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Members of The Maine Attraction Water Ski Show Team rehearse a triple pyramid on Number One Pond. PHOTO: Dominic Buxton / @bux\_\_photography

## Sanford to Celebrate Independence Day with Two Days of Festivities

Sanford celebrates the Fourth of July next week with a waterski show and fireworks at Number One Pond and a parade down Main Street. The City of Sanford released the following schedule:

### July 3<sup>rd</sup> Block Party at Number One Pond

**4 pm:** Food trucks and vendors open  
*William Oscar Emery Drive will be closed to vehicular traffic.*

**6 pm:** Water ski warmups

**6:30 pm:** Water ski show - *Enjoy a thrilling free performance by The Maine Attraction Water Ski Show Team.*

**9 pm (approximately):** Fireworks launch - *Number One Pond.*

### July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

**9 am:** Float Line Up

**10 am:** Parade on Main Street  
*The route extends from Malcolm Avenue to Gowen Park. Main Street will be closed to vehicular traffic from all side streets.* ■

## Community CALENDAR

Compiled by Lisa Blanchette

### Saturday, June 29

- Sanford Farmers' Market, 8 am, Central Park, 920 Main St.
- Indoor Rummage Sale, 9 am, Sanford First Baptist Church, 905 Main St.
- Flavor Fest Block Party Grilling-Tasting Event, 11 am, Eldredge Lumber, 1787 Main St.
- Birdhouse Painting Workshop, 1 pm, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cornhole Tournament for Sanford Soccer, 4 pm, Shaw Field, Shaw Rd.
- Country Band HOTT MESSS, 6 pm, Pilot's Cove, 199 Airport Rd.

### Sunday, June 30

- Chamber Talk with Rick Stanley, 7 am, Radio Station 104.3
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 9 am, Transfer Station, 81 Rushton St.
- Cookout Kickoff-Kids Jam, 5 pm, Free Baptist Church, 10 Pleasant St., Springvale

### Monday, July 1

- Sanford Food Pantry, 10 am, 1204 Main St.
- Baby Rhyme Time, 10 am, Springvale Public Library, 443 Main St.
- Red Cross Blood Drive, 11 am, Preble Lodge #143, 16 Elm St.
- Lego Builders Club, 3 pm, Springvale Public Library, 443 Main St.
- Mainers vs. Keene, 6:30 pm, Goodall Park, 32 Roberts St.

### Tuesday, July 2

- Flower Story Time, 10:30 am, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- York County Food Pantry, noon, YCSP, 5 Swetts Bridge Road, Alfred

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# Sanford Man Identified as Maine's First Powassan Virus Fatality of 2024

## Press Release

A Sanford resident has been identified as the first fatal case of the rare Powassan virus in Maine this year. Ronnie Bell, 81, father of Pastor Todd Bell of the Calvary Baptist Church, passed away on May 8 at Southern Maine Health Care in Biddeford. The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) recently announced that a York County resident had died of the illness; Bell's family confirmed he was the victim.

According to a press release from the CDC, the last death from the tickborne virus in Maine occurred in May 2023. Bell's is among three cases of Powassan virus infection reported in Maine residents so far this year. The other two were in Kennebec and Lincoln counties.

Powassan virus is rare, with about 20–50 cases reported per year across the country from 2018–2023. Maine identified a record number of seven cases of Powassan in 2023 and has record-



An adult female deer tick  
PHOTO: Griffin Dill

ed 25 infections of the virus since 2014, including four deaths in the last decade. By comparison, in 2023, Maine CDC identified a record 2,943 cases of Lyme disease, the most common tickborne disease in Maine. Other tickborne illnesses include anaplasmosis, babesiosis, hard tick relapsing fever and ehrlichiosis. Overall, Sanford has a relatively low incidence of tickborne illnesses compared to midcoast towns in Hancock, Lincoln, Waldo and Knox counties.

People acquire Powassan through the bite of an infected deer or woodchuck tick. Deer ticks are the most common vector of all tickborne diseases in Maine. They can be active any time the temperature is above freezing, but are most active in the spring, summer, and fall. The Powassan virus may spread from ticks to people in as little as 15 minutes after a bite.

Many people infected with Powassan

virus do not get sick or have symptoms. For people who develop symptoms, the time between tick bite and feeling unwell can be up to one month. Symptoms can include fever, headache, vomiting, weakness, confusion, seizures, or memory loss. Some may experience serious neurologic problems, like brain or spinal cord inflammation.

About 10 percent of people with severe disease die. People with weakened immune systems have a higher risk of developing these severe symptoms. If you experience any of these symptoms after a tick bite, call a health care provider as soon as possible.

Ticks live in wooded, leafy, and shrubby areas. The best protection against tickborne diseases is to prevent tick bites. Following these tips can help keep you from getting sick from a tick:

- Know tick habitat and take precautions in areas where ticks may live.
- Wear light-colored clothing that covers the arms and legs; tuck pants into socks.
- Use an EPA-approved repellent like DEET, picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus on skin; use permethrin on clothing.
- Check for ticks daily and after any outdoor activity. Check family members and pets too. ■



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**CORRECTION:** We published in last week's edition of the SSN that the position of Animal Control Officer is open and there have been four applicants. This was an error - our Sanford ACO is still very much employed with the Police Department. We sincerely regret the error and apologize to ACO Lauren Masellas. The correct sentence should have read that the position of Assistant Chief with the Sanford Fire Department is open, and there have been four applicants. (AC not ACO). We will be more careful with our acronyms in the future. ■

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- Garden Seed Activity, 2 pm, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.
- 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, Sanford City Hall, 919 Main St.

### Wednesday, July 3

- Weekly Cruise-In, 4 pm, Shain's of Maine, 1491 Main St.
- Independence Day Celebration Block Party, 4 pm, Number One Pond
- Waterski Show, 6:30 pm, Number One Pond (6 pm preshow)
- Wednesday Night Bite Free Meal, 6 pm, Curtis Lake Church, 38 Westview Dr.
- Family History Library, 6:30 pm, Church of Jesus Christ of LDS, 25 Westview Dr.
- Fireworks, 9 pm, Number One Pond

### Thursday, July 4

- Independence Day Parade, 10 am, Main Street (Malcolm Ave. to Gowen Park)
- Food Bank at St. Thérèse of Lisieux, noon, Holy Family Church, 66 North Ave.

### Friday, July 5

- Hideaway Circus/Canvas Sky 2024 National Tour, 708 Main St. (through July 7)
- Friday Story Time, 10 am, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- Salvation Army of Sanford Produce Pantry, 10 am, 871 Main St.
- York County Food Pantry, noon, YCSP, 5 Swetts Bridge Road, Alfred
- Music on the Patio-Brian Walker, noon, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- First Friday Spaghetti Dinner, 5 pm, New Beginnings Church, 181 Grammar Rd.

### Saturday, July 6

- Sanford Farmers' Market, 8 am, Central Park, 920 Main St.
- Three Rivers Land Trust Walk, 9 am, Harvey Butler Rhododendron Sanctuary, Oak St.
- Aerobic Practice 10 am, Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport, 9 Presidential Ln.

### Sunday, July 7

- Chamber Talk with Rick Stanley, 7 am, Radio Station 104.3
- Sanford Mainers vs. Martha's Vineyard Art in the Park Night, 4:30 pm, Goodall Pk, 32 Roberts St.

School Sports Schedules: <https://tinyurl.com/bd89duyj>

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# 2024 Construction Season

## Projects and Road Work in Sanford

By Jordan Wilson

Communications Coordinator, City of Sanford

It's summertime, and you know what that means: ice cream, beach days, lobster rolls, and roadway construction. Most roadwork is done in the summer because the weather provides ideal conditions, and the longer daylight hours allow for more efficient work. Additionally, summer breaks in school schedules reduce traffic.

The City of Sanford has been working hard to draw state and federal funding into our community and has been successful in creating strong partnerships through President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This ensures that local tax dollars are invested efficiently in our community.

Sanford's theme this year for roadwork is: There is potential construction at nearly every turn in Sanford/Springvale, so plan on giving yourself a little extra time to get where you need to go.

The state Department of Transportation (Maine DOT), Sanford Department of Public Works, and the water and sewerage departments will all be completing construction on or near the roadways. Here is a summary of the work being performed this construction season:

### Major Projects:

- Route 11A/Oak Street - *Maine DOT LCP overlay*

- Route 224/Shaw's Ridge Road - *Maine DOT LCP overlay*
- River Street - *DPW full reconstruction from Shaw Road to Spartan Drive*
- Spencer Hill Road - *water main construction (Sanford Water District and DPW)*
- Circle Drive - *water main construction*
- W.O. Emery Drive - *water main construction*
- Grammar Road - *water main construction*
- Hansons Ridge Road - *water main construction*
- Route 202/Lebanon Road - *Maine DOT Large Culvert Replacement*
- Citywide signalized intersections - *All traffic signals being replaced by Maine DOT*

### BUILD Grant

- Route 4/Alfred Road at School Street and Gavel Road - *New traffic signals being constructed by Maine DOT*
- Harvard Street - *DPW full reconstruction*
- Bates Street - *DPW full reconstruction*
- Bowdoin Street - *DPW full reconstruction*
- Turner Street at Verona - *DPW full reconstruction*
- Routes 109 & 4 Roundabout - *Native planting, aesthetic improvements by Sanford Garden Club*
- Pedestrian Heads-Up Safety Project *Crosswalk signs installation throughout Sanford and Springvale*



Some of the many roadway construction signs seen around Sanford/Springvale. PHOTOS: Jordan Wilson

### Potential Light Capital Paving (LCP) projects as determined by the City Manager:

- Auger Street
- Miller Street
- June Street (Cottage Street to Shaw Road)
- Beaconsfield Street
- Nowell Street
- Jackson Street (School Street to Pioneer Ave.)
- Emery Street (Heritage Crossing to High Street)
- Grove Street
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- Goodwin's Bridge Road
- Possible: Grove Avenue, Central Avenue, and Pioneer Avenue (from Emery Street to Central Street) ■



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# NEWS NOTES

Compiled By Carolyn Cadigan



**Short season, but more berries to come:** Leah Eldridge, 4, and Nora Eldridge, 2, were some of the lucky ones who got berries at Lavigne's Strawberry Farm last week. The farm closed for the season mid-day Tuesday after just five days of picking. The hot spell followed by heavy rains rotted a lot of the berries, according to Albert Lavigne. It was one of the shortest seasons ever. However, blueberry picking will begin in a few weeks.

**Sanford man granted bail on charges related to Jan. 6 Capitol**

**breach:** Christopher Belliveau, 38, of Sanford, who was arrested on felony and misdemeanor charges, including for allegedly assaulting law enforcement during the Jan. 6, 2021, breach of the U.S. Capitol, has been granted bail set at \$25,000. The FBI arrested Belliveau on June 10 in Berwick. He was scheduled to appear in court on June 25.

**Maine Attraction clinics introduce disabled to fun on the water:** Free Adaptive Water Ski Clinics, offered by the Maine Attraction Water Ski Show Team, are scheduled for July 9 and Aug. 6, from 6 pm to 8 pm, at Number One Pond. The clinics provide adaptive equipment and expert help to those who are physically disabled. Openings are limited. To reserve a spot, contact Maine Attraction Water Ski Show Team on Facebook Messenger.

**State fines pellet maker:** The state has announced a fine of \$151,550 against T&D Wood Energy off New

Dam Road in Sanford, saying the wood pellet manufacturer has long been violating environmental regulations. The fine stemmed from neighbors' complaints of smoke, odor, dust and noise starting in 2020. Despite the complaints and investigations, the state awarded the plant \$600,000 in grants, according to The Maine Monitor. The money has not yet been distributed.

**Kick up your heels and support the farm:** A "Raise the Roof" fundraiser will be held at McDougal Orchards, 201 Hanson Ridge Rd. in Springvale, on July 27 from 6 pm to 8 pm. Enjoy an evening of dancing at the family farm's historic barn with the band Stomp Rocket and caller Alyssa Adkins. For those who are new to contra dancing or who need a refresher, a beginner lesson will be given from 5:30 pm to 6 pm. Beverages will be available from Cruisin' Infusions, and Addy's food truck will provide snacks.


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Tickets are \$20 per person; children under age 12 are free. This is the first in a series of events to help the orchard fund their new barn roof. FMI and tickets, go to [McDougalOrchards.com](http://McDougalOrchards.com).



*Photo: Children step out of their comfort zone at Goodall Library's Summer Reading Program event.*  
PHOTO: Goodall Library

**Rabbits and turtles and snakes. Oh my!** The Summer Reading Program at Goodall Library kicked off on June 17 with Wildlife Encounters, giving participants an opportunity to see and learn about wild creatures — from soft to scaled to shelled and more — up close and personal. FMI on other

animal events coming up this summer, go to [LBGoodall.org](http://LBGoodall.org).

**Supplies requested for local outreach program:** It Takes a Village 207, a non-profit community outreach program that provides resources for people struggling with homelessness, food insecurity, substance abuse and more, is seeking donated items for their weekly to-go bags. The organization needs toilet paper, ankle socks, individual bagged chips, individual snacks (crackers and cookies), drinks (juice pouches, juice boxes, water, Gatorade), mini sunscreens and mini bug sprays. Please contact them at 207-322-7065 if you can provide any of these needed items.

**Rec Area closure notice:** The Rec Area (Holdsworth Park) will be closed to the public on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm until Aug. 14. Sanford Parks and Recreation hosts multiple summer camps on these days with up to 200 children using the Rec Area all day. This closure helps camp staff manage

the area more effectively and ensures a safer environment by knowing exactly who is present.

**Two SHS students awarded coveted scholarship:** Sanford High School (SHS) juniors Brooklynn Verdejo and James Allen-Chaplick were recently named state recipients of the Horatio Alger Scholarship. Of the five students chosen from across the entire state of Maine, SHS had two winners. The Horatio Alger Scholarship is one of the most coveted awards in the country for high school students. It recognizes young people who have demonstrated incredible determination and perseverance in overcoming significant adversity in their lives.

**Open house shows off new space for growing local company:** Sebago Technics, Inc., an employee-owned engineering collective, hosted an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 13 to celebrate the relocation of its Sanford office to 15 Daigle Lane, Suite 103. The event drew a diverse

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group of community members, clients, partners and local officials who gathered to explore the new office space and meet the team. The event also highlighted the successful integration of Corner Post Land Surveying, which Sebago Technics acquired in 2022, adding to the company's growing list of service offerings.



*Just Us: Ellen and Paul perform at Springvale Library's patio in 2021. PHOTO: Springvale Library*

**It's music to our ears:** Springvale Library's Music on the Patio series kicks off June 28 at noon with a performance by Just Us: Ellen and Paul. On July 5, singer-songwriter Brian Walker will

perform. The series runs every Friday through Sept. 6. View the complete schedule at [SpringvaleLibrary.org](http://SpringvaleLibrary.org).

**New leadership installed at the Rotary Club:** On June 20, the members of the Rotary Club of Sanford-Springvale celebrated the installation of its new president, Bob Myott. The club's Rotarians boarded an Intown Trolley to the Kennebunk Subway, where an unsuspecting and blindfolded Myott was greeted with cheers and applause. Highlights of the evening included the traditional changeover skit, where Julia Child (played by Ericka Sanborn) schooled Myott in the art of sandwich making. Following the skit, Elias Thomas, the organization's outgoing president, named Myott a Paul Harris Fellow for his many contributions to the club's success. Thomas also received a plaque, recognizing his strong leadership and unwavering commitment to the Rotary Club as president for the past two years.

**Police seek information on unsolved homicide:** The Maine State Police post-



*Frances Moulton PHOTO: Maine State Police*

ed a request for information regarding the death of Frances Moulton, whose body was found in a well in Lebanon on June 23, 2009. Living a transient life in Sanford and often leaving home for months at a time, Moulton was last seen by her family in July 2006 when she was getting onto the back of a motorcycle. Her family reported her missing the following September. She was 25 at the time. If you have information about Moulton's death, contact the Maine State Police, Major Crimes Unit in Gray at 207-657-5710. ■

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# Ongoing Exhibits and Art Walks

Adapted from Press Release

The Sanford Arts Commission is sponsoring art exhibits around the city. The most recent exhibit, in the temporary location of the Goodall Memorial Library, 1364 Main St., Suite 11, in the Shaw's shopping center, is a fundraiser for the library. Artists will donate 20% of sales proceeds to the library fund. Exhibiting artists include Searra Canfield, Urban Coombs, Terry Jellerson, Paula Pettyjohn, Robert Mongue, Traci Nason, Ila Nelsen, Evelyn Nitzberg, Marie Wilson-Lago and Hilary Zayed.

Other Sanford Arts Commission rotating exhibit locations include: The Sanford Water District Office, 243 River St; the Economic Growth Council window, 917 Main St; Downhill Bagel, 446 Main St, Springvale; Eldredge Lumber, 1787 Main St; Nasson Community Center/Little Theater, 457 Main St, Springvale and Sanford Performing Arts Center (open during scheduled performances).

Local artists wishing to be included in rotating exhibits or art walks should email Evelyn at [artwalks@sanfordmaine.org](mailto:artwalks@sanfordmaine.org). ■

# PASSAGES

Compiled by Rev. Susan Murphy

**Doris M. Jalbert**, 89, of Sanford, passed away on June 20 at Pinnacle Health and Rehabilitation in Sanford. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, June 26th, at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Holy Family Church and interment followed at St. Ignatius Cemetery.

**Martha Spendlove Strohl** of Saratoga Springs, NY died on September 7, 2023. A Celebration of Life was held in November 2023 in Saratoga Springs and burial was in Sanford at Oakdale Cemetery on Saturday June 22.

**Benjamin Yunker** of Springvale died on June 11 at the age of 47. A celebration of his life will be held on June 29 at 69A Ramshackle Road, West Newfield at 2:00 PM where friends and family will gather to share stories and remember the incredible person he was.

**Donald J. Saucier**, 75, of Springvale, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 23 at Rochester Manor in Rochester, NH. A graveside service at the Southern Maine Veteran's Memorial Cemetery will be held at a date and time to be announced. ■

## So much news... so little space!

We couldn't fit all the news into this print edition, but there's so much more to read in our free E-Newsletter, including:

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**Wednesday, July 17, 2024 6:30 PM**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**City Hall Annex, 917 Main St., Sanford, ME**

The Sanford Planning Board will hold public hearings and receive written & oral comments on the following:

- **File # R6-41 – Railroad Avenue & Ridley Road**, Preliminary Major Subdivision, Major Site Plan and Private Way Application to develop a seven-lot, single family, residential subdivision on property owned by Thibeault Properties & Investments, LLC at Railroad Avenue and Ridley Road (*Tax Map R6, Lots 41 and 41M*).
- **File # R19-304 – 60 Community Drive** – York County Community College, Application for Amendment to Major Site Plan to add a 10,400sf addition to the existing building on property owned by Maine Community College System at 60 Community Drive (*Tax Map R19, Lot 304*).
- **File # I38-2 – Clarke Avenue & Camp Street** – RED, LLC, Application for Amendment to Major Subdivision, Major Site Plan, Private Way and Shoreland Zoning to change 22 lots of Ingleside Annex Subdivision into five larger lots for single family homes on property located at Clarke Avenue and Camp Street and owned by RED, LLC (*Tax Map I38, Lot 2*).

The hearing will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall, 919 Main Street, Sanford, or via remote video and teleconference. 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).