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Main Street to Close for Car Show



Last year's car show Photo: Jenna Blanchette

“When Sanford Main St closes down and we have amazing cars parked in the beautiful summer sun, our community shows up,” said Kim Stewart, lead organizer for Friends of Downtown. “Young, old and in-between show up to see all the paint, the chrome, the engines and designs of decades gone by.”

Food will be provided by Addy's food truck,

Kona Ice, Richie's Jerk BBQ, Terra Firma Farm food truck and Above and Beyond Catering will provide alcoholic drinks in its Gin Tin.

Car registration starts at 4 pm. Enter Main St from Washington Street only. The car entrance fee is \$20 and includes a \$5 food coupon. Trophy presentations will be made at 7:30.

“Last year was amazing,” said Stewart. “We had such a great variety of cars. The judges really had a hard time picking just one to award a trophy to.” ■

Compiled by Lee Burnett

Downtown Sanford will be hopping next Friday night, July 26, (*Rain date Aug 2*) with the sounds of Doo-wop, the aroma of barbecue and the flash of chrome.

More than 100 vintage cars are expected to line Main Street for Cruising with Friends, a car show organized by Friends of Downtown. Main Street between Washington Street and Winter Street will be closed to car traffic from 4 to 8 pm. A food court will be set up at Main Street Marketplace.

This Year's Farm Walk is for the Birds - and the Fun

By Lee Burnett, Submissions Editor

Residents and visitors will have a chance to walk from farm to farm in the agricultural pocket of Springvale during the weekend of July 27 and July 28 to celebrate Maine Open Farm Day.

The 10th annual Springvale Farm Walk is a self-guided walk between farms

linked by mowed paths and gravel trails. The 10 farms along the route raise sheep, orchard fruit, vegetables, herbs, berries and more. This year's theme is “Birds and their Habitats.” Each farm will provide a collectible bird identification card and may have refreshments or additional farm items for sale. A bird walk guided by York

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Community CALENDAR

Compiled by Lisa Blanchette

Visit our Events Calendar at SanfordSpringvaleNews.com for details on these and future events.

This Weekend - Sat. July 20 & Sun. 21

- Yoga at the Orchards, Sat, 8 am, McDougal Orchards, 201 Hanson Ridge Rd., Springvale
- Sanford Farmers' Market, Sat, 8 am, Central Pk
- Free Reiki Circle, Sat, 10 am, Springvale Library
- Corner Cupboard, Sat, 10 am, Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church, 5 Lebanon St.
- 2nd Chance Closet (rummage sale), Sat, 10 am, Crossroads Church, 15 Grammar Rd.
- Kitten Adoption Event, Sat & Sun 11 am-2 pm, Pet Supplies Plus, 1364 Main St.
- Mainers vs Newport-Kentucky Derby Night, Sat, 6:30 pm, Goodall Park, 32 Roberts St.
- “The Addams Family,” Sat & Sun 7:30 pm, Nasson Little Theatre, Springvale

Monday, July 22

- Sanford Food Pantry, 10 am, 1204 Main St.
- Baby Rhyme Time, 10 am, Springvale Public Library
- Red Cross Blood Drive, noon, Preble Lodge #143, 16 Elm St.
- Lego Builders Club, 3 pm, Springvale Library

Tuesday, July 23

- Silly Messy Story Time, 10:30 am, Goodall Library
- York County Food Pantry, noon, YCSP, 5 Swetts Bridge Road, Alfred
- Knit Lits, 3 pm, Springvale Library
- Bingo, 4 pm (doors open) 6 pm (games start), Sanford Elks Lodge, 13 Elm St.
- Police Citizen Advisory Group, 6 pm, Sanford Police Department, 935 Main St.

Wednesday, July 24

- Community Café, 11:30 am, Mayflower Place, 27 Mayflower Dr.

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Homelessness Update: Cleanup, Housing First & Warming Center

By Zendelle Bouchard

Heritage Crossing Cleanup

At the City Council's regular meeting on July 16, City Manager Steve Buck provided an update from the recent Homeless Task Force meeting on the closure of the Heritage Crossing homeless encampment. A staggering amount of trash and needles was collected from the site over two three-day cleanup sessions.

The first cleanup session, by the city's Public Works Department, took place June 17-19. PWD staff removed nine 18-cubic-yard truckloads full of trash, waste and assorted materials by mechanical means. In addition, three full 20-gallon medical sharps containers were removed, as well as several five-gallon buckets partially filled with syringes.

The second cleanup session was done July 8-10 by contracted professionals from Trauma Services, who handpicked remaining materials from underbrush, around trees and scattered throughout the area.



Trauma Services personnel cleaning up the former encampment at Heritage Crossing.
Photo: News & History of Sanford on Facebook

These trained personnel wore personal protective equipment to safeguard against needle sticks and contaminants. Trauma Services bagged 475 60-gallon bags of materials from the encampment area, as well as six 8-gallon containers of medical sharps.

While the second cleanup was ongoing, PWD employees removed two additional 18-cubic-yard truckloads of steel and other materials from the property.

In total, 347 cubic yards of trash and waste were removed from the site, as well as 110 gallons of medical sharps. Buck estimated that this equates to 14,716 syringes. He is in contact with Maine Access Points and the Hepatitis & Harm Reduction Program manager of Maine CDC to discuss new options on needle exchange and the improper disposal of syringes, which are causing a public health hazard.

Housing First

Buck said the Sanford Housing Authority

and its consultants presented a pre-application on July 9 to construct a 30-unit Housing First development at the Heritage Crossing location. Housing First is a model for addressing homelessness that includes housing units plus 24/7 support services. The project is scheduled to come before the Site Plan Review Committee in August, with subsequent review by the Planning Board for a permit. An architect will be chosen by the end of this month, which should put the project on track for a spring 2026 groundbreaking. Funding for the project is expected to be granted by Maine Housing.

Latest Numbers

Buck said the city is working with 15 chronically unhoused people to identify shelter or housing options that will be accepted. Mayor Becky Brink noted that this is a huge improvement over the 200 homeless individuals that had been documented

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- Adventure Craft-Lego Fantasy Creations, 2 pm, Springvale Library
- Weekly Cruise-In, 4 pm, Shain's of Maine
- Poetry Group Meeting, 5 pm, Goodall Library
- Wednesday Night Bite Free Meal, 6 pm, Curtis Lake Church, 38 Westview Dr.
- Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meeting, 6 pm, City Hall, 919 Main St.
- Mainers vs. Danbury, 6:30 pm, Goodall Park

Thursday, July 25

- Free Food Distribution, 10 am, Willard School 668 Main St. & SHS 100 Alumni Blvd.
- Food Bank at St. Thérèse of Lisieux, noon, Holy Family Church, 66 North Ave.
- Teddy Bear Picnic, noon, Springvale Library
- Career Center-Splash of Summer Hiring Event, 2:30 pm, SCAE, 668 Main St.
- Free Community Meal, 5 pm, New Beginnings Christian Church, 181 Grammar Rd.
- Maine Attraction Water Ski Show, 6 pm, Number One Pond
- Community Training - Substance Use Disorders, 6 pm, Sanford PD, 935 Main St.

Friday, July 26

- Salvation Army of Sanford Staple Box Distribution, 9 am, 871 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-John Rachkoskie & Skip, noon, Springvale Library
- Pack 355 Paint Party Fundraiser, 4 pm, Mill Towne Tavern, 898 Main St.
- Cruising with Friends Car Show, 5 pm, Friends of Downtown, Main St.
- Mainers vs Vermont - Literacy Night, 6:30 pm, Goodall Park
- "The Addams Family," 7:30 pm, Nasson Little Theatre

Next Weekend - Sat. July 27 & Sun. July 28

- Springvale Farm Walk, **Sat & Sun** all-day event, Springvale farms
- Sanford Farmers' Market, **Sat**, 8 am, Central Pk
- Baby Blessings, **Sat**, 10 am, St. George's Episcopal Church, 3 Emerson St.
- Raise the Roof Contra Dance, **Sat**, 6 pm, McDougal Orchards, 201 Hanson Ridge Rd.
- Mainers vs Newport, **Sat**, 6:30 pm, Goodall Pk
- "The Addams Family," **Sat & Sun** 7:30 pm, Nasson Little Theatre
- Maine Senior Games - Buoy Toss, **Sun**, 9:30 am, YMCA, 1 Emile Levasseur Dr.
- Mainers vs Keene, **Sun**, 6:30 pm, Goodall Pk

Does your organization have an event coming up? We want to know about it!

Email events@sanfordspringvalenews.com subject - "Lisa's FB List"

Create your activity as a Facebook "event" not just a posting on your Facebook page. This allows us to accurately share your event. ■

Homelessness Update

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in May. She added that she had just learned that two unhoused individuals suffering from substance use disorder have indicated their willingness to go to rehab.

Funding Opportunities

Buck said there is a significant need for street outreach staff to continue to work with Sanford's unhoused population and connect them to services. Maine State Housing will have a grant opportunity available that the city may apply for by Sept. 30. York County Shelter Programs will make the application, supported by the Task Force. Funding for winter warming shelters will also be available, with a deadline of Aug. 23 to apply. Buck said options with YCSP are still under consideration, but the Lafayette School will not be used for that purpose this year. An alternative location is being sought.

Layman's Way

The expansion of York County's Layman's Way substance abuse and detox center in Alfred has achieved full permitting. Buck said the project is slated to begin construction by October and is expected to take a year to finish. ■

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A Return to Sanford for Local Jazz Legends

Calling all jazz enthusiasts! Mark your calendars for a night of exceptional music as Sanford native Mike McGinnis returns to his hometown along with a stellar quartet for a performance at the Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church on Friday, July 26th, at 7 pm.

This special concert reunites McGinnis, a renowned saxophonist and clarinetist, with his longtime friends and fellow musicians. Drummer Norm Bergeron, a 1989 SHS graduate, is a long-standing member of the famed One O'clock Lab Band who currently serves as the Director of Percussion Studies at Temple College in Texas. Bassist Joshua Davis is Director of Jazz Studies at Penn State, with an impressive international performance record. Pianist Mark Shilansky is a versatile musician known for his innovative approach to jazz, described as an "inventive, modern mainstream jazz pianist" by The Boston Globe. And 1989 Sanford grad Barry Saunders has graced stages across the United States and Europe and his work on both saxophone and clarinet has been featured on Maine Public Radio and various recordings, showcasing his versatility and talent.

McGinnis, a 1991 graduate of Sanford High School, shares a rich musical history with his bandmates. "We've been playing together since we were teenagers," he explains. Back then, a local Portland jazz club, Cafe No, pro-



Sanford native Mike McGinnis returns for a jazz homecoming with fellow SHS alumni.
Photo: www.mikemcginnis.com

vided a platform for the early talents of many band members, bringing together Saunders, Bergeron, and their friend Davis, a 1989 Massabesic High School graduate, along with pianist Shilansky, whom they met at a summer jazz camp at UNH.

McGinnis says he's thrilled by this full-circle moment, pointing out how wonderful it is that "the five of us all studied music in college and continued playing and became professionals."

This concert fulfills a long-held dream for McGinnis. He shares: "I always wanted to reunite with...Barry and Norm and play the music we were trying to play back then." And they're now able to do that, with the experience and skill they've all gained over

the years.

Adding another layer of significance, this concert marks a homecoming for the musicians. Despite many of them growing up in Sanford, they haven't had many opportunities to perform there. "It's very exciting to come back to Sanford where we all learned to play music...to share everything we've learned with the people from our hometown," says McGinnis.

Tickets for this special jazz event are \$20 and can be purchased at the door. Children under 12 are free. Don't miss this chance to witness the magic created by these talented musicians as they revisit their roots and share their passion for jazz with the community. ■

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NEWS NOTES

Compiled By Carolyn Cadigan



Scout master Bill Kiley and scouts Owen Treadwell, Josh Fogarty, and Mason Cole raise the sail on Adonai, a 60-foot catamaran, while scout Evan Lynch coils line.
Photo: Courtesy Karriann Wyman

Scouts under sail in the Bahamas: 20 Boy Scouts and leaders from Sanford got to sail a 60-foot catamaran in the Bahamas this week, the payoff for two years of fundraising. The scouts of Troup 327 were training at Sea Base Bahamas, an adventure scouting program of Boy Scouts of America based at Marsh Harbor, about 200 miles east of Miami. The scouts flew down last Friday and were back home Thursday.

YMCA celebrates its expanded childcare facility: The Sanford-Springvale YMCA has been working on expanding its full-day childcare service for the past 18

months. Its new Early Learning Center, which will enable the program to include children aged six weeks to five years, will be opening soon. To mark this milestone, a ribbon-cutting and open house will take place on July 23 with Governor Janet Mills and other state officials joining in the celebration. The YMCA is still accepting applications to fill a few remaining openings in the full-day childcare program. Call the YMCA at 207-324-4942 to enroll in the program.

SRCC supervisor chosen to represent Women in 911: Congratulations to Megan Welch, supervisor at the Sanford Regional Communications Center, for being selected to receive a full scholarship, which enabled her to represent Women in 911 during this year's National Emergency Number Association's conference in Orlando. Welch was chosen from a pool of numerous dispatchers from across the country. The training, education, and tools that Welch will share with the communications team upon her

return will help to enhance the center's capabilities.

Where do you stand? The City of Sanford is hosting an online quick poll to gauge the level of public support for the construction of two new fire stations. The poll page also gives participants the opportunity to ask questions about the project and review updated poll results.

Mark your calendars for Nasson's 20th anniversary celebration: Having provided two decades of service to the community, Nasson Health Care is holding a Patient Appreciation and Open House on Aug. 8 at the health center at 15 Oak St., Springvale. The drop-in celebration runs from 9 am to 5 pm. The community open house runs from 5 pm to 7 pm. Attendees can enjoy refreshments, gifts, a raffle, and a tour of the facility, including the newly expanded dental suite. In addition, Nasson has posted a retrospective online, looking back at its name changes, relocations, expanded services, and growth.

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Public Hearing Notice

Tuesday, August 6, 2024 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers
City Hall Annex, 917 Main St., Sanford, ME

The City Council will open a public hearing to receive comments on the following:

Per M.R.S.A Title 21-A S631 and 5631 -A (2), the City Council will hold a public hearing to take resident comments on the proposal to consolidate Wards and reduce the current three City voting locations to one. The location of the new polling place will be the current Ward 3 polling place at Sanford High School and Regional Technical Center, 100 Alumni Boulevard, Sanford. The regular voting entrance is door #41 with an alternate accessible entrance to be labeled on election days.

All persons may appear in the City Council Chambers on August 6, 2024 at 6:00 PM to give comments for or against the proposed changes to voting places and consolidation of City Wards. This meeting will be conducted in person and via remote video and teleconference. Members of the public may join the meeting by phone or via computer by the link provided on the City website.

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

Susan H. Cote, City Clerk

Dates Posted: July 8, 2024 Sanford Springvale Newspaper: July 19, 26 & August 2



Broadway Classics on Stage in Sanford

Press Release



Following the strong audience response to last season's "100 Years of Broadway," creator Neil Berg is returning with an all-new show, featuring new songs and an all-new cast, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Sanford Performing Arts Center.

"101 Years of Broadway" is a sprawling revue of treasures from the best-loved musicals of all time. A stellar assembly of Broadway's finest performers takes center stage, delivering showstoppers from the musicals that defined their careers. Neil Berg and his band deliver exquisite arrangements.

Tickets for the originally scheduled April 6 performance – postponed because of weather – will be honored on Aug. 3. Prices range from \$29 to \$49, with discounts for subscribers, students, seniors and military veterans.

Call the box office at (207) 206-1126 or visit in person Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am - noon. Online ticketing is available 24/7 at www.sanfordpac.org. ■

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Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and of Intent to Request a Release of Funds

Date: 7/19/24
Grantee: City of Sanford
Address: 919 Main Street, Sanford ME 04073
Telephone: 207-324-9173

On or about August 13, 2024, the City of Sanford will submit a request to the Department of Economic and Community Development (OCD) for the release of CDBG funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the project described as financial assistance to Habitat for Humanity York County to create four new single-family homes at 3 Beaver Hill Road.

Total estimated funding is \$1,204,400. CDBG funding is \$300,000.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The City of Sanford has made an environmental assessment for this project and 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 is not required. Additional project information is in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) is on file at:

Grantee: City of Sanford
Address: 919 Main Street, Sanford ME 04073
Telephone: 207-324-9173

The ERR may be examined or copied Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Sanford at 919 Main Street, Sanford ME 04073. All comments received by August 4, 2024, will be considered by the City of Sanford prior to submission of a request for release of funds.

Release of Grant Funds

The City of Sanford certifies to DECD that (Chief Executive Officer) Steven Buck in his official capacity 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. DECD's acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and allows the City of Sanford to use Program funds.

Objections to Release of Funds

DECD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Sanford; (b) the ERR indicates omission of a required step, decision or finding; (c) the grant recipient has incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DECD; 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) and shall be address to DECD at 59 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0059. Potential objectors should contact DECD to verify the actual last day of the objection period

Steven Buck 919 Main Street, Sanford ME 04073
Chief Executive Officer Address



That Cushion of Pine Needles Spells Trouble

During a recent Mousam Way Land Trust workday, as several volunteers were preparing the greenhouse for its first plastic cover installation, the friendly chatter morphed into a discussion about why our trails are covered in pine needles this summer. The answer, according to core volunteer Dr. Bud Johnston - white pine needle disease. Since this phenomenon is currently widespread along our trails and in other parts of New England, this might be a good time to investigate.

In the spring of 2010, almost 100 square miles of pine trees in Maine were found to be dropping needles from their crowns, concerning both landowners and businesses. Since white pine is an essential economic and ecological species not only to Maine, but to much of the northern US and eastern Canada, this was a serious issue. So, in 2011, the USDA Forest Service coordinated a survey with forest health state cooperators from Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont to investigate the cause of the needle damage. The needle loss from the disease was noted as causing thinning crowns in pine trees of all ages. The primary cause was found to be fungi that flourished during the previous wet spring and summer.

But there are many other causes for premature needle drop on our pine trees. Climate change is causing a condition in our white pines' soil. The



White pine needle disease is evidenced by the yellow/brown needles along Sanford's Rail Trail. Also notice the remnants of last year's mast year of pinecones.

Photo: Kevin McKeon

topsoil remains relatively warm due to many freeze/thaw cycles, while the subsoil remains frozen. This makes the pine, a shallow-rooted tree, think that the time for its winter sleep isn't here yet. It wants to retain its summer level of water intake, but is unable to tap into the deeper, frozen water, so the tree gets thirsty, or dehydrated. Drought, pests, fungi, and road salt are some other culprits. All these actions cause stress, leading trees to shed needles that are no longer properly functioning. Foliar, or leaf-related, diseases alone are rarely lethal to forest and landscape trees, but they create chronic and compounding stresses as needles are killed and stress is the door through which other, more destructive villains gain entry.

Climate change has transformed our regional weather patterns, bringing early rains and increased humidity

— prime fungal habitat. White pine needle disease is caused by four fungi in particular. Studies seem to indicate that three fungi could be the stressors that initially weaken the pine (along with the above-mentioned reasons), and the fourth fungus has been recently identified as the widespread culprit for the current yellow/brown pine needles dropping all over New England.

Last year's very wet season created favorable conditions for fungi to attack pine trees, but it takes a year for the fungus to strangle the needle, causing it to turn yellow/brown and fall off. So, the needles we see on the trails now are the product of last year's fungal actions. Also, needles normally live for two years, so while the pine is naturally losing its two-year-old needles, the fungus is killing the one-year-old needles. This creates a heavy stress on the tree's ability to make food (with its needles via photosynthesis) for this year. The fungi remain on the needles, reproducing via spores which disperse into the environment from minute eruptions on the needles — needles that are still on the tree and also on the ground. As they fall, some needles get stuck among other needles and branches, causing more spore-spreading. Wind and rain help to disperse the spores to other trees, and to other needles on the infected tree, making this an insidious infection to quell.

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Local nonprofit announces new leadership: Kim Donnelly has recently been named the board president of The Center for Grieving Children. As executive vice president and director of wealth and business at Gorham Savings Bank, Donnelly brings leadership and strategic thinking skills to her new role. She replaces Doug Currier, who guided the agency as board president through a critical time, finding a new executive director and transitioning leadership. Currier will take on the role of immediate past president, where he will share his knowledge and experience with Donnelly and will remain a support for the center.

Shaved ice sales are heating up: Kona Ice has added a new trailer and will acquire its fourth piece of equipment, a more updated Kona truck, for its 2025 schedule. These additions will enable Kona Ice to do more pop-ups and service more fundraisers for various nonprofits. The business has been giving back 25 percent of every sale to groups holding fundraisers, resulting in nearly \$67,000 donated in York County since 2022.

Make a splash this summer with the whole family: Summer Splash, a free event offering waterslides, a dunk tank, music, and plenty of Cheap Eatz, will be held at Curtis Lake Church on Aug. 4 from noon to 3 pm. Young children can join in the fun as well in Summer Splash Jr.

Update on water projects: The Sanford Water District posted that the work on Spencer Hill Rd. is nearly complete. NM Curtis Earthworks handled the water main replacement project and the City of Sanford paved the entire roadway. NM Curtis Earthworks will move on to William Oscar Emery Dr. next to install a new 12-inch water main from River St. to Front Street, with work expected to start mid-July. The roadway is likely to be passable at all times, but there will be no parking on the north side of William Oscar Emery Dr. (National Guard Armory) for the duration of the project. The Water District urges all those traveling in this area to use caution as this work will take place at the same time as the River Street reconstruction project. ■



Matt McAdam mows a path across McDougal Orchards fields in advance of the Springvale Farm Walk.

Photo: Lee Burnett

Audubon is scheduled to start at 8 am on Sunday, July 28, at McDougal Orchards.

The event runs from 10 am to 2 pm both Saturday and Sunday. There is no single starting time or place. Parking is available at multiple farms and there are bathrooms and portable toilets along the route. Paths are well-marked and kid friendly. Wear sturdy shoes and dress according to the weather forecast. Mountain bikers, runners, and dogs on leashes are also welcome.

A barn contra dance featuring live band Stomp Rocket and caller Alyssa Adkins will go from 6-8 pm on Sat evening, July 27, at McDougal Orchards (ticketed event).

Maps and updated details can be found on the Springvale Farm Walk Facebook page. More information is also available from polly@mcdougalorchards.com. ■

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Council Compromises on Flag Policy



By Renée Morin

At its July 16 meeting, the City Council reviewed its policy on flying commemorative flags as requested by Councilor Jonathan Martell at their last meeting. He had expressed his view that no commemorative flags should be flown at City Hall, as they end up being “controversial and divisive.”

Martel made a motion, which was not seconded, that the section dealing with commemorative flags in the city’s flag policy be removed.

Councilor Ayn Hanselmann disagreed, arguing that the ability to fly commemorative flags should be used “carefully and respectfully.” She felt that the ability to fly commemorative flags was important, given the diversity of Sanford-Springvale residents. Hanselmann suggested that they should fly more flags, and that flying flags is related to “freedom of council expression.” She suggested a threshold for flying a commemorative flag could be changed to require 2/3 of present council members in favor, rather than a simple majority.

Mayor Becky Brink noted that requests to fly commemorative flags are only accepted from council members, not the public, to limit controversy. Brink likes the city’s flag policy, but also expressed agreement with Hanselmann’s proposal.

Councilor Pete Tranchemontagne did not agree with Hanselmann’s proposal. He said the threshold for raising a commemorative flag should stay a simple majority of councilors present. Hanselmann argued that there are other instances where the city council does need a 2/3 majority to pass certain things and said that the 2/3 majority results in a “stronger vote.”

Councilor Robert Stackpole asked Hanselmann whether her proposal was intended as a compromise between Martell and the other councilors. Hanselmann responded in the affirmative. Martell thanked Hanselmann for her compromise. Stackpole said he was okay with whatever the council decided the threshold should be, and that he supported Hanselmann’s proposal.

Councilor Nathan Hitchcock said that a 2/3 majority is required for changes to rules of governance in some organizations. He agreed with Martell that the flags can be divisive. Hitchcock said that he likes to take into consideration the citizens he represents when voting. He also said raising the threshold would help councilors in explaining the council’s decision to citizens.

A Sanford-Springvale resident voiced the opinion that the councilors should stand by their original decision regarding the threshold being a simple majority. ■

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Compiled by Carolyn Cadigan



28 Bradeen St., Springvale
(7/12 closing date, listed below)
Photo: Google

6/28, 1 Rock Pond Rd., #1, 6-room Cape-style condominium, 3 bed/2 bath, end unit, open concept kitchen and living room, bedroom on first floor, bonus room over garage, laundry on second floor, slab, attached 1-car garage, patio, built in 2024, \$409,900

7/8, 412 Mt. Hope Rd., 7-room Colonial, 3 bed/2 bath, primary bedroom with ensuite, pantry, office, unfinished walk-out basement, attic, attached 2-car and detached 1-car garages, deck, gazebo, in-ground pool, 5.6 acres, \$680,000

7/9, 273 Bauneg Beg Rd., 7-room Ranch, 3 bed/2 bath, in-law apartment, wide pine flooring, full walk-out basement, detached 2-car garage, covered porch, metal roof, 28.04 acres, built in 2002, \$435,000

7/10, 12 Doe Meadow Lane, Springvale, 4-room Contemporary Ranch, 2 bed/2.5 bath, primary bedroom with ensuite, hardwood floors, full walk-out basement, attached 2-car garage, covered porch, deck, .82 acre, built in 2004, \$450,000

7/12, 28 Bradeen St., Springvale, 8-room Colonial, 4 bed/2 bath, bedroom on first floor, bonus room, screened sun porch, hardwood floors, in-law apartment, full basement, attic, built in 1926, \$415,000 (pictured above) ■

In the woods *Cont'd from page 8*

In a Maine Public Radio publication, Maine Forest Service Pathologist Bill Ostrofsky says this epidemic has been under the watchful eyes of scientists, and after eight years some of the weakest trees have died. He goes on to say, "We suspect that most of the trees will survive, and with any luck, we'll get a break in the weather pattern, or whatever it is, that has triggered this."

As Ostrofsky suggests, the exact causes of white pine needle disease are murky. They may very well be the culmination of various elements. Addressing this defoliation disease may require a many-pronged attack, but climate change is increasingly becoming the issue of highest importance to recognize and fix, for us humans as well as our friends, the pine trees.

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 ■

PASSAGES

Compiled by Rev. Susan Murphy

Colonel Robert "Pat" Patterson Andrews, M.D., of Rye, New Hampshire, passed away at Exeter Hospital on June 29, 2024 at the age of 88. A memorial service will be held this autumn and he will be laid to rest with military honors in the Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Springvale,

Raymond Alvah Jellerson, 90, formerly of Sanford, died on July 9, 2024 after a brief illness. A Mass will be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Virginia Beach on Saturday August 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Ray will be interred next to his wife Cecile at the Holy Spirit columbarium following mass.

Brittany Adrien, 33, of Sanford, passed away on July 9, 2024. Visitation is on Tuesday, July 23 from 4-6 pm at JS Pelkey and Son, in Kittery, Maine. A Funeral Service will be conducted at the same location on Wed, July 24 at 1 pm.

Shirley E. Duprey, 97, of Springvale, died Thursday, June 6, 2024 in Sanford. No services are indicated at this time. ■

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SPORTS NOTES

By Sam Bonsey

Sanford Schools Communications Coordinator

Four Mainers named to NECBL All-Star game:

The Sanford Mainers will be well-represented at the New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL) All-Star game in Bristol, Connecticut on Sunday, July 21. Four players from the team have received invitations to participate.

Catcher CJ Willis and outfielder Colin Barzci have earned starting positions on the All-Star roster. The two lead the Mainers in hitting, with Willis batting .386 and Barzci close behind at .362. They have each hit three home runs this season.

Second baseman Devan Bade is making a return appearance, having been selected for the second consecutive year. Bade leads the team in RBI (19), has hit three home runs, and is batting .337.

Starting pitcher Connor Ball was another All-Star selection. Ball has been a dominant force on the mound this season, ranking fourth in the NECBL in both ERA (2.00) and WHIP (1.30). His performance has contributed to a perfect 2-0 record in five starts for the Mainers.



Sanford native TJ Curley pitches during a Sanford Mainers game
Photo: Madison Giltner

Sanford native selected as fan nominee:

Lefty relief pitcher and Sanford native, TJ Curley, is the Mainers' representative in the 2024 NECBL fan vote, which offers fans the opportunity to vote one additional player onto this year's roster. Curley has appeared in eight games this season and is 2-1 with a 4.50 ERA in 16 innings. ■

Nomination Papers for City, School Offices Available Soon

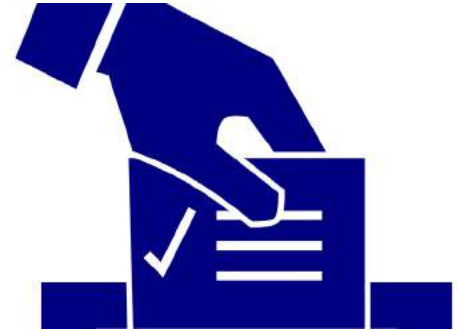
Want to have more say in how our city is run? Nomination papers for municipal offices, including Mayor, City Councilor and School Committee member, will become available at the City Clerk's office beginning July 25 for the upcoming Nov. 5 election. Positions available are:

- One two-year term as mayor. Incumbent: Becky Brink
- Two three-year terms on the City Council. Incumbents: Ayn Hanselmann, Nathaniel Hitchcock
- One three-year term on the School Committee. Incumbent: Jennifer Davie
- One position for trustee of the Sanford Water District, a three-year term. Incumbent: Brian Samia
- One position for a three-year term as a Sanford Sewerage District trustee. Incumbent: Paul Demers

One position to fill an unexpired term as Sewerage District trustee, to run from Nov. 6, 2024, to Dec. 31, 2026. Incumbent: Kevin Eaton

To qualify for municipal office, candidates must be registered voters whose principal place of residence is in the City of Sanford. Candidates must obtain a minimum number of signatures of registered voters in Sanford/Springvale.

- For Mayor, City Councilor and School Committee member: 50 signatures



- For trustee of Sanford Water or Sewerage District: 25 signatures
- Candidates for municipal office in towns and cities with a population of 15,000 or more (including Sanford) are subject to Chapter 13 of the Maine Election Law. They must register and file campaign finance reports with the municipal clerk of the town or city. Candidates are also subject to the other restrictions in Chapter 13, such as the contribution limit. (30-A M.R.S.A. § 2502(1)). Candidates may obtain the necessary registration and reporting forms from the City Clerk's office.

The deadline to file nomination papers for all offices is Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 5:30 pm. For more information and for answers to questions about the nomination process, call the City Clerk's office at 324-9125 during normal business hours, 7:30 am - 5:30 pm, Monday - Thursday. ■

Next Week...

BEWARE - Section 8 SCAM

Fliers have been circulating on social media advertising assistance with applying for Section 8 funding. The flyer and website 'www.govassistance[dot]org' are NOT legitimate. The scam aims to take advantage of Section 8 applicants to obtain their personal information to facilitate fraudulent activity.

There are multiple versions of the advertisement on various websites including Facebook, Instagram, and Tik Tok, typically with slightly changed verbiage and dates.

MORE DETAILS NEXT WEEK

