

## Housing First Project in Sanford Gets Boost from York County

By Tammy Wells, York County media specialist

A recent allocation by York County Commissioners of \$440,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds will help Sanford Housing Authority build 30 apartment units in Sanford with 24/7 supports, including case management and nearby recovery services.

The project uses the Housing First model, which aims to reduce homelessness.

The APRA award by York County Commissioners would be used for land acquisition. Low-income tax credits through Maine Housing would be used for construction, SHA director Diane Small said.

No site for the project has yet been determined, and completion will likely take about two years, Small said.

The Housing First model, simply put, is based on a hierarchy of needs, said Small. People must have basic necessities, like a safe place to live, before being able to achieve quality of life or pursue personal goals.

"It's not housing only. Supportive services are part of the Housing First model," she said.

The building would be made up of efficiency or one-bedroom apartments, depending on funding levels.

People eligible for the units must have experienced homelessness. They may be winding down a recovery program or getting themselves in a position to start. They could be folks who have been released from jail and are facing homelessness because they may not pass a background check. They may have been sleeping in a tent, or in a vehicle. They may



Diane Small, Executive Director of Sanford Housing Authority

have addictions or chronic mental illness or not.

"Many will come from recovery," said Small. "Others may qualify for housing first, undergo treatment, and return."

The units would be considered permanent, not transitional housing. Supports are projected to include case management and access to medical and behavioral care, funded through the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Small noted.

Units will have their own kitchens, but there will be plans for a community kitchen in the building, where folks can take classes in meal preparation, nutrition and more.

The units would be available to people from all corners of the county and eligible folks will be drawn from the Homeless Management Information System. Small said it is important for people in that circumstance to do a housing assessment. SHA's housing navigators have been working to do the assessments with folks, visiting warming centers and other locales.

Small has been talking to agencies like York County Community Action and Nasson

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## Community CALENDAR

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### Saturday, May 4

- Opening Day Sanford Farmers' Market, 8 am, Central Park, 920 Main St.
- Spring cleanup, 9 am, Amvets Post #3, 169 School St.
- Jane's Walk ME-Springvale, 9:30 am, Historical Society, 505 Main St.
- Rolling Thunder Fundraiser Dinner, 4:30 pm, 1 Hutchinson St.
- Kitty & JT Acoustic Duo, 6 pm, River Junction Brewing Co., 1491 Main St.
- ECFL Playoffs-Seacoast Warhawks vs East Coast Cardinals, 7 pm, Alumni Stadium
- EWA-Maine Wrestling presents High Ground, 7:30 pm, Memorial Gym 678 Main St.

### Sunday, May 5

- Chamber Talk with Rick Stanley, 7 am, Radio Station 104.3 The Oldies

### Monday, May 6

- Spring Into Summer Plant Sale, 8:30 am, SRTC, 100 Alumni Blvd. (through 5/10)
- Baby Rhyme Time, 10 am, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- Sanford Food Pantry, 10 am, 1204 Main St.
- Red Cross Blood Drive, noon, Nasson Community Center, 457 Main St., Springvale
- Lego Builders Club, 3:30 pm, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- School Committee Meeting, 6 pm, City Hall, 919 Main St.

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Sanford Performing Arts Center

# Some Find Housing After Warming Center Closure

By Lee Burnett, Submissions Editor

The closing of the warming center at former Lafayette School Wednesday sent folks in four different directions, according to York County Shelters Inc. About half are getting beds indoors.

Many people are going back to living in tents, such as at Heritage Crossing in the Mill Yard, according to Megan Gean Gendron. Others are choosing to move to the emergency shelter on Shaker Hill in Alfred, the Layman Way Recovery Center on Route 4 in Alfred, or more permanent situations.

“We were able to help about two dozen,” said Gean Gendron.

By Wednesday afternoon, neighborhood kids on bicycles were congregating in the parking lot behind the former elementary school.

People returning to encampments are probably going to tents that were never taken down during the winter, according to Gendron. “I think many people moving back kept their space there. There’s a community there. People watched over their stuff.”

The Sanford Police Department had expected a surge of people into the city’s largest tent encampment on Heritage Crossing, but that may not have happened, according to Deputy Chief Eric Small.

“We haven’t had a barrage of calls,” he said. “That’s a very good sign. To my knowledge, today has been a regular day. That’s a testament to our partners.”

The shelter was at capacity of 44 every night in recent months and stayed open longer than other warming centers around the state, said Gean Gendron. “We were one of the last to close,” she said. “And we saw the justification for that in these last two April storms. If we had closed, we would have had a very dangerous situation.”

Gendron said it’s too early to say what options exist for a warming center next



The encampment on Heritage Crossing  
Photo: Lee Burnett

winter. Lafayette School is not laid out well for meals service and overnight stays in zero gravity chairs. It’s centrally located, but there was some friction with the neighborhood. “Lafayette School was not ideal, but it was available,” she said. “Sanford needs to think very hard about this. Not just Sanford. Other communities.” n

## Sanford Hosts Arts Organizations

By Lee Burnett, Submissions Editor

Some state arts program representatives visited Sanford last week to learn about local arts initiatives and to build public support for arts in town and across the state.

“We’re sharing the essence of Sanford, so our policy makers have a better idea where we are going to build Sanford as a cultural and arts community,” explained Evelyn Nitzberg, who hosted the meeting through Sanford Arts Commission, and fellow artists Terry Jellerson and Georgia Renfrew.

Joining them were Mollie Cashwell and Eklas Ahmed, co-directors of the Cultural Alliance of Maine, Danielle Moriarty, director of special projects the Maine Arts Commission, and Ann Thompson, a metalsmith from Biddeford.

They met at Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council offices, then took a quick downtown tour.

“We believe in helping Sanford tell its storytelling,” said Cashwell. She urged locals to invite political candidates to events. “It’s a photo op. It’s an election year,” she said.

Moriarty said the arts commission is becoming more “outward looking” as it



Evelyn Nitzberg, center, is flanked by Eklas Ahmed, left, and Mollie Cashwell, right, both of the Cultural Alliance of Maine.  
Photo: Lee Burnett

searches for ways to build arts from the ground up in communities. “We want to support art that is by and for the community, specific to a place, recognizing your uniqueness,” she said. “Put art in places you care about.”

Sanford has seen an upswing in the arts in recent years with the opening of the Sanford Performing Arts Center, stepped up productions at the Nasson Little Theatre, and a monthly downtown art walk in the summer. n



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# Locals Observe World Tai Chi Day

By Lisa Blanchette

The last Saturday of April is World Tai Chi Day and is recognized globally. World Tai Chi events have been held at the United Nations Building and the Nobel Peace Center as well as at consulates and embassies from Italy to India. Worldwide Tai Chi events began on April 27, 2024, at 10 am local time. The events unfold from the earliest time zones of New Zealand and move across the globe to the latest time zone in Hawaii.

It was a picture-perfect day at Gateway Park in Sanford last Saturday for the event. The instructor and members of The Trafton Center's Tai Chi classes met to observe World Tai Chi Day and there was a definite sense of being part of something much larger. Instructor, Jo-Anne Masure led students through their forms and students participated at their individual levels and abilities. Jo-Anne led the students through several forms such as 37 short form, Crane, Crane in Mortal Path, Tai



L-R Jo-Anne Masure, Paul Wynne, Joan Durant, Patty Cyr, Grace Fogle, Connie Gregoire, Connie Turner  
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Chi Walking, Wave the Clouds, TC Sword, and Swaying.

During the "Wave the Clouds" form you could sense positive energy being generated and it called to mind that this was being replicated all over the world. One student spoke after the form was complete and said she had the feeling of being able to pass this positive energy to others and receive the positive energy back while participating.

This gathering of seven students represented multiple skill levels (beginner through advanced) and a mixture of the standing and seated classes that take place at the Trafton Center. The Trafton Center is a branch of the Sanford Springvale YMCA. These classes are for YMCA-Trafton Members and attendance is on a drop-in basis for those members.



Instructor and members of The Trafton Center's Tai Chi classes

## Calendar *Cont'd from page 1*

Tuesday, May 7

- 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, YC Shelter Program, 5 Swetts Bridge Road, Alfred
- Knit Lits, 3 pm, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- Bingo, 4 pm (doors open) 6 pm (games start), Sanford Elks Lodge, 13 Elm St.
- City Council Meeting, 6 pm, City Hall, 919 Main St.

Wednesday, May 8

- Land Bank Authority Meeting, 8:45 am, Zoom
- Community Café, 11:30 am, Mayflower Place, 27 Mayflower Dr.
- Make-It & Take-It Newspaper Shark, 2 pm, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- Lego Builders Club, 2:30 pm, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Poetry Group, 5 pm, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Fiber Arts Group, 5:30 pm, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- Wednesday Night Bite Free Meal, 6 pm, Curtis Lake Church, 38 Westview Dr.

Thursday, May 9

- Senior Food Mobile, 10 am, Crossroads UMC, 15 Grammar Rd.
- Food Bank at St. Thérèse of Lisieux, noon, Holy Family Church, 66 North Ave.
- Career Center Job Fair, 2:30 pm, SCAE, 668 Main St.
- Free Community Meal, 5 pm, New Beginnings Christian Church, 181 Grammar Rd.
- York County Stamp Club, 6:30 pm, Preble Lodge #143, 16 Elm St.
- SMS Grades 7 & 8 Spring Concert, 7 pm, SHS, 100 Alumni Blvd.

Friday, May 10

- Toddler Time, 9 am, Sanford Community Adult Education, 668 Main St.
- Salvation Army Staples Box distribution, 9 am, 871 Main St.
- Salvation Army Produce Pantry, 10 am, 871 Main St.
- Scaly Tales Story Hour, 10:30 am, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- York County Food Pantry, noon, YC Shelter Program, 5 Swetts Bridge Road, Alfred "Surprise" Mother's Day Gift Making Activity, 3:30 pm, YMCA, 1 Emile Levasseur Dr.
- Sanford Art Walk, 4 pm, Sanford Arts Commission, 900 Block Main St.
- R-Rated Hypnotist-Frank Santos Jr., 8 pm, Smitty's, 1327 Main St.

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# NEWS NOTES

Compiled By Carolyn Cadigan



*Erica Kelly, winner of the Above & Beyond Award from York County Community Action Corporation.*

Courtesy Photo

**Workin' like a rock star:** Last week, Erica Kelly, Children's Services Facilities and Safety Manager at York County Head Start & Early Head Start, received the inaugural York County Community Action Corporation (YCCAC) Above & Beyond Award recognizing the unsung heroes dedicated to furthering YCCAC's mission. The award recognizes those who provide outstanding service to clients, patients, or fellow employees; enable others to succeed by providing behind-the-scenes support; and make significant contributions to their team and the organization's work. Congratulations, Erica!

**Springvale Library mugs are back in stock:** Having sold out quickly in the past, the oversized, ceramic green mugs with the library's logo are again available for purchase. The cost is \$10 per mug, payable by cash, check or credit at the library.

**Brushing up on real-life dental skills:** Nasson Health Care is partnering with the University of New England's College of Dental Medicine to offer community-based externships to the school's dental students. The program enables emerging dentists to gain experience at Nasson's facility during multi-week rotations. The program enables students to develop further their clinical skills, interpersonal skills and patient management skills as well as begin to build a professional network.

**Calling all crafters!** York County Shelter Programs is accepting applications for the craft fair at the Shaker Hill Apple Fest, scheduled for Sept. 21 and 22. The fair is juried. FMI, or for an application, contact Bonnie Leslie at bleslie@ycspi.org or 207-324-1137, ext. 109.

**Annual motorcycle ride benefits veterans cemetery:** This year's Honor in Stone ride, sponsored by Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery Association, is scheduled for May 19 and commences at Iron Tails Saloon at 559 Route 109 in Acton. Registration is at 9 am, and the ride begins at 11 am. There is no fee to participate; however, donations are accepted. All proceeds from the ride help erect monuments at the cemetery. FMI, email rayparentsmvca@gmail.com or rlsmilie@aol.com.

**State Police warn about concealed handgun permit scam:** The Maine State Police Weapons and Professional Licensing Unit has received multiple inquiries concerning a Facebook ad that refers to a recent law change regarding concealed handgun permits. The ad from Concealed Nation Now misleads individuals to believe concealed handgun laws have recently changed and that a concealed handgun permit could be obtained by making a purchase through the ad. A small disclaimer at the bottom of the ad goes largely unnoticed. The Maine State Police confirm that no recent concealed handgun permit laws have changed and Governor Mills has not signed a new law regarding these permits. Anyone with questions on the concealed handgun permit process should speak with the issuing authority for the area in which they live or go here to access factual information. <https://tinyurl.com/2nbmb2x4>

**Sharing is caring:** A free community plant exchange will be held May 25 from 10 am to noon at Eldredge Lumber at 1787 Main St. Plant drop-off is 9 am to 10 am. Bring your extra plant divisions, seedlings, perennials, houseplants, seeds and plant knowledge to share with others. Be sure to accurately label what you can. Bloom pictures are helpful for plants not currently in flower. Note that invasive exotics will not be accepted or shared. FMI, contact Bridget at 267-261-2122.



**It's time to limber up those green thumbs:** The Spring into Summer Plant Sale is being held the week of May 6 at the Sanford Regional Technical Center. The greenhouse, located at the end of the green wing, classroom D150, is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 1 pm and on Saturday from 9 am to noon. The sale features spring flowers, veggies and herbs ready for transplanting as well as house plants and flowering hanging pots. Pre-orders can be placed here. <https://tinyurl.com/3xnuke45>

**Supporting local artists and entertainers:** The next Sanford Art Walk is scheduled for May 10, 4 pm to sunset, along both sides of the 900 block of Main Street, including Central Park. Artists and entertainers are invited to set up earlier and may bring a table and anything else they need to exhibit, perform, teach, demonstrate and sell. Event tents are permitted in the park, but sandbags should be used instead of stakes. This is a free community event with no fees and no registration required. Parking is available in the Midtown Mall and Mill Towne Tavern lots.

**Reading program is a booming success:** The Sanford Mainers have announced that 500 students have signed up for Boomer's Bookworms, the literacy program the organization launched in March for children in kindergarten to grade 8. The program runs through May, so there is still time for children to join in the fun. Sign up at the Sanford Mainers storefront, Springvale Library or Zippy Copy Center. n



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# City Hears Comments Regarding Breezeline

By Renée Morin

City councilors heard a variety of comments about Breezeline, most of them negative, during a public hearing on April 30 devoted to the city's franchise agreement with the cable, internet and phone service provider.

Over the course of the hearing, the city compiled in-person testimony and presented letters and electronic comments regarding Sanford-Springvale residents' personal experience with Breezeline, and its services.

Some residents expressed favorable views of the company, but City Manager Steve Buck said about two-thirds of the electronic comments were negative.

Common complaints concerned bundling of cable and internet services, frequent outages, slow restoration of service, dissatisfaction with rented equipment, and unsatisfactory customer service.

One of the most common complaints was about pricing, but Buck said that is

at the discretion of the company, not the city. Buck also brought up the loss of the French language channel but stated that is within the purview of the channel provider, not Breezeline.

These experiences were not universal, however. There were several positive testimonials citing good coverage, helpful employees and limited outages. Some residents expressed satisfaction with the price.

The end of the hearing, Breezeline Director of Government Affairs Fran Bradley thanked Buck for the opportunity to receive residents' feedback. In addition, Bradley said, "It is our goal to be the best provider of all three of the services that we provide - internet, telephone, and video, and we want to be a partner with the city and look forward to a long-lasting relationship."

The current franchise agreement is set to expire July 31, 2026. n

## Calendar *Cont'd from page 3*

Saturday, May 11

- Stepping Out for Seniors, 8 am, Trafton Senior Center, 19 Elm St.
- Sanford Farmers' Market, 8 am, Central Park, 920 Main St.
- Sports Card and Memorabilia Show, 8 am, VFW, 1 Hutchinson St.
- Spring Into Summer Plant Sale, 9 am, SRTC, 100 Alumni Blvd. (last day)
- Free Reiki Circle, 10 am, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- Volunteer Day at Sanford Recovery Community Center, 11 am, 69 Brook St.

Sunday, May 12

- Chamber Talk with Rick Stanley, 7 am, Radio Station 104.3 The Oldies n

## Housing First *Cont'd from page 1*

Health's medical department, York County Shelter Programs, and York County government, which is expected to break ground relatively soon on a new York County Recovery Center, a residential program in Alfred, to treat those with substance use disorder.

"It's a pretty good project," said York County Commission Chair Richard Dutremble. "It will help some people coming out of the rehabilitation center."

Small said county, city and state governments have been working together on the project. "It's a great partnership," she said.

The statewide Housing First model was included in the state budget that was signed by Gov. Janet Mills in early July 2023, acting on her State of the State promise made early that year.

"Under this legislation, Maine would provide permanent supportive housing for hundreds of Maine's citizens, providing communities across Maine with a desperately needed resource to address chronic homelessness and reduce health care and public safety costs," said Mills, as she invited the Legislature to pass the measure which they did.

Some Housing First properties already exist; a partnership between Avesta Housing and Preble Street in Portland includes three such properties: Huston Commons, Florence House and Logan Place. n

## Passages

**Daureen Ann Desveaux**, 78, of Sanford, died peacefully at home on Wednesday April 24, 2024. Services were held on April 30th.

**Robert M. Libby Sr. (Rob)** died April 23, 2024. A service will be held at New Beginning Church on May 8 at 11 am with interment at the Southern Maine Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Springvale.

**Nancy Jean (Facer) Poindexter** passed away on Monday, April 22, 2024, after a brave battle with Alzheimer's disease. At Nancy's request, there will be no funeral or memorial service. Instead, she asked friends to plant something beautiful.

**Simonne (Sim) Rivard**, 87, a lifelong resident of Sanford, passed away on April 19, 2024. Calling hours will be held on Friday, May 10, from 1 to 2:30 pm at Black Funeral Home, with a graveside service following at 3 pm at St. Ignatius Cemetery.

**Robert (Bob) Haven Stocker**, 77, passed away on Sunday, April 7, 2024, at Lee Memorial Hospital in North Fort Myers, Florida. Visiting time will be on Thursday, May 23, at 11 am at the Carll-Heald and Black Funeral Home followed by a memorial service at noon. n

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## The Mayflower's Delicate Scent Still Captivates

*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)*

A welcoming spring sight along Sanford's woodland trails are the paste-pink flowers with shiny, oval, evergreen leaves attached to rust colored, hairy vines, sprawling along the forest floor that belong to the Mayflower, *Epigaea repens*. True to its name, early spring buds turn into blooming flowers in early May and are an important early-season source of nectar for bumblebees and other early-emerging insects. They also contain arbutin, an antiseptic that the Cherokee, Iroquois, and others used for healing.

This exquisite, sweet-scented woodland flower, also called the Trailing Arbutus, displays its trumpet-shaped blooms in clusters, and its long running stems form a small groundcover in forest openings. The Hoary Elfin butterfly, a delicate, one-inch beauty that's in serious decline in our area but common in most of its other historical habitats, lays its eggs on the mayflowers, one of only a few plants in the heath family that this little butterfly's caterpillars can eat.

Mayflowers are a symbol of hope, new beginnings and protection. To the Pilgrims, fleeing the worn-out fields and treeless landscapes of England, the vast, heavily wooded lush forests

of New England were a Garden of Eden. The abundant mayflowers were the queen of all the spring-blossoming wildflowers. During the late 1800s, heavy harvesting of these flowers for use in decorative, fragrant displays began to threaten the species' existence, raising public concern and protection advocacy. Massachusetts politicians lobbied to adopt the mayflower as the state flower. To escape this volatile issue, they deemed that Massachusetts' children would vote for either the Water Lily or the Mayflower. In 1918, there was a landslide win for the Mayflower. In 1925, it became a \$50 fine to "pull up", "dig up" or "injure" any part of the plant located on public lands. The fine was doubled, "if a person does any of the aforesaid acts while in disguise or secretly in the nighttime" i.e., poaching! The mayflower remains the state flower of Massachusetts and is also provincial flower of Nova Scotia.

Relatively recent agricultural abandonment has allowed fields to revert back to thick, new-growth forests with too much shade for mayflowers to thrive in their original vast numbers.



Photo: A mayflower emerges from last year's leaves  
Credit: Kevin McKeon

So, look for these ground-loving wildflowers along the sunny sides of woodland trails where leaves get blown away, reducing competition for sun.

Transplanting from the wild is rarely successful, and illegal in some states, due to delicate roots, and sensitivity to disturbances, drought, and heavy rain. Even growing mayflowers from seeds is a challenge as they need almost perfect soil conditions and are slow to germinate. Enjoy it where it lives in acidic, woody soil like that found under pine and oak trees. Get down to their level and experience an early spring, delicate fragrance! n

## April Planning Update

By Kendra Williams

### Site Plan Review Committee Meeting - April 2

The application to convert a vacant commercial building at 37 Cottage St. to a nine-unit multi-family residence was reconsidered. It was originally tabled in February with requests for more information on identified issues and updated plans. All requests were addressed, resulting in unanimous approval to send the proposal to the Planning Board.

### Planning Board Meeting - April 3

#### Stackpole Court

The Planning Board conducted an inventory and analysis on an application to construct a 12-unit multifamily building with associated parking and site improvements. The property, owned by LSM Properties LLC, is at an unaddressed parcel on Stackpole Court located southwest of Brook Street. The proposal is for 10 two-bedroom and two one-bedroom units.

Discussions included distance and site lines from neighboring driveways, parking, trash removal, sidewalks and emergency access. Proposed public water and sewer extensions from Brook Street classify the project as a major subdivision.

### Planning Board Meeting - April 18

#### Roberts Street Apartments

The Planning Board unanimously approved another extension for a proposal for apartments at 12 Roberts St., near Dunkin Donuts. The project was originally approved in June 2021 and was granted an extension in April 2022.

#### Witham Apartments

A proposal for apartments at 18 Witham St. was originally approved in April 2023. The request for an extension was unanimously approved.

#### Cottage Street Apartments

The application by Pine Tree Properties to convert a vacant commercial building at 37 Cottage St. to a nine-unit multi-family residence was unanimously approved. n

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## Wanted: Shipyard Workers Willing to Drive

Press release

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard workers could become paid drivers under a pilot program aimed at increasing convenience and reducing the number of cars commuting to the shipyard in Kittery.

York County Community Action Corp. (YCCAC) is advertising for drivers and hopes to introduce expanded bus service by the end of the summer. The agency received two years of funding through Maine Department of Transportation's Workforce Transportation Program to try out a worker-driver service that has been introduced elsewhere.

Under the program, shipyard workers will become temporary employees of YCCAC and will get paid to drive buses to and from their full-time work at the shipyard. The new service will also be eligible for the Transportation Incentive Program (TIP) for shipyard employees who ride the buses to work. Sanford is home to more shipyard workers than any other Maine community.

The project was a high-priority recommendation from the Joint Land Use Study process, a collaborative planning initiative between state and local governments in partnership with the PNS military installation. Funding will help support two years of operating expenses and the possibility of having four buses to provide service Monday through Friday. The goals are to increase convenience for employees traveling to the shipyard while helping to relieve congestion in York County, particularly in downtown Kittery.

YCCAC will be working with the Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission and shipyard staff to develop detailed plans; the goal is to have the service start at the end of summer or early fall.

What's needed now are drivers. Drivers do not need to have a commercial driver license, although some commercial driving experience is helpful. Any first-shift PNS employees in the Sanford area who are interested in exploring this new service should contact Kim Engel at 207-459-2928 or [kim.engel@yccac.org](mailto:kim.engel@yccac.org).

## Students, Volunteers Chat About Cellphones

By Jack McAdam and Jesseca Steele

Volunteers with Junior Achievement of Maine recently visited Sanford High School to talk with sophomores about a touchy subject: cellphones in the workplace.

Students in 10 classrooms were asked to think about how they use their phones now and how they imagine employers might want phones to be used, or not used, at work. Volunteers went over cellphone do's and don'ts and explained the importance of following workplace rules related to cellphones.

Volunteers offered three activities for students: brainstorming the ways that phones can be used to complete tasks at work, exploring different scenarios in which workers don't use good phone etiquette, and writing professional work-related texts.

The volunteers – Karen Gellatly, Kelley Davis, Tim Smith, Carl Gagnon, Nick Sawchuck, Don DeSalvio, Casey Thornell, Carly Yarian, Christine Smalley, Jack McAdam and Jesseca Steele – stressed the fact that many employers ban cellphone use and will punish or even fire a worker who breaks the rules. Others take advantage of phones' computing power to increase worker productivity. It's important to be aware of where your employer stands, they said.

Junior Achievement of Maine is a local affiliate of JA USA, the nation's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their futures, and make smart academic and economic choices. During the 2023-



Junior Achievement volunteers, from left, Jack McAdam, Matthew Francois, Christine Smalley, Don DeSalvio, Nick Sawchuck and Carl Gagnon offered students insights on cellphones.

Photo: Jesseca Steele

2024 school year, volunteers have provided workshops on topics such as interviewing skills, filling out a job application and creating a first resume in addition to other soft skills students will need to be prepared for the world of work.

Maine has nearly 700 volunteers from all walks of life, including businesspeople, college students, parents and retirees. Junior Achievement programming reaches nearly 13,000 K-12 students across the state. This was the first year that SHS sophomores participated in JA programming. To be part of future volunteer efforts with Junior Achievement of Maine at SHS or learn more about how to support JA programs, visit their website at [www.jamaine.org](http://www.jamaine.org).



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# Rotary Club Honors Sanford Regional Technical Center Students



By Sam Bonsey, Sanford Schools  
Communications Coordinator

Photo – Students are honored at the SRTC Café luncheon.  
Photo: Sam Bonsey

On Thursday, April 25, during a ceremony in the technical center’s student-run cafe, ten SRTC students were recognized by the Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club for their academic achievements.

These students, nominated by their instructors for SRTC student of the year, were celebrated at a gathering filled with Sanford community members. Attendees, including the honored students and Rotary Club members, were treated to a three-course meal prepared by students in the Culinary Arts Program.

SRTC Director Matt Petermann and Rotary President Elias Thomas personally acknowledged each student. Certificates from Sanford Rotary and admission passes donated by Smitty’s Cinemas were presented to the students. Petermann shared insights into these students’ accomplishments within their respective programs of study. At the conclusion, Petermann announced that Mercedes Swanson had been selected SRTC Student of the Year.

The following students were honored at the lunch: Kyla Libby (Academy of

Business, Noble), James Coconis (Health Occupations, Sanford), Kris Bataran (Precision Manufacturing, Sanford), Wilson Clough (Plumbing, Wells), Aidan Gagnon (Engineering Applications with Robotics, Sanford), Mercedes Swanson (Law Enforcement, Traip Academy), Connor Christensen (Engineering and Architectural Design, Noble), Michael Cousineau (Firefighting, Sanford), Melody Schaeffer (Digital Design, Massabesic), and Delaney Noldan (Video Production, Wells). n

## 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](mailto:emmoriarty@sanfordmaine.org) with your name, email, and a short paragraph describing why you’d like to participate. Help Sanford envision the future!

## 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).



# SPORTS NOTES

By Sam Bonsey, Sanford Schools Communications Coordinator



The Seacoast Warhawks semi-pro football team plays its home games at Alumni Stadium at Sanford High School. The Warhawks completed an undefeated regular season on Saturday, April 27.  
Photo Credit: Bob Cote, Warhawks owner

## Seacoast Warhawks complete undefeated regular season, playoffs up next

The Seacoast Warhawks semi-pro football team finished the regular season 5-0 as they beat the Boston Chargers 47-8 at Alumni Stadium in Sanford on Saturday, April 27.

Seacoast earned the No. 1 seed in the North Division of the East Coast Football League playoffs.

The Warhawks were led by quarterback Junior Brown, who threw three touchdown passes and ran in for another.

Brandon Bennett, Eric Harris, and DJ Satchery each ran in for touchdowns for Seacoast.

## Baseball

Gill tosses a complete game, but SHS baseball loses to Scarborough as SHS spring sports now in full swing

SHS senior Ben Gill pitched a complete game, allowing just two hits, but Sanford fell to Scarborough 3-0 on Saturday, April 27.

Gill hit a double and Beckett Barlow had a pair of singles for Sanford.

## Tennis

The girls' tennis team moved to 3-1 on the season as they defeated Biddeford on Monday, April 29, while the boys' tennis team picked up its first against Windham, 4-1, to move to 1-2.

## DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS

### We appreciate you!

Each week a handful of volunteers take time out of their week to deliver the latest issue of the print edition of the Sanford Springvale News to 41 locations throughout Sanford and Springvale.

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#### Back Up Volunteers

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## 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](http://www.sanfordmaine.org). Questions or written comments should be directed to the Planning Office at 324-9150 or [jlbabcock@sanfordmaine.org](mailto:jlbabcock@sanfordmaine.org).

# SCHOOL NOTES

Compiled By Carolyn Cadigan



**SHS singers shine at music festival:** The Sanford Chamber Singers and Select Treble Choir from Sanford High School performed at the ACDA Adjudicated Festival held at Scarborough High School on April 25. Among the event's highlights was a clinic conducted by an expert member of the choral community. Following their performances, the choirs underwent evaluations, a pivotal moment in any adjudicated event. The Select Treble Choir was awarded an "Excellent" rating for their performance while the Chamber Singers received a "Superior Distinction" rating, the highest honor for an ensemble. FMI, <https://tinyurl.com/5jbh-dhc2>

**Your table is waiting:** The SRTC Café, operated by the culinary students at the Sanford Regional Technical Center, is open for only a few more weeks. Reservations are still available for breakfast and a few remain for lunch. Make reservations here before it's too late. If there

are issues with the reservation system, leave a message at 207-206-1703. <https://tinyurl.com/28dprrb4>

**Prom venue able to accommodate more SHS students:** Sanford High School prom planners have worked with the prom venue, Spring Hill in South Berwick, and have found a way to accommodate all of the students currently on the waitlist. Students who still need tickets should email [lworks@sanford.org](mailto:lworks@sanford.org) or see Mrs. Works in person.

**Sharing insights on coping skills and healthy friendships:** Congratulations to Mattea Peters, Leah Lagueux, Kyla Robinson and Madi Dulle from Sanford Middle School for their initiative on Wellness Day, which took place before April vacation. They took the stage to share valuable insights on coping skills and nurturing healthy friendships with the third and fourth graders at Margaret Chase Smith Elementary School.

**Preparing students to succeed in business:** Nineteen students from Academy of Business at the Sanford Regional Technical Center competed in the annual Junior Achievement Titan

Challenge (JA Titan) on April 11 at IDEXX Labs in Westbrook. This is a simulation-based event in which high school students compete as business CEOs in the cell phone industry, experiencing firsthand how an organization evaluates alternatives, makes decisions, analyzes the outcomes of those decisions, and then strategizes what to do next. With a focus on financial literacy and insights into the workforce, JA Titan brings business economics to life. Students work as teams to make financial decisions about production, marketing, research and development, and corporate social responsibility. This is when they see how every choice made in an organization relates to its future success. FMI: <https://tinyurl.com/yc3af45w>

**It's time to order yearbooks:** The deadline for ordering Sanford Middle School yearbooks online is May 30. The cost is \$27.25. When ordering, be sure to include the name of the student's homeroom teacher. Yearbooks will be distributed the first week of June. FMI, email Rachel White at [rwhite@sanford.org](mailto:rwhite@sanford.org) or order online at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com). <https://tinyurl.com/y37puj4v>

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# Real Estate Transactions

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**4/23, 28 Prescott St.**, 2-story Federal, 2 rental units: each 3 bed/1.5 bath, unfinished walk-out basement, porch, built in 2011, \$428,000

**4/25, 44 Rachel Dr.**, 6-room Ranch, double wide manufactured home, 3 bed/2 bath, primary bedroom with full bath, slab, shed, corner lot, built in 2009, \$169,900



11 Maple St.

Photo: Google

**4/26, 11 Maple St.**, 9-room Victorian, 4 bed/2 bath, mudroom, bonus room on third floor, beautiful woodwork, hardwood floors, built-ins, stained glass windows, basement, water view of Number One Pond, deck, porch, \$360,000



38 Ledgestone Court

Photo: Google

**4/26, 38 Ledgestone Court**, 6-room Ranch, 2 bed/2 bath, sunroom, hardwood floors, central vacuum, full basement, attached 2-car garage, deck, shed, irrigation system, fenced-in backyard, .78 acre on cul-de-sac, built in 2006, \$413,600

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**4/26, 58 Old Post Lane**, 7-room Gambrel, 4 bed/2 bath, bedroom on first floor, wainscoting on first floor, walk-out basement, attached 2-car garage, .99 acre on cul-de-sac, \$429,900

**4/26, 15 Sidetrack Lane, #0**, Springvale, 6-room Condominium, 3 bed/2.5 bath, primary bedroom with ensuite, laundry on second floor, slab, attached 1-car garage, patio, built in 2023, \$375,000 n

## Join our Volunteer Team

*We are looking for more writers and volunteers to help us bring you this weekly newspaper.*

*If you have an interest or an area of expertise you'd like to write about, please contact us at [SSNews@SanfordSpringvaleNews.com](mailto:SSNews@SanfordSpringvaleNews.com).*

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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