department

A narrow escape: Logan S. Ricker of Sanford had a narrow escape on April 16, when the dump truck he was driving caught fire in Arundel. Ricker saw smoke coming from the truck after turning onto Route 111 from Limerick Road and quickly pulled over. Shortly after, the vehicle was engulfed in flames. Fire departments from Arundel, Goodwins Mills and Biddeford responded. Alfred Road was closed for an extended period until Ray's Truck Services could remove the truck. There were no injuries reported, just a lot of detours for rush hour traffic.



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Ten Hut: The Southern Maine Young Marines, part of a national nonprofit organization, held a meet and greet for parents on April 23 and is actively recruiting members. The SMYM's motto is "Strengthening the Lives of America's Youth," and its pillar values are discipline, leadership and teamwork. The organization is open to youth aged 8 through high school. Recruit training will be held weekly at the Amvets Post 3, 169 School St. After training, Young Marines can learn more new skills, earn rank, wear the official uniform and work toward ribbon awards for achievement in areas such as leadership, community service, swimming, academic excellence, first aid and drug resistance education. For more info, contact Nicole Doyle at 207-615-5945, email southernmaine@youngmarines.org or visit their website at <https://tinyurl.com/5kwjxnpi>

Honor Society inductees: Sanford Regional Technical Center announced the newest members of the National Technical Honor Society, who will be inducted in a ceremony at the Sanford Performing Arts Center on May 8. Read the full story and see the list of inductees here. <https://tinyurl.com/4vev7yrr>

Produce for seniors: Sanford Farmers' Market is participating in Maine Senior FarmShare, a program that gives income-eligible older adults the opportunity to receive \$50 of local produce at no cost from Maine farmers during the growing season. In addition to farmers' markets, more than 100 farms in Maine are authorized to participate in MSFP. If you need help determining your eligibility or finding a farm, contact the Southern Maine Agency on Aging at 207-396-6500 or Maine Senior FarmShare Program at 207-287-3491. Please also visit <https://tinyurl.com/4yds5s3b> for a list of participating farms.

Clean out the medicine cabinet: The Drug Enforcement Agency's national Drug Take Back Day is happening Saturday, April 27, from 10 am to 2 pm. Drop your unwanted medications at the Sanford Police Department, 935 Main St.

It's yard sale season: Sign up now to be included on the map for the Sanford/Springvale City Wide Yard Sale on May 25-26: <https://tinyurl.com/33s3jtx9>. The deadline to be included on the map: May 10.

Courthouse redevelopment: The plan to repurpose the vacant district courthouse in Springvale for housing got the go-ahead from the state last week with a new law passed by the legislature and signed by the governor. The bill gives MaineHousing and local authorities, including Sanford Housing Authority, first option to purchase the vacant courthouses in Springvale, Biddeford and York.

A year of transformation: Sweetser, the behavioral health agency that helps many families and individuals in Sanford and around southern Maine, has just released its 2024 Annual Report. Read what the organization has accomplished in the past year here. <https://tinyurl.com/32eefbzz>

Arnie's Ride: Register now for Arnie's Ride on June 1, a benefit for the Maine Children's Cancer Program organized by the Sanford Elks MCCP Committee. The ride is open to motorcycles or cars. Register by May 16 to get a commemorative T-shirt. Registration fee is \$25 per rider, or \$50 for Friends of Arnie. Online registration or donation is available by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/y52e5yah>. If you have any questions, wish to donate, or are interested in being a sponsor, contact Joe Pierce at 207-289-0747 or Betty Kimball at 207-651-0153. This is a rain or shine event.

Sanford In the News

- Read about Sanford resident and Guinness World Record freediver **Mandy Sumner** in this article in the Portland Press Herald: <https://tinyurl.com/mtesm5dk>
- **Susan Lamoreau**, Financial Literacy teacher at Sanford Regional Technical Center, was featured on Fox 23's Good Day Maine program. Watch the video here: <https://tinyurl.com/mvyhzbwv>
- **Above & Beyond Catering's** expansion was detailed by Shawn Sullivan in the York County Coast Star: <https://tinyurl.com/mrh-n2uxh> ■

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Hand-carved Eagle Honors Veterans at SMVMC

By Zendelle Bouchard

The Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Springvale has a beautiful new hand-carved wooden eagle gracing the Committal Shelter. The eagle was created by James McCain of Portland, founder of Eagles for Veterans, a nonprofit organization that provides the carvings free to veterans' organizations across the country.

The eagle is approximately four feet high and three feet wide and was made from eastern white pine using a historic design by John Haley Bellamy (1836-1914), a nationally known folk artist from Kittery who specialized in carved wooden eagles. The eagle is decorated with 23K gold leaf and holds crossed flags painted in red, white and blue. McCain uses a special primer and exterior paints to protect the eagle and give it long-lasting beauty. Each eagle takes 165 hours to create.

Roger Watson, a trustee of the Cemetery Association, oversaw the project, which included installation on a metal bracket. The bracket was designed by Evan Kubik and Joe Lindstrom, students in the Sanford Regional Technical Center's Engineering and Architectural Design program. It was fabricated by Nick Martine and Dylan Charron, students in SRTC's Welding and Metal Fabrication program. Local mason Paul Brigham donated his time to install the bracket. The eagle was hung in its place of honor on March 28. The carving was installed in front of a window so it can be seen from inside or outside.

McCain, 80, retired from a successful business career in 2018 and began wood-carving full time. After creating many works for family and friends, he began carving to honor veterans, inspired by his father, a career officer in the U.S. Navy. He and Jim Oliver, a retired healthcare administrator, carve the eagles and present them to



A hand carved wooden eagle honors veterans at Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Photos: Joe Doiron

VFW and American Legion Posts and other organizations. McCain is currently working on eagles for the Maine Veterans Cemeteries in Augusta and Caribou and plans to create one for the Veterans Park in Lewiston.

SMVMC is located at 83 Stanley Road.

The gates are open to visitors 24 hours a day. You can learn more about Eagles for Veterans and make a donation to help defray expenses at <https://tinyurl.com/mh9xsrz3>. ■



James McCain stands below the eagle he carved, gilded and painted to honor veterans.

Calendar *Cont'd from page 1*

- Pride Elementary Planting & Popsicles, 1 pm, SPE, 708 Main St.

Monday, April 29

- Baby Rhyme Time, 10 am, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- Sanford Food Pantry, 10 am, 1204 Main St.
- Lego Builders Club, 3:30 pm, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- Spring 2024 Volleyball Clinic, 4 pm, Nasson Community Center, 457 Main St.
- Mindfulness & Sound Therapy free class, 5 pm, Super Nova Energetics, 21 Bradeen St.

Tuesday, April 30

- Author Lynn Plourde visits SMS, 52 Spartan Dr.
- Baby/Toddler Rhyme Time, 10:30 am, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Pre-K Story Time, 11 am, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- York County Food Pantry, noon, YCS Program, 5 Swetts Bridge Road, Alfre
- Knit Lits, 3 pm, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- Bingo, 4 pm (doors open) 6 pm (games start), Sanford Elks Lodge, 13 Elm St.
- Spring Dulcimer Serenade, 6 pm, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Public Hearing-Breezeline Franchise Agreement Renewal, 6 pm, City Hall, 919 Main St.

Wednesday, May 1

- Community Café, 11:30 am, Mayflower Place, 27 Mayflower Dr.
- Sam's Book Club, 5:30 pm, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- Lego Builders Club, 2:30 pm, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Fiber Arts Group, 5:30 pm, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Toddle Time, 5:30 pm, Memorial Gym Cafeteria, 678 Main St.
- Wednesday Night Bite free meal, 6 pm, Curtis Lake Church, 38 Westview Dr.
- Class of 2025 Financial Aid Night, 6 pm, SPAC, 100 Alumni Blvd.
- Family History Library, 6:30 pm, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Thursday, May 2

- Food Bank at St. Thérèse of Lisieux, noon, Holy Family Church, 66 North Ave.

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2024 Mainers Coaching Staff Announced

By Justin Ciavolella, Director of Broadcasting & Media, Sanford Mainers

Sanford Mainers fourth-year head coach Nic Lops announced his coaching staff for the upcoming 2024 New England Collegiate Baseball League season on Tuesday afternoon. Lops will be joined in the dug-out by second-year assistant Tim Moreau and newcomer Jeff Heinz.

Heinz, a Stratham, New Hampshire native, joins the Sanford organization from Bridgton Academy where he serves as an assistant coach on the staff of Mainers' general manager Aaron Izaryk. Heinz graduated from Portsmouth High School in 2013 where he was a NHIAA Division 2 State Champion. After a postgraduate stop at Bridgton, Heinz pitched to a 3.80 ERA in 87.1 innings for Lesley University.

"I'm very excited to have Jeff Heinz join my staff for this summer," Lops said. "He has a solid baseball background and a great mind for the game. He will be a wonderful addition to the Mainers."

The former closer's baseball background goes beyond just the playing field as his coaching career started shortly after, alongside his father, James, at Rye Jr. High School. Between Rye and Bridgton, Heinz worked in the Beach Collegiate League

and in the athletic operation departments of Merrimack College and College of the Holy Cross.

"I look forward to this new step in my career and want to do my best to help the Sanford Mainers be a great team both on and off the field this summer," Heinz said.

That next step in his career will be alongside Moreau, who returns to Sanford for a second summer after helping the Mainers to a 24-19 regular season record and the second round of the 2023 New England League Postseason. Moreau, who also served as head coach for a win against Keene in July, worked in all facets of the team last season and served as the primary third-base coach.

The Nashua, New Hampshire native, was recently promoted to associate head coach at Colby-Sawyer College where he continues to assist with outfield, hitting and base coaching duties.

The trio of Lops, Heinz and Moreau debuts in just over two months when the Mainers travel to face the Vermont Mountaineers on June 4. For more information on the Mainers and the upcoming season, visit sanfordmainers.com. ■

Sanford Springvale News Announces Board of Directors

By Barbara Sutcliffe

On April 10, the Sanford Springvale News Editorial Board held an organizational meeting for the purpose of electing officers and a Board of Directors. The organization wanted to institute a more formal procedure for the existing editorial board to discuss and implement policies related to the newspaper. The following were elected:

- Rev. Susan Murphy, President
- Carolyn Cadigan, Vice-President
- Michelle McCarthy, Secretary
- Barbara Sutcliffe, Treasurer

- Lisa Blanchette, Director
- Zendelle Bouchard, Director
- Gail Burnett, Director
- Lee Burnett, Director
- Connie Garber, Director
- Jack McAdam, Director
- Kendra Williams, Director ■



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**May 1, 2024
6:30 pm**

The Sanford Planning Board will hold public hearings and receive written and oral comments at its May 1, 2024 meeting, starting at 6:30 pm, on the following development applications and Zoning Ordinance Amendments:

- 19 Bodwell St – Amendment to a Minor Site Plan and Minor Subdivision to construct 1 multifamily building and 1 single family building totaling 9 dwelling units on property currently owned by the City of Sanford at 19 Bodwell Street (Map J30, Lot 30). The Amendment will reduce the size of the approved multifamily building from approx. 2,680sf to 1,950sf.
- 16 West Elm St – Application for Planning Board approval of a Density Bonus per ordinance requirements in 280-11-5-F-2.b to allow a third dwelling unit to the rear of the principal structure on property currently owned by Coldfire Properties LLC at 16 West Elm St (Map K31, Lot 9).
- An Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance allowing Excavation Businesses as a Principal Use in the Rural Residential (RR) and Rural Mixed Use (RMU) Zones. Currently this use is Permitted with Review as an Accessory Use to Single Family Residential in the RR and RMU Zones.
- An Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance allowing Manufactured Housing in all zones that allow single family dwellings per State Law H.P. 211 – L.D. 337 signed by the Governor March 19, 2024.

The hearings will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall, 919 Main Street, Sanford, or via remote video and teleconference pursuant to City Council Rules of Procedure. Testimony may be provided in person, via mail or email, or via Zoom. Meeting information, including how to connect via Zoom, is provided at www.sanfordmaine.org. Questions or written comments should be directed to the Planning Office at 324-9150 or jlbabcock@sanfordmaine.org.

Community Members Clean Up Sanford for Earth Day

By Bridget Salantri and Zendelle Bouchard

Great weather and great community spirit came together on Earth Day weekend, April 20-21, as volunteers pitched in all over town to show Sanford and Springvale some love and help the environment at the same time.

Roundabout: It took only two dedicated volunteers to clean up the south Sanford roundabout at the intersection of routes 4 and 109 early on Saturday morning. Lawrence Furbish of the Sanford Rotary Club and Bridget Salantri of Sanford were safely crossed into the roundabout by Sanford Police Detective Kyle Cutler to begin cleaning up. In just one hour, they collected four bags of trash, including plastic cups, bottles, papers, and cigarette butts from this one-fifth of an acre site.

The plantings at the roundabout were done by the Rotary Club in 2017 from a design by Salmon Falls Nursery that incorporated many native Maine plants. In spite of the site's maintenance issues and environmental challenges, the native plantings like sweet fern, low bush blueberries, and little bluestem grass are thriving and welcoming people to Sanford. And now they won't have to share the space with all that trash.

Trails: A cleanup of the trails organized by Fast & Happy Bicycles took place on Saturday and Sunday. Volunteers collectively donated more than 50 hours to remove trash, blowdowns and brush from the Rail Trail, which connects Main Street with a route through the woods to Lebanon. There's still more to be done on the trails, so if you are interested in doing some clean up, reach out to fastandhappybicycles@gmail.com and they will set you up with a project.



Volunteers organized by Fast & Happy Bicycles take a break from their cleanup of the Rail Trail. From left to right: Jim Driscoll, Andrea Couture (on ground), Jim McDonald, Kristen Cyr (standing), Michael Kleinrock, Cory Adams.

Trail volunteers who took part on Earth Day weekend were Bethany LaBelle, Andrea Couture, Rebecca Ames, Michael Kleinrock, Jack McNelly Kleinrock, Maura Herlihy, Jim Driscoll, Cory Adams, Rob Gauthier, Chase Gauthier, Bill Frank, Mary Frances Frank, Eliza Cyr, Chris Eckelman, Andy Orazio, Sam Parady, Elizabeth Laine, Kristen Cyr, Jim McDonald, Diane Driscoll and Shirley Landry.

Downtown: Great Bay Services' second annual Earth Day Cleanup, sponsored by Northland Enterprises, was a huge success, with almost 100 participants and community members volunteering to clean up areas near downtown, including Pioneer Avenue and Riverside Street, Soldiers and Sailors Park and Gateway Park. Volunteers from Walmart, Sanford Trails, Sanford police, fire and public works departments, Kennebunk Savings and Woodfords Family Services joined Great Bay staff and clients to give our city a spring cleaning. Tabatha Gagne pitched in by making and donating six dozen cupcakes to ensure everyone was "carbed up" for the job on Monday. ■

Calendar *Cont'd from page 1*

- Free Community Meal, 5 pm, New Beginnings Christian Church, 181 Grammar Rd.
- Grades 5 & 6 Spring Concert, 7 pm, SHS, 100 Alumni Blvd.

Friday, May 3

- Toddler Time, 9 am, Sanford Community Adult Education, 668 Main St.
- Story Time at the Springvale Library, 10 am, 443 Main St.
- Salvation Army Produce Pantry, 10 am, Salvation Army of Sanford
- York County Food Pantry, noon-3 pm, YCS Program, 5 Swetts Bridge Road, Alfred
- First Friday Spaghetti Dinner, 5 pm, New Beginnings Church, 181 Grammar Rd.
- SHS Prom, 7 pm, Springhill Recreation Center, 117 Pond Rd., S Berwick

Saturday, May 4

- Opening Day Sanford Farmers' Market, 8 am, Central Park
- Spring Cleanup, 9 am, Amvets Post #3, 169 School St.
- Jane's Walk ME: Springvale, 9:30 am, Historical Society, 505 Main St.
- Kitty & JT Acoustic Duo, 6 pm, River Junction Brewing Co., 1491 Main St.
- EWA-Maine Wrestling Presents High Ground, 7:30 pm, Memorial Gym, 678 Main St. ■



Sanford first responders and city employees were among the many volunteers who took part in Great Bay Services' Earth Day Cleanup event.

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Majestic Heron Can Often Be Seen at #1 Pond

Editor's note: Did you see something unusual last time you were out in the woods? Were you puzzled or surprised by something you saw? Ask our "Out in the Woods" columnist Kevin McKeon. He'll be happy to investigate and try to answer your questions. Email him directly at: kpm@metrocast.net

In an indirect way, we have a natural disaster to thank for many Sanford area residents' first sighting of the majestic great blue heron. In mid-October 1947, more than 200 fires in southern and coastal Maine burned a quarter million acres, leveling nine towns, destroying more than 1,200 homes, killing 16 people, and leaving 2,500 people homeless. It was the worst natural disaster in Maine history; 1947 became known as "The Year Maine Burned." Lack of water supplies to fight these fires was a factor in the heavy losses. Among various efforts mounted by Maine soil and water conservation districts to address future fires was the construction of rural farm ponds.

That led to the creation of a pond along Blanchard Road at the Sanford-Lebanon border. A dike was built to capture the waters of Branch Stream, and a vibrant wetland habitat was created. Wetland plants emerged. Birds and bats flocked to the insect nursery thus created, as did various amphibians—which in turn attracted otter, fox, marten, raccoon, egret, rail, hawk, and eagle. Some locals added fish to the pond. The flooded trees died but remained standing, as they often do. All this resulted in an ideal nesting spot for the great blue heron.

Heron nested there and drew birdwatchers for many years, until human activity nearby prompted these impressive creatures to relocate. Today, they can often be seen foraging at Number 1 and Number 2 ponds, along many other shoreland areas, and in Sanford. During a Sanford Mainer's



A great blue heron forages along Number 2 Pond.

Photo: Terry Jellerson

baseball game, keep an eye on the sky at dusk; they're often seen flying from their foraging areas back to their rookery.

Typically, several pairs will breed in colonies called a heronry, a species-specific term for a heron rookery. Some herons will overwinter near salt marshes or stay well into winter wherever fresh water remains open.

Males returning in early March from their southern, ice-free habitat typically choose a nesting site high up in a tree and actively display to attract a female. They then gather sticks and give them to the female, who constructs a platform nest lined with small twigs, bark strips, and evergreen needles. Soon, they're kept busy for about a month, tending to two to six pale blue eggs until they hatch. The parents bring the chicks fish, amphibians, reptiles, invertebrates, small mammals, and even other birds. After two months, the chicks can fly, or fledge, but the parents will keep feeding them for a couple more weeks.

Unfortunately, more than half of the great blue herons born in one year will die before they are a year old. Crows,

raccoons, hawks, and eagles eat the eggs and chicks. Adult herons, however, are not commonly preyed on due to their large size. They will usually return to the same heronry, but not necessarily the same nest; some heronries serve for decades.

Standing 3 to 4 ½ feet tall with a 6-foot wingspan, but weighing only about 5 pounds, a great blue heron surprisingly doesn't even make the top ten of Maine's largest birds, coming in at 11th. The aggressive <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rhKfpAanQKI&t=40s> 26-pound mute swan is number one. These non-native birds with an 8-foot wingspan were introduced to "decorate" home ponds and have escaped into the wild.

Great blue herons typically live about 15 years, but 25-year-olds have been recorded. They'll travel three miles to forage, standing silently along the shore, waiting for prey to come by, then stabbing their prey with a quick lunge of their bill. They will also stalk prey slowly and deliberately. When resting, they'll fold their necks and sit in a sheltered spot or in a tree. ■

Barn Raising *Cont'd from page 1*

Sturgis waxes enthusiastic about the historical importance and significance of the barn. He said the joinery is a very specific type of mortise and tenon that was only used in Southern Maine and New Hampshire. It is a superior method of joining beams in a way to minimize water damage from leaks. Even though the barn is over 200 years old, all of the joinery in the sides and roof is still solid, which allows the barn to be raised in the way it was done. He also talked of the rare use of granite capstones under the sills and the unusual, but superior, reverse board and batten construction on the sides. This involves vertical boards on the outside and additional boards on the inside over the cracks between the outside boards. Sturgis termed this, "creative, unusual and a very smart type of construction." All in all, he said this is a beautiful barn well worth conserving.


This barn project is one of the last major parts of the restoration and preservation of the Sweat Morin Homestead. It is our fervent hope to be able to open to the public later in the year. ■



Ready for foundation work



PHOTO OF THE WEEK by Connie Garber

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE **The City of Sanford**

The City of Sanford, Maine will hold a Public Hearing Tuesday, May 7 at 6:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers, 919 Main Street, Third Floor, Sanford, Maine, and via remote video and teleconference pursuant to 1 MRSA §403-B (2) (D) and section 6 of the Sanford City Council Rules of Procedure, to discuss an application being submitted to the State of Maine CDBG program for a 2024 Housing Assistance Grant.

The purpose of the grant application is to support construction of four affordable homeownership units in Sanford, to be constructed by Habitat for Humanity. Public comments will be solicited at this Hearing and will be submitted as part of the application. All persons wishing to make comments or ask questions about the grant application are invited to attend this Public Hearing. Comments may be submitted in writing to: City Manager's Office, Suite 302, Sanford City Hall, Sanford, Maine 04073 at any time prior to the Public Hearing.

Instructions for joining the meeting by in-person and remote methods are posted on the City's website on the Meetings Calendar. The meeting will be broadcast on cable channel 26 and archived at <https://townhall-streams.com/towns/sanfordme>.

TDD/TTY users may call 711. If you are physically unable to access any of the City's programs or services, please call Lorisa Ricketts at (207) 324-9173 so that accommodations can be made.



SPORTS NOTES

By Sam Bonsey, Sanford Schools Communications Coordinator

Lacrosse Win Streak Highlights Impressive Start for SHS Spring Sports



SHS junior Mckenna Nanartowich takes off down the field during a lacrosse game against Bonny Eagle Photo: SHS Athletics

Sanford High School's spring sports teams have gotten off to solid starts in their respective seasons. After losing its season-opener to Traip Academy, the girls' lacrosse team has won three straight games, two of them against Bonny Eagle. Savannah Knight had four goals and two assists in the first game against Bonny Eagle as Sanford cruised to a 13-1 win.

The boys' co-op lacrosse team opened their season with a win on the road against Massabesic on April 16, winning 20-2. Ayden Lockard scored eight goals and added two assists. The team followed with wins over Portland and Lake Region.

Baseball: Sanford High School's baseball team lost to South Portland, 6-4, in extra innings on Wednesday, April 17.

Softball: In its season opener, the softball team lost to Kennebunk, 10-0, but Jenna Soucy pitched a complete game and struck out 12.

Spring Volleyball Clinic

A Spring co-ed volleyball clinic with Coach Hill will begin on Monday, April 29 at 4 pm for grades 5-8 at the Nasson Community Center. Students of all abilities are welcome. Whether you're a seasoned player or a rookie there's a place for you. The clinic will run for 6 weeks on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-5 pm. There is no clinic on Memorial Day.

Sanford Soccer Facility Cleanup

On April 20, there was a strong turnout of the parents and supporters of Sanford Soccer for their spring work day. There had been a lot of uncertainty about starting the season on time given the storm damage at their facility. Due to the efforts of volunteers, practices have begun and games will begin on Sunday, April 28. ■

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PUBLIC NOTICE Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Call for Volunteers



The City of Sanford is looking for volunteers to serve on the Steering Committee for its new Comprehensive Plan. This is an important project which will envision and plan for the future of Sanford for the next twenty years! Meetings will be held in the evening on the fourth Wednesday of the month for the next 10-12 months, beginning in May. Comprehensive Plans direct the community's policies, land use patterns, zone changes, funding applications, and more. The City is looking for a wide range of viewpoints and encourages anyone with interest to submit a nomination to Erin Moriarty, Planner at emmoriarty@sanfordmaine.org with your name, email, and a short paragraph describing why you'd like to participate. Help Sanford envision the future!

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How did Springvale Look Before the Great Fire and Urban Renewal?

By Lawrence Furbish, President,
Sanford-Springvale Historical Society

The Sanford-Springvale Historical Society will offer a one-hour walk next Saturday, May 4, highlighting two times when the village of Springvale was changed dramatically – once by fire and once by urban renewal.

The event is one of 50 walks planned around the state for Jane’s Walk ME, sponsored by Maine Preservation. This is the first such walk to be held in Sanford. It will begin and end at the Sanford-Springvale Historical Museum at 505 Main St. in Springvale.

The walks honor Jane Jacobs (1916-2006), an author and grassroots activist who lived in Greenwich Village, New York City. She strongly believed that urban renewal and slum clearance did not respect the lives and needs of city dwellers. She opposed and defeated a plan by developer Robert Moses to construct a Lower Manhattan Expressway that would have run directly through SoHo, Little Italy, and Chinatown. She wrote a book, “The Death and Life of Great American Cities,”

and, as a woman criticizing many in the male-dominated field of urban planning, was scorned and dismissed by some. Later her ideas became much more widely accepted.

The great Springvale fire of April 14, 1905, began in the boiler room of the W.R. Usher & Son Boot and Shoe factory. It



Springvale after the 1905 fire
Photo: Sanford-Springvale Historical

quickly spread and overwhelmed local firefighters. It was only contained after Portland firefighters arrived on a special train. The fire destroyed two factories, 20 commercial establishments, and 15 resi-

dences, all made of wood. The Springvale Hotel was saved when firefighters blew up a harness shop next door. Given the devastation, miraculously there were no fatalities, but the destruction of the village’s business district was huge.

Urban renewal came to Springvale in the 1970s, and although the impact was perhaps not as great as that of the fire, it was nevertheless significant. Many buildings were removed and what we see today took their place. Harland Eastman, the Historical Society’s late founder and longtime president, had an intense dislike of urban renewal, particularly in Springvale, which makes the walk particularly appropriate just weeks after his passing.

The walk will begin at 9:30 am and take approximately one hour. It will follow the Springvale Historic Walk, a route laid out by the Sanford Trails Committee, with plaques identifying historically significant buildings now gone. It will be a walking conversation, not a lecture, so come with questions. This is a rain or shine event, so if the weather isn’t great, come wearing rain gear or carrying an umbrella. ■

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Sanford City Council



The Sanford City Council will hold public hearings and receive written and oral comments at its May 7, 2024 meeting, starting at 6 pm, on the following Ordinance revisions:

- Chapter 265 Floodplain Management – Proposed Ordinance revision to repeal and replace Chapter 265 Floodplain Management with updated text and new FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps for compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), effective July 17, 2024. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) periodically updates its maps and regulations pertaining to floodplains. This proposed revision will allow the City of Sanford to remain in compliance with these federal programs, to administer and enforce the requirements for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, and continue to administer Flood Hazard Development Permits.
- 280-11-6 Urban Zone (U) – Proposed Ordinance revision for minor text changes and the addition of 280-11-6 F(7) Solid Waste. The proposed changes restrict dumpsters from being located within 20ft from a street and allow the use of smaller bins in place of dumpsters, provided certain conditions can reasonably be met.

The hearings will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall, 919 Main Street, Sanford, or via remote video and teleconference pursuant to City Council Rules of Procedure. Testimony may be provided in person, via mail or email, or via Zoom. Meeting information, including how to connect via Zoom, is provided at www.sanfordmaine.org. Questions or written comments should be directed to the Planning Office at 324-9150 or jlbabcock@sanfordmaine.org.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Sanford Games and Collectables: Fueling Collectors Around Maine

By DJ Guillemette, Grade 8 - St. Thomas School

Ever since he was young, Mike Ernest has loved playing video games. Even as an adult, and now a father, that hasn't changed. His fond memories drove him to open his own business dedicated to just that: video games.

Managed and owned by Ernest since 2018, Sanford Games and Collectables is Sanford's only spot for nearly all things related to gaming: video games, card games, and other items any collector might seek, offering everything from vintage memorabilia to modern day treasures. The business at 882 Main St., Suite 4, is hard to miss with its life-size artwork featuring the Incredible Hulk and Super Mario.

Sanford Games and Collectables offers a variety of goods and services. Not only do they tend to the repairs of gaming systems, but they also have many items available for purchase, including games for different consoles, Funko Pops, which are collectables featuring characters from various



Sanford Games and Collectables has filled gaming needs since 2018. Photo: Ericka Sanborn

franchises, statuettes and plushies, and trading cards.

Ernest prides himself in operating the only store of its kind in the area for over five years. He is especially proud of his business' survival through covid. While a lot of establishments suffered and folded during the pandemic, Sanford Games

and Collectables provided a valuable source of entertainment for the community. Ernest is grateful that his business is still thriving today.



Ernest has big plans going forward. He has already expanded his space a couple of doors down from its original location, in the hopes of appealing to a new group of potential customers. This new space currently offers tournaments for card games such as Pokémon, Yu-Gi-Oh and Magic the Gathering. He plans to further turn the space into a rental area for birthday parties. Looking long range, Ernest dreams of opening a second location, possibly in New Hampshire, in an area that currently lacks gaming goods and services. ■

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Longtime Fire Chief Ray Parent Remembered

By Tammy B. Wells, York County media specialist

In June 2002 there was a structure fire on Drake's Island in Wells, in a spot where older summer cottages are pressed close together on tiny streets and lanes. Standing on the sidelines, watching the scene as Wells firefighters worked to extinguish the blaze, was Sanford Fire Chief Raymond "Ray" Parent.

"This is my classroom," he said.

At that time, Parent had been a firefighter for 38 years, but he knew there was more to learn, always.

"The more I see, the better I can perform," he said that day. "I'm watching serious conditions as they occur."

Parent, 80, who retired from the fire service in early 2011, died at home April 10. He has been described by those who knew him as a family man, a mentor to both new and seasoned firefighters who was possessed of a keen knowledge of human behavior and a sense of humor.

Parent served as fire chief in York County's two largest communities. He began his career in Biddeford, where he rose through the ranks to serve as deputy chief for eight years and chief for 13, retiring in 1994 after 30 years with the department. He

sold fire trucks for a couple of years and then became fire chief in Sanford in 1996, retiring in early 2011.

Along the way he served a stint as interim town manager in Sanford and as director of Sanford Regional Communications.

He later served as interim fire and rescue chief in Lebanon.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Parent was a driving force behind

the years-long effort to see Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery come to fruition.

The cemetery was officially dedicated in Springvale on Aug. 24, 2010. Parent had been president of the Maine Fire Chief's Association and was long involved with the York County Chief's Association and had served as its president.

It was during his tenure as fire chief in Biddeford in 1989 that the city broke

ground on a new, sorely needed fire station that had been discussed for a decade.

He was named Maine Fire Chief of the Year in 2005. "What I like about Ray is that he's a straight shooter and a hard worker," Mark Green, then Sanford's town manager, said at the announcement that year.

Peter Cutrer, hired by Parent as the Sanford department's fire marshal in the mid-2000s, said Parent's counsel was invaluable to other firefighters.

"He was a mentor to me and so many others," said Cutrer, now a fire instructor. "My favorite teaching point from him was 'honesty and integrity equals credibility. If you lose one of the first two, you lose the most important one, number three.'"

"Ray was quite a person," said Jeff Rowe, who served as Parent's assistant chief in Sanford and succeeded him as chief. "He had his opinions and people had opposing opinions and often Ray was more correct in the long run. He impacted a lot of young people and older people in the fire service. He provided a lot of people with a lot of opportunity, and I am certainly one of them."

Services were held April 20 in Sanford. Burial will take place at a later date. ■



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Creation of Assistant Manager Position



Notice is hereby given that the Sanford City Council will hold a public hearing at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 in person at City Hall Council Chambers, 919 Main Street, Third Floor, Sanford, Maine and via remote video and teleconference pursuant to 1 MRSA §403-B (2) (D) and section 6 of the Sanford City Council Rules of Procedure. The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss the creation of a new Assistant Manager position through an act of Ordinance pursuant to Charter Section 205.3.

The proposed Ordinance creating this position can be viewed by visiting the City of Sanford website at www.sanfordmaine.org and clicking on Public Notices, or by visiting the City Clerk's office in Sanford City Hall.

Instructions for joining the meeting in-person and by remote methods are posted on the City's website, sanfordmaine.org, on the Meetings calendar. The meeting will be broadcast on cable channel 26, and will be recorded and archived at <https://townhallstreams.com/towns/sanfordme>.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Moratorium on Construction of Campgrounds



Notice is hereby given that the Sanford City Council will hold a public hearing at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 in person at City Hall Council Chambers, 919 Main Street, Third Floor, Sanford, Maine and via remote video and teleconference pursuant to 1 MRSA §403-B (2) (D) and section 6 of the Sanford City Council Rules of Procedure. The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss establishment of a Moratorium on construction of new campgrounds in the City of Sanford.

The proposed Ordinance can be viewed by visiting the City of Sanford website at www.sanfordmaine.org and clicking on Public Notices, or by visiting the City Clerk's office in Sanford City Hall.

Instructions for joining the meeting in-person and by remote methods are posted on the City's website, sanfordmaine.org, on the Meetings calendar. The meeting will be broadcast on cable channel 26, and will be recorded and archived at <https://townhallstreams.com/towns/sanfordme>.

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Instructions for joining the meeting in-person and by remote methods are posted on the City's website, sanfordmaine.org, on the Meetings calendar. The meeting will be broadcast on cable channel 26, and will be recorded and archived at <https://townhallstreams.com/towns/sanfordme>.

Comments can also be submitted through the "General Information" page on the Sanford ME Connects website at: www.sanfordmeconnects.com/general-information or in writing to:

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