

## Council Likely to Put Temporary Halt to Campground Development

By Lee Burnett, Submissions Editor

The Sanford City Council appears poised to delay campground development in Sanford while ordinances are reviewed.

At a meeting on Tuesday, May 7, five councilors spoke in favor of a 180-day moratorium. That included Maura Herlihy, Bob Stackpole, Nathan Hitchcock, Jonathan Martel, and Pete Tranchemontagne. Councilor Ayn Hanselmann and Mayor Becky Brink did not express an opinion.

Tuesday's meeting was a first reading of the moratorium. A second reading and possible enactment vote were scheduled for May 21.

Consideration of a moratorium is prompted by a plan to develop a 39-site campground at Sand Pond, which is already home to Huttopia

of Southern Maine, a "glamping" campground.

Several Sand Pond residents spoke in favor of the moratorium, including Brian Dumont, who said modern campground camping is far more intense than the simple weekend-tent camping that ordinances are designed for. He raised the specter of a quiet neighborhood being "continually inundated with tourists."

Recently, Sanford has seen a boom in development of luxury campgrounds and seasonal tiny homes. In addition to Huttopia, Purposefully Lost is an eco-luxury treehouse site on Littlefield Pond. Estes Lake and the woods of Springvale may also see development proposals.

The Sand Pond development is proposed by longtime Sanford residents Mike and Bonnie

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## Community CALENDAR

Compiled by Lisa Blanchette

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### Saturday, May 11

- Stepping Out for Seniors, 8 am, Trafton Senior Center, 19 Elm St.
- Sanford Farmers' Market, 8 am, Central Park
- Sports Cards/Memorabilia Show, 8 am, VFW, 1 Hutchinson St.
- Spring Into Summer Plant Sale, 9 am, SRTC, 100 Alumni Blvd. (last day)
- Free Monthly Reiki Circle, 10 am, Springvale Library, 443 Main St., Springvale
- Cat Adoption Event, 10 am, Pet Supplies Plus, 1364 Main St.
- Volunteer Day at Sanford Recovery Community Center, 11 am, 69 Brook St.
- Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive

### Sunday, May 12

- Mother's Day Breakfast, 8:30 am, Sanford Elks, 13 Elm St.

### Monday, May 13

- Baby Rhyme Time, 10 am, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- Sanford Food Pantry, 10 am, 1204 Main St.
- A Family for ME Live Q & A, noon or 6 pm, online
- Lego Builders Club, 3:30 pm, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.

### Tuesday, May 14

- Municipal Operations & Property Subcommittee meeting, 8:30 am, Zoom
- Baby/Toddler Rhyme Time, 10:30 am, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.

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## SCHOOL Notes

Compiled by Carolyn Cadigan

### SHS freshmen perform at the Maine ACDA festival:

Sanford High School Choral Director Ryan Geary (right in photo) accompanied five freshmen (left to right, next to Geary: Max Hylton, Ava Allen, Morgan Bailey, Olivia Giles and Avila Cyr) to the Maine American Choral Directors Association State Festival, held at Waterville High School on May 4.

The freshmen sang with the Katahdin Choir, a soprano-alto group led by conductor Kenneth Griffith of the Boston Children's Chorus. The festival invited students from grades 4 to 9.

**Maine author visits SMS students:** In April, Sanford Middle School welcomed author Lynn Plourde to talk with students. She spoke with each grade about her illustrations in the book "Lost Trail: Nine Days Alone in the Wilderness." She also discussed her background and her experiences growing up in Maine.



### Learning to navigate real-life emergency situations:

Assistant Fire Chief Bob Arnold from the Sanford Fire Department recently visited Sanford Community Adult Education (SCAE) classes for multi-language learners. During the interactive session, Arnold delved into topics beyond basic fire safety, engaging learners with practical insights on navigating emergencies effectively. Participants gained insight on how to contact emergency services,

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# Menopause The Musical 2

## Cruising Through 'The Change'

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Sanford Performing ARTS Center

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# Public Invited to Help Revise Sanford Comprehensive Plan

The City of Sanford is looking for public participation as it starts revising its comprehensive plan, a framework guiding development, policy formation, conservation efforts, municipal services and more.

Sanford's current comprehensive plan, initially drafted in 2002 and amended in 2005, has been out of alignment with the State of Maine's Growth Management Act for several years, according to City Planner Erin Moriarty. Ensuring alignment with state legislation is crucial for the community as it determines eligibility for various state and federal funding opportunities. It also gives the city a way to update zoning regulations, impact fee structures, and ordinances governing the rate of growth. Also, compliance with state guidelines is essential for issuing certain permits and effectively guiding development in designated growth areas.

The revision process is estimated to take about one year. A steering committee will meet monthly – from 6 to 7:30 pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month – to deliberate on the insights garnered and the objectives set forth during the planning process. This committee will also

evaluate community engagement strategies and provide feedback on the draft plan as it progresses.

City staff is encouraging residents and business owners interested in the community's future to consider participating in the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. Interested individuals are invited to reach out to Moriarty at [emmoriarty@sanfordmaine.org](mailto:emmoriarty@sanfordmaine.org) for further information. ■

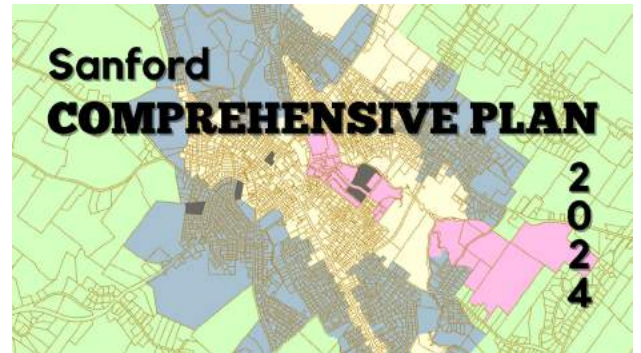


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## Chocolate Benefit to Fight Student Food Insecurity

The Sanford Backpack Program is gearing up for its eighth annual Chocolate Benefit, scheduled for 6 pm Saturday, May 18, at Memorial Gym. This is the program's largest fundraiser of the year and supports about one-half of the program's operating budget.

Fifteen local chocolatiers will create decadent, bite-sized chocolate treats for attendees and compete for awards. Chocolatiers include: Sarah's Table; Lambert Foundations; Jen's Delightful Sweets; Jon Bettis; Church of Latter-day Saints; the Sanford Middle School PTA; Don Twombly Photography; Frannie's Mini Donuts; Gotta Be Frank; Sanford Springvale YMCA; Nosh2Go; MCS PTA; Partners Bank; Lynne Signore and Friends and Lakeside Sweets & Treats. Our Chocolatier Sponsor, Kennebunk Savings Bank, will be announcing winners of the awards, including a People's Choice Award.

In addition to chocolate, this event will include live music by local band The Wintery Mix, raffle prizes such as a snowblower from Eldredge Lumber, a massive gardening basket from the Carl J Lamb School PTA, a "staycation" from 4Maine Realty, and much more.

The Sanford Backpack Program, an initiative of Strategies for a Stronger Sanford, fights student food insecurity in Sanford by sending food-filled bags home with students, providing fresh food distributions, and running a new "Spart-Mart" shopping-style food pantry at Sanford High School each week of the school year. The program serves about 400 students a week and sends home over 250,000 pounds of food annually.



In addition, since COVID-19, the program has provided community-based food distributions which, thanks to funding from one of our big community champions, Atlantic Federal Credit Union, will continue this summer on Thursdays each week at the Willard School and at the High School.

The program, which has been operating in Sanford for about 15 years, was started at Sanford Junior High School by the School Nurse at the time, Anne Garnsey, and expanded to also include Carl J. Lamb School when Guidance Counselor Cathleen Mulvey recognized the need of students there. A small core group of school staff and volunteers later helped formalize the program and expand it to include all Sanford schools. Today, the program has two part-time staff members, an advisory board and a cadre of dedicated boots-on-the-ground volunteers.

Event sponsors and longtime program supporters, Richard and Pamela Lolley, are joined by many other local business and family sponsors to make this event a success and ensure the program's ability to continue its work in Sanford. You can still join in the fun. Tickets are available online: <https://sfssanford.square.site/chocolate-benefit-spectacular> ■



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# York County Has \$2 Million in Damage from Spring Snowstorm

By Tammy Wells, York County media specialist

Gov. Janet Mills has asked President Joe Biden to issue a major disaster declaration to help York and Cumberland counties recover from the April 3-4 snow and windstorm that resulted in significant damage across southern Maine.

In a May 2 letter to the president, Mills wrote that costs resulting from the two-day storm – including debris removal, damage to roads and bridges, and emergency protective measures – is expected to exceed \$3.5 million in the two counties. York County Emergency Management Agency Director Art Cleaves estimated close to \$2 million in damage within the county, much of it in tree debris.

In Waterboro alone, Town Manager Matt Bors estimated around \$228,000 in costs to clean up road debris.

“Every road had trees down, every road has debris,” said Bors. “It would take months to clean up. We reached out to a contractor to help us.” He pointed out that the contractors have equipment and resources the town doesn’t.

Cleaves said at least five York County municipalities had more than \$150,000 in costs associated with tree damage and emergency protective measures that had to be taken during the storm, with first responders out to assure safety.

Sanford received about 15 inches of heavy, wet snow from the storm, which dropped as much as 21 inches on a few communities farther inland. Out-of-state power crews were sheltered in schools and fire stations across the county because of a lack of available hotel rooms.

FEMA’s Public Assistance Program provides supplemental grants so communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides funding so governments can develop hazard mitigation plans and rebuild in a way that reduces, or mitigates, future disaster losses in their communities. ■



A limb is hung up on powerline three days after the storm. Photo: Tammy Wells

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Patterson. Their lawyer Michael Traiste told the council that halting review to change campground rules midstream is a drastic measure that not only hurts the Pattersons, who have invested time and money, but creates an unstable business climate. He said the moratorium would short-circuit discussions about details of setbacks and limitation on length of stay. Furthermore, he questioned whether allowing this campground to go forward would create any serious harm, a legal requirement for a moratorium.

Bonnie Patterson said that setback changes “could affect the viability of the campground.” She said studies have shown that campground residents spend an average of \$200 per day in the community, which she said could produce an additional \$1.2 million in revenue to Sanford area businesses.

Deputy Mayor Herlihy, who read the wording of the moratorium aloud, said a moratorium would allow the city to consider toughening requirements for setbacks and duration of stays.

“We’re not up here trying to prevent campgrounds,” she said.

Councilor Tranchemontagne said that “we do need some time to bring things up to date so things are fair for everyone and for future developers. That’s where I’m at.” ■

## Calendar Cont’d from page 1

- Pre-K Story Time, 11 am, Goodall LibraryPublic Safety Subcommittee meeting, 11 am, Zoom
- York County Food Pantry, noon, YC Shelter Program, 5 Swetts Bridge Road, Alfred
- Free Lunch, noon-1 pm, Lafayette School, 69 Brook St.
- Zoning Subcommittee meeting, 1 pm, Zoom
- Knit Lits, 3 pm, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- Sanford Water District trustees meeting, 4 pm, 342 River St., Springvale
- Bingo, 4 pm (doors open) 6 pm (games start), Sanford Elks Lodge, 13 Elm St.
- Matthew Meal, 6 pm, St. Thomas School, 69 North Ave.

## Wednesday, May 15

- Community Café, 11:30 am, Mayflower Place, 27 Mayflower Dr.
- Financial Aid Night, 5:30 pm, SHS
- Lego Builders Club, 2:30 pm, Goodall Library
- Poetry Group, 5 pm, Louis B. Goodall Library
- Fiber Arts Group, 5:30 pm, Goodall Library
- Wednesday Night Bite free meal, 6 pm, Curtis Lake Church, 38 Westview Dr.
- Planning Board meeting, 6:30 pm, City Hall

## Thursday, May 16

- Food Bank at St. Thérèse of Lisieux, noon, Holy Family Church, 66 North Ave.
- Free community meal, 5 pm, New Beginnings Christian Church, 181 Grammar Rd.

## Friday, May 17

- Toddler Time, 9 am, Sanford Community Adult Education, 668 Main St.
- Pop Up Book Sale, 9 am, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St. Salvation Army Produce Pantry, 10 am, Salvation Army of Sanford, 871 Main St.
- York County Food Pantry, noon, YC Shelter Program, 5 Swetts Bridge Road, Alfred
- Scaly Tales Story Hour by AWS, 10:30 am, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Spring Fling dance with DJ Terrie, 5 pm, VFW Post 9935, 1 Hutchinson St.

## Saturday, May 18

- Sanford Farmers’ Market, 8 am, Central Park, 920 Main St.
- Vendor and Craft Sale, 9 am, St. George’s Episcopal Church, 3 Emerson St.
- Pop Up Book Sale, 9 am, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Corner Cupboard, 10 am, Sanford UU Church, 5 Lebanon St.
- Adoption Event, 1 pm, Pet Supplies Plus
- 8th Annual Chocolate Benefit Spectacular, 6 pm, Memorial Gym, 678 Main St.

## Sunday, May 19

- Annual Bradford Hoffman Honor in Stone Ride, 9 am, Iron Tails, 559 Route 109, Acton ■

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# School Committee Meeting Highlights 5/6/2024

By Kendra Williams

## SRTC

The Sanford Regional Technical Center Advisory Committee, comprised of representatives and superintendents from the seven partner schools, sat with students from their schools to hear about their experiences and those of their peers during a meeting May 6 at the SRTC Cafe.

Prior to the luncheon, the committee held its monthly business meeting with several important discussions, including:

There continues to be strong interest in the SRTC programs; 649 students from partner schools applied for admission to SRTC programs for the coming year.

A Maine law is now in place to ensure that students in the high school technical school programs receive appropriate credits in core curriculum subjects that can be used to meet graduation requirements. The next steps are to work on curriculum development and approval by the School Committee to have it in place for the 2025-26 school year.

Based on interest survey results from students in grades 5-12 in partner school districts, the Advisory Committee has recommended the addition of two new programs. If the School Committee approves at a subsequent meeting, SRTC Director Matthew Peterman will seek approval from the Maine Department of Education to add a Baking and Pastry Program and

an Athletic Training Program to begin in the 2025-26 school year.

## Superintendent's Report

Sanford will be sending students to the All-State Chorus and Band Festival on May 15. The Mount Major hike for SHS students will be coming this week. Committee member Emily Sheffield added that she recently encountered students in the Arts and Communication wing who had attended the recent ACDA Adjudicated Festival and were very proud of their accomplishments. The Treble Choir received an Excellent rating. The Chamber Singers received the highest rating possible, Superior with Distinction.

## Director Reports

**Dropout prevention:** Assistant Superintendent Steve Bussiere provided an overview of the Dropout Committee's work, including data, trends and recommendations that were shared at the workshop. Of note is that the dropout rate is the lowest it's been in 10 years. Graduation rates have also increased.

**Extended school year programming:** Special Education will be held at Carl J Lamb (CJL). Title I will be at Sanford Pride Elementary (SPE). The summer recreation programs will be held at Sanford Middle School (SMS), CJL and SPE. Summer food service will be at Sanford High School, SMS, CJL and SPE. It will also be at Carpentier Park, Springvale Park, Curtis Lake Church and the YMCA.

**Homeless student monitoring:** Sanford Schools were selected for the State's McKinney-Vento Act monitoring process. A report sent in last week highlights efforts to meet compliance with the federal law, which includes having a designated homeless liaison and an outreach team to support coordinated services, annually informing all staff about the educational rights of all homeless students, and public dissemination of the rights through various means. The process allows for enrolling students promptly. Transportation is provided to allow students to stay in their school of origin if they choose to. Dedicated outreach staff provides connection to medical housing and other services and resources. Guidance counselors provide support for college and career readiness and access to other school programming such as Title I. Attendance and graduation rates for homeless students in Sanford are outpacing the state average. According to the report, the number of homeless students in Sanford has risen sharply, from 27 in the 2019-20 school year to 181 as of this April 1.

## Summer Planning

Lambert reviewed summer enrichment opportunities for students. There will be an SRTC Exploratory Program for middle school students from the center's partner schools June 24-28. A middle school drama camp for Sanford students will be held from July 8-12. Title I summer

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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF SANFORD

The City of Sanford, Maine will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6:00 pm, at the City Council Chambers, 919 Main Street, Sanford, Maine, and by remote methods, pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 403-B(2)(D) and section 6 of the Sanford City Council Rules of Procedure, to receive funds from a Community Development Block Grant for the 2024 Community Enterprise Assistance Grant program in the amount of \$100,000.

These funds will be used to assist commercial building facade improvements in the urban core. 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: Mary Hastings, SREGC, 917 Main St, Suite D, 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://townhallstreams.com/towns/sanfordme>

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school for grades K-4 and the extended school year programming for special ed students will be held from July 8-August 1.

A brochure is being developed with summer ideas and activities to get kids engaged at home and in the community.

## School Budget Referendum

Superintendent Nelson reviewed the FY 2025 school budget that will be on the ballot at the June 11 school budget validation election.

## Staffing

Nelson made staffing announcements with special mention of Diane (Dee) Ames, fifth- and sixth-grade music teacher, and Ellen Barry, Health Occupations teacher, thanking them for the positive impact they've had over the years and wishing them well in their retirement.

The next School Committee meeting will be held on May 20 at 6 pm at City Hall. ■

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Lynn Serritella  
Rynep Vaneldik*



# Passages

Compiled by Rev. Susan Murphy

**Betty Lou Drouin**, 85, of Sanford, passed away peacefully April 28 at Brentwood Nursing Home. A private family service will be held in the spring.

**Janet Mae (Langlois) Eastman**, 90, passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by her loving family on April 20, 2024. Visiting hours will be at Bibber Memorial at Autumn Green in Alfred on June 1 from 11 to 2 pm. The burial will be private.

**John R. Gagnon**, 82, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at Southern Maine Health Care in Biddeford. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, May 4. A private interment with military honors will be held at a later date.

**Patricia Faith Leighton**, 92, of Falmouth, passed away on April 23 after a courageous battle with cancer. A graveside service will be held at 11 am on Saturday, June 15, at the Hillside Cemetery in Damariscotta.

**John F. Logrien**, 97, of Sanford, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 22, 2024, with family at his side. An informal graveside service will be held at 1 pm on Monday, May 13, at St. Ignatius Cemetery located on Berwick Road in Sanford.

**Richard E Rand**, 89, of Gray, peacefully passed away on April 30, 2024, as he wished in his home of 62 years. A graveside service will be held at the Gray Cemetery on Saturday, May 18, at 11 am, followed by a celebration of life on Sunday, May 19, from 1-5 at Spring Meadows Golf Club in Gray.

**Sandra Marie "Sandy" Ryan**, passed away on April 27, 2024, at the age of 56 after a courageous battle with cancer. Relatives and friends are invited to call on May 30 from 4 to 5 pm at the Carll-Heald & Black Funeral Home, 580 Main St., Springvale, where a memorial service will be conducted at 5 pm, followed by a reception. ■

## SCHOOL Notes *Cont'd from page 1*

the questions they might encounter and what emergency personnel do upon arrival. Arnold announced plans to return to SCAE with a fire engine and firefighters clad in their protective gear. The session will enable participants to familiarize themselves with emergency responders and equipment so they will be more confident and prepared in real-life scenarios.



St. Thomas School students learn about bees and keep tabs on their adopted dairy calf, Recking Ball.

**From bees to bovine:** A St. Thomas School volunteer, Sam Cetrano, recently shared a lesson on bees with the school's kindergarten students. They learned about the anatomy of the bee, the pollination process and how bees make honey. Learning at the school also focused on cows as fourth graders participated in a live chat with farmers at their adopt-a-cow farm and learned about their class pet, Recking Ball. In October 2023, the class formally adopted a dairy calf and has been watching her grow and develop on the host dairy farm. The students track her health and well-being, just like the farmer does, and learn about her life on the farm and her future role as a milk producer.

**Don't be late for kindergarten:** June 1 is the deadline to register children for kindergarten in Sanford public schools for the upcoming school year. Children 5 years of age on or before October 15 are eligible to register. To complete the registration process, go here: <https://tinyurl.com/z64djcvr>

**Sanford school happenings:** For more news from the Sanford school district, read the May 2024 edition of the "Sanford Spotlight" newsletter: <https://tinyurl.com/bdesb4pw>

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# NEWS NOTES

Compiled By Carolyn Cadigan



**Moving up a rung on the ladder:** Sanford Fire Department's Tyler Nobile of B shift has earned his permanent shield. New employees earn their permanent shield when their shift peers feel they have completed the objectives set for them within their first year, which is filled with many trials and challenges. The department noted that Firefighter/EMT-A Nobile, always ready to meet the challenge, gives extra effort and has a smile on his face, no matter what the day brings.

**Going, going, gone:** Springvale Library's 4th Annual Online Auction, which ended April 28, surpassed its fundraising goal and brought in \$11,125 this year. The library staff is grateful to their donors, sponsors and all auction participants for making the fundraiser a success.

**Volunteer gardening opportunity:** York County Shelter Programs (YCSP) is seeking volunteers to help tend the organization's raised

gardens, which provide produce for its Food Pantry and dining hall. In addition, YCSP needs volunteers to work in the dining hall. If interested in either opportunity, contact Scott Davis at [scottd@ycspi.org](mailto:scottd@ycspi.org) or call 207-324-1137.

**Police seek information on jewelry**

**robbery:** The Sanford Police Department is seeking the public's help in identifying the person involved in a burglary at Jewelers' Outlet last week. At approximately 3 am, the suspect forced entry into the store and stole jewelry. Go here to view the photos posted by the police. If you have any information or witnessed the event, contact Detective Cutler at 207-324-3644, ext. 276, or call the anonymous tip line at the same number.

**Libraries offer more than just books:** Did you know that your library card entitles you to free passes to the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens as well as several museums and parks? Now that it's growing season, the gardens are especially popular. Be sure to stop by Goodall Library or Springvale Library to sign up for a pass that gains entry to the gardens for two adults and for any number of children under the age of 18. Note that only one pass is available per day. To reserve your pass, visit the library's front desk or call Goodall Library at 207-324-4714 or Springvale Library at 207-324-4624.

**Volunteer opportunity to help a family put down roots:** Habitat for Humanity York County has multiple openings for volunteers interested in helping at its second build on Allen Street in Springvale from May 14 to 17, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. No construction experience is needed. Sign up to volunteer here. [www.habitat-yorkcounty.org/](http://www.habitat-yorkcounty.org/)



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**Red Cross needs your help:** Two local blood drives are scheduled over the next two weeks. The first will be held at the Alfred Parish Church, 8 Kennebunk Rd., on May 15 from 10 am to 3 pm. The second will be at the Preble Masonic Lodge #143, 16 Elm St., Sanford, on May 20 from noon to 5 pm. Log onto the Red Cross website here to schedule a time to donate. <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

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## 2024/2025 City of Sanford School Budget Referendum Public Notice



A Referendum Vote on the City of Sanford School Department Budget will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. A public hearing was held on Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall to receive public comment on the proposed School budget.

A summary of the proposed 2024/2025 budget is printed below. The 2024/2025 School Budget is available in the School Department and is also available online.

During the public hearing, the public had time to provide written or oral comments on any portion of the School Budget or to ask any questions pertaining to the School Budget.

	Enacted Budget FY 23/24	Proposed Budget FY 24/25	Variance
Regular Instruction	\$17,579,171.00	\$18,525,781.00	\$ 946,610.00
Special Education	\$10,795,419.00	\$12,270,017.00	\$1,474,598.00
Career/Technical Education	\$ 4,074,458.00	\$ 4,352,099.00	\$ 277,641.00
Other Instruction	\$ 1,214,029.00	\$ 1,266,519.00	\$ 52,490.00
Student and Staff Support	\$ 4,055,646.00	\$ 4,091,853.00	\$ 36,207.00
System Administration	\$ 1,076,166.00	\$ 1,151,398.00	\$ 75,232.00
School Administration	\$ 2,696,992.00	\$ 2,799,026.00	\$ 102,034.00
Transportation and Buses	\$ 2,143,617.00	\$ 2,546,586.00	\$ 402,969.00
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 6,229,278.00	\$ 6,332,745.00	\$ 103,467.00
Debt Service	\$10,946,557.00	\$10,774,788.00	\$ (171,769.00)
All Other Expenditures	\$ 107,221.00	\$ 119,556.00	\$ 12,335.00
<b>Summary of Total Authorized</b>			
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$60,918,554.00</b>	<b>\$64,230,368.00</b>	<b>\$3,311,814.00</b>
Adult Education	\$ 568,507.00	\$ 575,148.00	\$ 6,641.00
<b>Total Education Budget</b>	<b>\$61,487,061.00</b>	<b>\$64,805,516.00</b>	<b>\$3,318,455.00</b>

**The Referendum Vote will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024.**

**New youth program seeks community support:** Southern Maine Young Marines is a new local unit of the national Young Marines organization, a non-profit youth education and service program for boys and girls aged 8 through high school. It focuses on teaching its members leadership, citizenship through community service, self-discipline, and the importance of living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. As a start-up, the Sanford-based unit is looking for sponsors and donations to help fund future trips, equipment, experiences and more for its members. Donations can be made via Venmo or by check. FMI on how to donate, go here. <https://tinyurl.com/bde4ju7p>

**County budget on tap:** The York County Budget Committee is scheduled to meet twice this month to discuss the proposed \$25.16 million county budget for the fiscal year starting July 1. County commissioners unanimously approved the budget proposal on April 17, but the Budget Committee must review it further, hold a public hearing and then pass it back to commissioners for a final vote. The committee meetings, which are open to the public, are set for 6 pm Mon., May 20, and Wed., May 22 in the commissioner's meeting room in the county government meeting, 149 Jordan Springs Road in Alfred. ■

# UMaine Extension Master Gardener Plant Sale

From a press release

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension Master Gardener plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 18 from 8:30 am to noon at 15 Oak St., Springvale.

UMaine Extension Master Gardener Volunteers will be on hand to offer advice about plant selection and answer questions. Selections include native and pollinator plants, organic vegetable and herb seedlings, annuals and perennials. This year will highlight native plants and seedlings. Attendees can also learn more about Maine Master Gardener Volunteer projects, including Maine Harvest for Hunger, Kids Can Grow, and Pollinator-Friendly Garden Certification.

The Kids Can Grow program organizes monthly classes and hands-on learning for youth 7-12 years old during the spring, summer, and fall at the McKeon Reserve. The program supports 20 youth and families involving about 35 volunteers from MGCV with support from Eldredge Lumber & Hardware and Coast of



Photo: University of Maine Cooperative Extension

Maine Organic Products.

Proceeds from the plant sale benefit York County Master Gardener Volunteer projects in communities across York County including native plant demonstration gardens, the Garden Angel Program, Harvest for Hunger initiatives, and school gardens, all of which rely on Master Gardeners' expertise and volunteer time. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Mary Wicklund at 207.324.2814 or [mary.wicklund@maine.edu](mailto:mary.wicklund@maine.edu). ■

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# SPORTS NOTES

By Sam Bonsey, Sanford Schools Communications Coordinator

## SHS Football players selected to play in annual Lobster Bowl

Three Sanford High School football players have been selected to participate in the annual Maine Lobster Bowl this summer. Jordan Bissonnette, Tucker Walker, and Cam Suhy will represent Sanford at the Don Roux Field in Lewiston on Saturday, July 20, at 4 pm.

According to The Spartan Times, a student-run newspaper, this is the first time Sanford has had three players in the game since 2017. The Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl began in 1990 and includes over 100 All-Star football players and cheerleaders selected from more than 60 different Maine high schools.



Jordan Bissonnette, Tucker Walker, and Cam Suhy will represent Sanford at the Don Roux Field in Lewiston on Saturday, July 20, at 4 p.m.

Photo: Kelly Foley, Spartan Times

## Sanford Mainers coach wins third straight YSCC Coach of the Year honor.

Sanford Mainers Head Coach Nic Lops was named the Yankee Small College Conference Coach of the Year. Lops won the award for the third straight year as he helped lead the SMCC Seawolves to a walk-off 7-6 conference title win.

## July soccer camp registration is open:

Sanford Soccer is partnering with Brazilian United to offer a summer soccer camp experience for children ages 4 to 14. The camp will be held July 15 to 19, from 9 am to 3 pm. Both full-day and half-day camps are available. FMI and to register, go here: <https://tinyurl.com/2hycehcr> ■

# Real Estate Transactions

Compiled by Carolyn Cadigan

**4/25, 47 Elm St., Springvale,** 7-room New Englander, 3 bed/1 bath, laundry on first floor, wide-board flooring, built-ins, attached two-story barn, \$305,000

**4/26, Map R8/36a Harry Howes Rd.,** 6-room Raised Ranch, 3 bed/2 bath, open living space, family room, oversized 2-car garage under deck, rural setting on 1 acre, built in 2024, \$440,000

**4/29, 11 Trelane Dr., Springvale,** 8-room Ranch, 3 bed/1 bath, mudroom, sunroom, pantry, open concept living space, finished basement, attached 2-car garage, private backyard, deck, .54 acre, \$410,000

**4/29, 7 Russell Dr.,** 7-room Ranch, 3 bed/2 bath, den, hardwood floors throughout, full basement, attached 2-car garage, screened porch, patio, non-operational inground pool, .45 acre, \$370,000

**4/30, 13 Mousam St.,** Springvale, 6-room New Englander, 3 bed/1.5 bath, full basement, detached 2-car garage, deck, porch, metal roof, \$361,000

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Sanford City Council will hold a public hearing at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 21, 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 receive public comments on proposed changes to the City of Sanford Ordinances pertaining to Article II Chapter 120 Fees; Chapter 149 §6.8 Vacant Building Fees; Article III §226-28 Digging Permits; and Article II §78-4 Impoundment Fees; and to certain other municipal fees.

Further information on the proposed changes may be obtained through the City Manager's Office prior to the public hearing. Written comments and questions should be directed to the Office of the City Manager, Sanford City Hall, 919 Main Street, Sanford. The proposed amendments can be viewed by visiting the City of Sanford website at [www.sanfordmaine.org](http://www.sanfordmaine.org) and clicking on Public Notices.

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://townhallstreams.com/towns/sanfordme>.



## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Sanford Planning Board will hold a public hearing and receive written and oral comments at its May 15, 2024 meeting, starting at 6:30 pm, on an Amendment to an Approved Site Plan and Conditional Use to revise the proposed solar power generation facility from 4.95 MW originally approved on October 6, 2021 and extended on September 21, 2022 to 2.0 MW, with a smaller footprint. The project is located on property owned by Townhouse Properties at 104 Hanson Ridge Road and Angola Street (Map L25, Lot 33, Map L24, Lot 6, Map R8-69A and Map R8, Lot 69).

The hearing will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall, 919 Main Street, Sanford. 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/planning](http://www.sanfordmaine.org/planning). Questions or written comments should be directed to the Planning Office at 324-9150 or [jlbabcock@sanfordmaine.org](mailto:jlbabcock@sanfordmaine.org).





**Real Estate *Cont'd from page 8***

**4/30, 1 Seneca Ave.,** 5-room Ranch, 3 bed/1 bath, full basement, corner lot, 2.08 acres, \$285,000

**4/30, 5 Water St.,** Springvale, Commercial property, 2 buildings: one partially heated warehouse (8,800 sf) with loading dock and one 4-story heated building (60,000 sf) with freight elevator and hardwood floors, former spinning mill with retail shop and current site of Jagger Brothers Worsted Spinners, income-generating cell tower lease in place, view of Mousam River, 2.78-acre lot, \$1,300,000 (pictured right)



**5/2, 39 June St.,** 5-room Cape, 2 bed/1 bath, bedroom on first floor, bonus room, finished basement, attached 2-car garage, metal roof, \$185,000

**5/3, 1013 Main St.,** 7-room New Englander, 4 bed/1 bath, bedroom and laundry on first floor, pantry, seasonal sunroom, unfinished basement, \$230,000 (pictured above)

**5/3, 11 Whitman St.,** 6-room Cape, 2 bed/1 bath, renovated in 2023, mudroom, laundry on first floor, glass-enclosed porch, full basement, metal roof, fenced-in backyard, shed, \$335,000

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**CITY OF SANFORD  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**



**Regarding**

**“The Sixth Amendment to the Sanford Downtown Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District”**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sanford (the “City”) will hold a public hearing on

**May 21, 2024**

**at 919 Main Street Sanford, ME 04073**

**The Public Hearing will be at 6:00 p.m.**

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the following items pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 206 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended:

The Sixth Amendment to the Sanford Downtown Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing TIF District and Development Program which was first designated in 2006 seeks to establish the Downtown District as an “Omnibus” to allow the City to enter into future Credit Enhancement Agreements with individual commercial property owners within the District, add additional project costs to allow the City to use TIF revenues for costs related to environmental improvements, affordable housing and homelessness and operation of municipal public safety facilities, and extend the term of the District to 30 years.

A copy of the relevant materials relating to the proposed Sixth Amendment to the Downtown TIF will be on file with the City and a copy can be requested from the Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council (“SREGC”) by calling Mary Hastings at (207) 324-9155 prior to the public hearings. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard at that time.

Members of the public may also submit comments via email to [info@sanfordmaine.org](mailto:info@sanfordmaine.org). Comments may also be submitted in writing to: SREGC, Keith McBride, 917 Main Street, Ste. D, Sanford ME 04073 at any time prior to the Public Hearing. TDD/TTY users may call 711. If you are physically unable to access any of the City’s programs or services, please contact Lorisa Ricketts at (207) 324-9173 so that accommodations can be made.

# OUT IN THE WOODS

By Kevin McKeon, Maine Master Naturalist

## Painted Turtles Have a Strong Homing Instinct

*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](mailto:kpm@metrocast.net)*

The 15-million-year-old painted turtle can be found resting in and around the wetlands along many Sanford trails, basking on a log around Mousam River or on a rock in Deering Pond. When hunting for shellfish along the muddy bottoms and munching on the various water plants in and along the riverbanks, it quickly juts its head into vegetation, agitating unsuspecting victims into the open water, where they are gobbled up. It also will skim the water's surface with its mouth open to catch small particles of food. Algae, insects, crayfish, snails and fish are its favorites.

Being cold-blooded, and active only during the day, painted turtles gather body heat for the day's activities by emerging from the morning water to bask for several hours, returning to the water to forage, basking again when chilled, and repeating until dark, when they drop back to the water's bottom and sleep. Foraging turtles will cross lakes or travel up and down slow-moving rivers searching for water during dry times. Males travel 16 miles and females



A painted turtle laying eggs in the sand along the Rail Trail Photo: Kevin McKeon


up to eight miles. They have homing instincts, mostly using visual recognition, and can find their way back home from over four miles away.

A female will lay four to 15 white, flexible eggs in her sandy/gravel nest, made in a sunny area two to four inches deep. She digs it using her tail and hind feet between late May and mid-July, usually close to water but sometimes up to 700 yards away. It'll take her about four hours to complete, and she needs a temperature of about 80 degrees to do this, delaying the process if it's too hot, too dry, or too cold. Only 50-70% of a local population's females will lay eggs yearly, but those that do will usually lay twice. Sometimes, they'll press their throat

to the ground at various spots as if sensing moisture, heat, texture, or scent — or dig "false nests"— mysteries waiting to be solved!

In August and September, the young turtle breaks out of its egg using a special projection of its jaw called the egg tooth. In our area, the hatchlings may over-winter in the nest, emerging the following spring, eating their egg yolk material for early feeding. The temperature of the incubating egg determines the hatchling's sex. At between 73 and 81 degrees, the baby will be male; others will be female. After crawling from their nests and instinctively finding the safety of water, hatchlings begin feeding and grow rapidly at first, sometimes doubling their size in the first year. Being easy to find and catch, the eggs and hatchlings are often eaten by rodents, foxes, coyotes, and snakes. However, the adult turtles' hard shells protect them from most predators. Growth usually stops at maturity — about 7 years old for males, and about 13 for females — with the 10-inch females being a bit larger than males. The probability of a painted turtle surviving from the egg to its first birthday is only 19%. The annual survival rate rises to 45% for juveniles and 95% for adults, and they can live more than 55 years.

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# Native Plants to be Featured at Land Trust Annual Meeting

At Three Rivers Land Trust's upcoming annual meeting, native plant advocate and consultant Shawn Jalbert will speak about native plants and their role in maintaining a beautiful and diverse ecosystem.

The meeting is set for 1 to 3 pm Saturday, May 18, at the land trust office at 235 Swetts Bridge Road in Alfred. All are welcome.

The meeting is aimed at providing hands-on guidance for planting in your own yard and at seeking input on plantings at Sanford Community Forest.

Planting native plants can achieve balance in yards by encouraging a healthy mix of plants, insects, and birds. Thoughtful planting and stewardship can encourage carbon sequestration and erosion control and improve water quality.

The land trust is looking for input on planting native species at the 547-acre Sanford Community Forest off upper Oak Street in Springvale. Three Rivers is spearheading a long-range vision of using native plants, shrubs, and trees to help transform the Community Forest from

a heavily logged, largely monoculture forest into a thriving, diverse space with a network of trails. Board member and Springvale



resident Lee Burnett will speak about the planting project, the two planned accessible trails, and a future connection to the Native Plant Trust-owned Harvey Butler Rhododendron Sanctuary.

Hands-on activities and refreshments will follow the discussions. Attendees are invited to ask questions, explore helpful references for becoming more knowledgeable about planting, caring for, and identifying native plants, view plant species from local native plant nursery Native Haunts, and share their thoughts on what kinds of native plant varieties they'd like to see in the Community Forest.

The business meeting will begin at 2:15 p.m. Land Trust members who have not voted online are encouraged to vote in person at the meeting for officers and the election of board members. Attendees may become new members or renew lapsed memberships at the meeting.

For questions about the event, contact (207) 358-9619 (call or text) or email [info@3rlt.org](mailto:info@3rlt.org).

## Painted Turtle *Cont'd from page 10*

During the winter, the painted turtle hibernates, during which time its body temperature averages 43 degrees. It will bury itself on the bottom of a body of water, near water in the shore bank, in the burrow of a muskrat or in woods or pastures. Hibernating underwater, the turtle prefers a depth of less than seven feet and will dig down another three feet or so into the mud. The turtle now does not breathe but gets some oxygen through its skin. They are genetically adapted to survive extended periods of sub-freezing temperatures with blood that can remain "supercooled" and skin that resists icing up. The hardest freezes nevertheless kill many over-wintering hatchlings. Their many unique adaptations — blood chemistry, brain, heart and particularly the shell — allow them to survive long periods with no oxygen and high lactic acid buildup and are the subject of many scientific papers.

Habitat loss is the primary threat to painted turtle survival. This includes filling in and drying of wetlands, removal of logs and rocks (needed for basking) from waterways and clearing of shoreline vegetation that allows increased predation and human foot traffic. Anthropogenic (human-related) activities and the relatively recent motorized use into nesting areas increase mortality on historic nesting sites along gravel paths, trails and roads. A significant survival threat is roadkill. Dead nest-seeking females, are commonly seen on summer roads. Roads also act as migration barriers causing genetic isolation, resulting in a lowering of the species' evolutionary adaptation process. Some forward-thinking localities have tried to limit roadkill and isolation threats by constructing wildlife-friendly underpasses, highway safety channels and warning/crossing signs. Safely assisting turtles across the road is done by carrying them across the road. ■

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# **NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

May 3, 2024

Chris Burbank, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships  
York County Community College  
112 College Drive, Wells, Maine 04090  
207-216-4443 • cburbank@yccc.edu

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by York County Community College.

## **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about May 20, 2024, York County Community College (YCCC) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Economic Development Initiative/Community Project Funding (EDI/CPF) funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 117-328), to undertake construction of a project known as the Welding Training Facility Expansion located at 60 Community Drive in Sanford, Maine. Construction of the proposed project will increase welding instructional slots and associated job training available to families within York County, Maine. YCCC intends to use \$1,500,000 of the Economic Development Initiative funds, combined with approximately \$3,500,000 of Maine Defense Industrial Alliance funds, and other funds if deemed necessary, for the construction of a Welding Instruction Lab at the Sanford Instructional Center (SIC) to expand the YCCC welding training program. The EDI/CPF funding will be used for pre-construction and construction expenses including, but not limited to, design and engineering, professional fees, environmental assessments, surveys, permits, construction, and any sitework associated with construction of the Welding Instruction Lab.

## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

YCCC has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the YCCC building located at 112 College Drive in Wells, Maine and may be examined or copied during YCCC open hours excluding holidays.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Chris Burbank, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships for YCCC. All comments received by May 20, 2024, will be considered by YCCC prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

YCCC certifies to HUD that Chris Burbank in his capacity as Director of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows BHA to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the YCCC certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of YCCC; (b) YCCC has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Region 1 Field Office at the Thomas P. O'Neill Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street, Room 535, Boston, MA 02222 or emailed to the Environmental Officer, US Department of Housing and Urban Development at CP-DRROFBOS@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Chris Burbank, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships