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Library Finally Able to Start Next Chapter

By Lee Burnett

Work has resumed on Goodall Library's \$4.5 million expansion, five months after a funding interruption halted construction. There was relief and normalcy as workers returned to their jobs, but there are also new challenges as the library begins to unravel months of convoluted finances.

"It was basically a juggling act," said Library Director Ann Thomas, who deferred part of her salary to buffer employees from cutbacks. "I lost a lot of sleep."

The library began construction last October, soon after former Library Director Chip Schrader left for another job, on the mistaken assumption that a \$3 million grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Renewal would soon be released. The library paid its bills from interest generated from its endowment investment, and soon began calling Maine's congressional offices to speed up the bureaucracy. Work was suspended in early April.

"When we stopped construction, we owed TPD (general contractors TPD Construction)



Greg Dumont, project supervisor for TPD Construction, eyes things on the ground while a masonry contractor gets a bird's eye view of Goodall Library's expansion.

Photo: Lee Burnett

more than \$500,000," Thomas said.

The juggling continued. The library spent as much of its endowment interest as it could without dipping into principal, as directed by financial advisor Shawn Dumont of Edward Jones. It secured advance payment of \$70,000 for new slate roofing from the City of Sanford.

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Community CALENDAR

Compiled by Lisa Blanchette

Visit our Events Calendar at

Sanfordspringvalenews.com for more details.

Saturday, Sept. 14

- Sanford Farmers' Market, 8 am, Central Park
- Sanford Elks Soccer Shoot, 9 am, Shaw Field
- 50 Cent Clothing Sale, 9 am, St. George's Episcopal Church, 3 Emerson St.
- Free Reiki Circle, 10 am, Springvale Library
- 2nd Annual Community Baby Shower, 11 am, Mercy Chapel, 1861 Main St.
- 2nd Annual Sanford Recovery Rally, 11 am, Sweetser, 863 Main St.
- Silent Art Auction, 1-3 pm, Goodall Library
- Toss-for-a-Cause Cornhole Tournament, 6 pm, Nasson Community Center
- Sanford On Stage, 7 pm, Sanford Performing Arts Center, 100 Alumni Blvd.

Sunday, Sept. 15

- Sanford Elks Soccer Shoot, 9 am, Shaw Field
- 4th Annual Heart, Peace and Love for Kids 5K Walk & Craft Fair, 10 am, Gowen Park

Monday, Sept. 16

- Baby Rhyme Time, 10 am, Springvale Library
- Sanford Food Pantry, 10 am, 1204 Main St.
- Lego Builders Club, 3 pm, Springvale Library

Tuesday, Sept. 17

- Salvation Army Food Pantry, 10 am, Salvation Army of Sanford, 871 Main St.
- Family Story Time, 10:30 am, Goodall Library
- Free lunch at YCSP's Recovery Community Center, noon, 69 Brook St.
- York County Food Pantry, noon, York County Shelter Program, 5 Swett's Bridge Road,
- Cribbage, 2 pm, Springvale Library
- Knit Lits, 3 pm, Springvale Library
- Bingo, 4 pm (doors open) 6 pm (games start), Sanford Elks Lodge, 13 Elm St.
- City Council Meeting, 6 pm, City Hall
- Dulcimer Group, 6 pm, Goodall Library

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Central Park Redesign Plans Evolving

By Zendelle Bouchard



The statue of Thomas Goodall will likely be relocated when Central Park is redesigned.

Photo: Zendelle Bouchard

A planned redesign of Central Park may include expansion of the park and the addition of a permanent live Christmas tree that would negate the need to install a cut tree each year. At its monthly meeting on Sept. 10, the City Council's Municipal Operations and Property Subcommittee discussed possible locations for a permanent tree and a timeline for planting.

In 2020, Aceto Landscape Architects created a conceptual plan of a redesign for the park, which included moving the statue of Thomas Goodall to the edge of the park near Washington Street, removing the existing paved pathways to create a larger open grassy space

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NEWS NOTES

Compiled By Carolyn Cadigan



Gretchen Johnson (left) of The Center for Grieving Children, Maine receives a generous donation from the members of 100 Women Who Care Southern Maine, founded by Deb Bergeron (right).

Photo: The Center for Grieving Children, Maine

Women keeping it local: In late August, checks totaling \$9,000 were presented to Gretchen Johnson, executive director of The Center for Grieving Children, Maine, by Deb Bergeron, founder of 100 Women Who Care Southern Maine. Almost 10 years ago, Bergeron started the Southern Maine chapter with the idea of harnessing the collective power of women to donate locally only to Southern Maine area charities/nonprofits serving Southern Maine. Four times a year, members of the philanthropic organization gather to network, socialize, and choose organizations to support. Each member writes a check on the spot at these gatherings for the selected charities. Despite the organization's name, the chapter's membership now numbers nearly 400 women strong from 49 local cities and towns.

Update on Emily King: Sanford's Emily King is home from Boston Children's Hospital after successfully receiving her second lung transplant. Emily will still have to make multiple trips to Boston for continued care. Emily's mom Stephanie says, "Through it all, she remains positive, brave, and thankful for her gift of life." Emily began second grade this fall.

Veterans are eligible for \$20 vouchers at farmers market: Every Saturday during the month of September, any Maine veteran can stop by the Sanford Farmers' Market and receive \$20 in vouchers to spend at the market as a thank you for their service. The program is run by Vouchers for Veterans. Veterans must bring proof of residency and service.

74-year-old YMCA member rocks the ride: Marietta McNeil, a member of the Sanford-Springvale YMCA, had been training for months at the Wellness Center. McNeil, 74, had been building her strength and endurance in preparation for the 17th Annual New England Parkinson's Ride 2024, which took place Sept. 7 at Old Orchard Beach. She alone raised over \$3,000 for The Michael J. Fox Foundation. McNeil rode 10 miles along with her son-in-law and grandson, who had only recently learned to ride a bike. Congratulations!

Another successful fundraiser is in the books: The Springvale Public Library last week cleared \$8,800 from its annual book sale, an increase of more than \$1,000 from last year. Some 50 volunteers and staff members staffed the two-day event. There was music, a raffle, a jewelry sale, and crafts. "I was so impressed by the sense of community," said Lesley Unger-Mochrie, library director. "It's not just about us selling books. So many people said, 'thank you for having it.'" The sale reduced by 70 percent the thousands of books donated. Remainders are being donated to Goodwill, Savers, Books Revisited, and others.

Vaccine clinic announced: The Trafton Center at 19 Elm St. in Sanford will be hosting a vaccine clinic (flu and COVID vaccine) on Sept. 26 from 1 pm to 4 pm for anyone over the age of 18. Bring your insurance card or a picture of your card to the clinic. Vaccines will also be available for people without insurance. This clinic is offered in conjunction with the Southern Maine Agency on Aging and Northern Light Healthcare. FMI, call the Trafton Center at 207-457-0080.

Practice makes perfect: Fall hours for Sky View Pitch and Putt, 1569 Main St. in Sanford, are Thursday through Monday from 10 am to 7 pm; however, the driving range is available every day as long as a debit/credit card is used to purchase balls at the golf ball dispenser. The screens will not be open, but customers can still practice without them.



Fifth-grade families were the servers at the Knights of Columbus' first bean supper of the year on Sept. 7 at St. Thomas School. L to R: Aaron Banks, Alyssa Jalbert, Jenny Janvier, Shaun Janvier, Jennifer Severance.

Photo: Zedelle Bouchard

In service to others at the bean supper: When having a lot on your plate is a good thing. The suppers are planned for the first Saturday of each month, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. All proceeds benefit the school.

A relaxing and educational jaunt through Springvale: An unexpected walk takes writer Paul Pence through some of Springvale's parks, along the Mousam River, and to some of the village's historic sites. The writer has allowed the Sanford Springvale Historical Society to share his article, published in "Northeast Traveler Magazine."

This fall, learn how to prevent falls: The Southern Maine Agency on Aging class schedule still has openings in its A Matter of Balance class, to be offered at the Anderson Learning Center, 21 Bradeen St., Springvale. The eight-session class, for people aged 60 and older, meets Mondays and Wednesdays from Oct. 2 to Oct. 30, 10 am to 12 pm. There will be no class on Oct. 14. The class emphasizes practical strategies to reduce the fear of falling and to increase activity levels. FMI and to register, call SMAA at 396-6500.

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TPD offered a discount on borrowing charges on the money it is owed.

"We're really lucky TPD is a local firm. They're invested in the community," said Thomas. Grants from Literacy Volunteers for technology and from Southern Maine Regional Planning and Development for hotspots and laptops were temporarily diverted.

Finally, HUD funds were released and drawn down Aug. 29. Thomas thanked Pam Buck at Sen. Susan Collins' office and Sarah Stanley at Sen. Angus King's office for their special effort.

"I think we're moving in the right direction," Thomas said.

The five-month delay has driven up costs. There's the interest owed TPD. Material prices have escalated. There are also the unplanned additional charges for utilities and extending the lease for temporary space at the Center for Shopping. The original price tag of \$3.9 million has ballooned to more than \$4.5 million, according to Thomas.

TPD has begun calling back the dozens of drywallers, electricians, roofers, masons, and HVAC contractors who moved on to other jobs in the interim. "There's a lot of different people," said Greg Dumont, TPD's project supervisor. Some subcontractors, such as the copper gutter fabricators, "will be tough" to get back, he said.

In the meantime, the library board of trustees is putting together a fundraising plan to cover the higher-than-expected costs. "I'd love to raise one million [dollars]," said Thomas. First up is a silent art auction Saturday, Sept. 14, organized by the Sanford Arts Commission. The library also plans to send out an annual appeal letter – first to businesses and later to patrons – and to organize other fundraising events. An application for \$49,000 to the Steven and Tabitha King Foundation is pending.

The library expects to move back to its home in June, seven months later than the originally projected completion date. ■

CALENDAR *Cont'd from Page 1*

Wednesday, Sept. 18

- Community Café, noon, Mayflower Place
- Make It & Take It Craft - Painted Hedgehog, 2 pm, Springvale Library
- Lego Club, 2:30 pm, Goodall Library
- Poetry Group Meeting, 5 pm, Goodall Library
- Fiber Arts Group, 5 pm, Goodall Library
- Wednesday Night Bite Free Community Meal, 6 pm, Curtis Lake Church, 38 Westview Dr.

Thursday, Sept. 19

- Sensory Story Time, 10 am, Springvale Library
- Free lunch at YCSP's Recovery Community Center, noon, 69 Brook St.
- Food Bank at St. Thérèse of Lisieux, noon, Holy Family Church, 66 North Ave.
- Free Community Meal, 5 pm, New Beginnings Christian Church, 181 Grammar Rd.
- Scrabble Night, 5 pm, Goodall Library

Friday, Sept. 20

- Salvation Army of Sanford Harvest Table Food Pantry, 9 am, 871 Main St.
- York County Food Pantry, noon, York County Shelter Program, 5 Swett's Bridge Road
- Annual Bob L'Heureux Memorial Pine Hollow Par 3 Golf Tournament, 2 pm.
- Corn Husk Wreath Workshop, 5 pm, McDougal Orchards, 201 Hanson Ridge Rd.,
- Live Comedy Show, 7 pm, Smitty's
- "It Runs in The Family," 7 pm, Nasson Community Center & Little Theater

Saturday, Sept. 21

- Sanford Farmers' Market, 8 am, Central Park
- 3rd Annual Zumba Fitness Party Fundraiser, 9 am, YMCA, 1 Emile Levasseur Dr.
- Corner Cupboard, 10 am, Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church, 5 Lebanon St.
- Shaker Hill Apple Fest, 10 am, YCSP, 138 Shaker Hill Rd., Alfred
- Aerobatics Practice, 10 am, Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport, 9 Presidential Ln.
- Apple "STEM" Experiment, 1 pm, Goodall Library
- "It Runs in The Family," 7 pm, Nasson Community Center & Little Theater

Sunday, Sept. 22

- Shaker Hill Apple Fest, 10 am, YCSP
- "It Runs in The Family," 2:30 pm, Nasson Community Center & Little Theater ■

Fire Station Renderings Unveiled

Story and photos by Zendelle Bouchard

City officials and members of Sanford Fire & EMS gathered Sept. 10 for the official unveiling of billboards showing artist renderings of the two proposed new stations.

In his prepared remarks at the Headquarters site, on land formerly occupied by Springvale Nurseries, Fire Chief Scott Susi stated the project is a significant step forward in enhancing the department's ability to improve community safety. "This strategic location will allow us to better serve Sanford and South Sanford, ensuring that most residents are within a four-minute response time," vital for saving lives and protecting property, he said.

At the Springvale Station site, formerly home of Notre Dame de Lourdes Catholic Church, Mayor Becky Brink said a collaborative effort with the Roman Catholic diocese of Portland helped the city acquire the property, where the new 17,000 square foot facility will replace the nearby century-old station currently in use. She asked voters to remember that



Members of the Sanford City Council with the artist's rendering of the proposed new Headquarters. L to R: Councilors Jonathan Martell, Nate Hitchcock and Ayn Hanselmann; Mayor Becky Brink; Deputy Mayor Maura Herlihy.

"this project is not just a want – it's a necessity for Sanford."

The city will host a community forum on Wednesday, Oct. 2, where residents can learn more, ask questions and share their thoughts. It will be held in the Sanford Performing Arts Center, 100 Alumni Blvd., beginning at 6 pm. A referendum vote on the project will be held Nov. 5, along with the presidential, state and municipal elections. For more information on the project, visit sanfordmeconnects.com ■

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Bob Arsenault Watercolor Exhibit to Open at Historical Museum

By Lawrence Furbish, President, Sanford Springvale Historical Society

At its annual meeting on Sept. 26, the Sanford-Springvale Historical Society will open a new exhibit of watercolor paintings by the late Bob Arsenault, who painted thousands of works of public buildings, homes, landscapes and other subjects in the area.

Bob, who died in 2018, was a veteran, a musician and music store owner who only began painting after retirement. He painted landmarks in Sanford and nearby towns. He sold many of his paintings but also gave some away to friends and acquaintances. A number of real estate brokers in town had a close relationship with Bob and gave his paintings to sellers to remember their homes.

Bob's paintings have a feather-like touch and a vivid sense of color, light, and shadow. He felt that shadows were like musical notes that gave each painting his unique touch. Watercolor is one of the most demanding and difficult artistic mediums and despite being essentially self-taught, Bob truly mastered it.

Bob once joked that the fact that he was born on Friday the 13th and his mother was born on Halloween probably explained a lot about him. His first artistic endeavors at age nine were in music, as a percussionist. He later graduated from the U.S. Navy School of Music in Washington, DC, and played in an 18-piece band. He also performed for many years in dance bands. When he was 55, his wife told him he needed a hobby and gave him a set of watercolors. And, as they say, the rest was history.

The basement of his home became his studio



Springvale Library, watercolor by Bob Arsenault

and gallery. He worked at a drafting table with a light and shower curtains hung on each side to protect the walls from the splashes of water and paint. He mostly painted from photographs and told his daughter he painted what he wanted to, even if it wasn't exactly the same as what he saw. A bush or flowers that weren't there might be added or some item he didn't like dropped. He called it 'artistic license'.

The exhibit will open at 5 pm after a short Historical Society business meeting at the museum, 505 Main St. in Springvale. Bob's daughter Michelle McCarthy will speak about her father and a reception will follow. All are cordially invited. ■

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9/4, 50 Cottage St., 7-room New Englander, 3 bed/1.5 bath, bedroom on first floor, mudroom, hardwood floors, glass-enclosed porch, full unfinished basement, detached 1-car garage, deck, fenced-in backyard, intown, \$310,000 (pictured above)

9/4, 26 Roles St., Springvale, 9-room Colonial, 5 bed/2 bath, two bedrooms on first floor, family room, attic, unfinished basement, detached 2-car garage, deck, covered porch, metal roof, fenced-in backyard, .87 acre, \$480,000

9/6, 5 Rock Pond Rd., #5, 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, \$389,900

9/6, 52 Willow Dr., 5-room Ranch, double wide manufactured home, 3 bed/2 bath, slab, deck, shed, in Pinewood Mobile Home Park, built in 2017, \$145,900 ■

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Sanford City Council will hold a public hearing at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 in person at City Hall Council Chambers, 919 Main Street, Third Floor, Sanford, Maine and via remote video and teleconference pursuant to 1 MRSA §403-B (2) (D) and section 6 of the Sanford City Council Rules of Procedure. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comments on proposed changes to the City of Sanford General Assistance Ordinance. Further information on the proposed changes may be obtained through the Sanford City Office prior to the public hearing. Written comments and questions should be directed to Vicki Martin, General Assistance Director, and will be accepted until 5:30 pm on October 1, 2024 at the General Assistance Office in Sanford City Hall, 919 Main Street Sanford.

The proposed amendments can be viewed by visiting the City of Sanford website at www.sanfordmaine.org and clicking on Public Notices.

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



CENTRAL PARK *Cont'd from Page 1*

in the middle of the park, planting more trees along Main and School streets, and creating a walkway between the two streets at the south end of the park.

Subcommittee members Mayor Becky Brink, Deputy Mayor Maura Herlihy and Councilor Ayn Hanselmann discussed various placement options for a permanent tree with City Manager Steve Buck and city staff. Buck said plans for the RAISE Grant reconstruction of downtown have substantially changed over the past few years, and recommended hiring Aceto to revise the plan to reflect those changes and incorporate the Christmas tree.

The new plan could also include expansion of the park to include the vacant lot on School Street between the park and the Sanford Housing Authority office, which is city-owned property. One suggestion is to have that become a special spot for people to enjoy some quiet reflection, incorporating the Goodall statue as well as the Veterans memorial marker.

Aaron Stamm, a former horticulture teacher at Sanford Regional Technical Center who now teaches at the BRIDGE Program in the Willard Building, would like to engage his students in the Christmas tree planting project once the city is ready to move forward. Stamm and

other professionals were consulted about the best species to plant and the consensus was a balsam fir. This iconic Christmas tree species typically grows 40 to 60 feet tall and is native to Maine. Its cones fall to the ground in pieces, so they don't need to be raked up.

Public Works Director Matt Hill told the subcommittee that reconstructing the park concurrently with the RAISE Grant projects would complicate the \$25 million in federal funding that is paying for most of them. He recommended waiting until after the RAISE Grant work in that area is complete. Among the projects included in the RAISE Grant are the reconstruction of parts of School, Main and Washington streets, set to begin in spring 2026. Subcommittee members also agreed that they didn't want to plant a tree now which might be adversely affected by construction dust and root disturbance.

Other locations including Gateway Park and the Veterans Memorial Gym were briefly considered, but subcommittee members agreed that the downtown Central Park location is optimal. When the revised park plan comes to the full council for approval, there will be discussion about whether a cut tree will continue to be brought in for the first several years after the permanent tree is planted, until it grows large enough to make an effective display. ■

Sanford Police Awarded Grant for K9 Unit



SPD's K9 will be used for tracking as well as drug detection.
Photo: WildHearted via Pixabay

The Sanford Police Department has been awarded a \$52,000 grant to add a multi-use patrol dog to the force. Deputy Chief Eric Small told the City Council's Public Safety Subcommittee on Sept. 10 that Detective Kyle Cutler found the grant opportunity from the Stanton K9 Foundation which will cover the cost of the dog, training for an officer, conversion of a patrol vehicle and kennel, equipment, dog food and vet expenses for three years. The only cost to the city would be four hours a week of overtime for an officer to care for the dog.

SPD's K9 would serve multiple functions including drug detection and tracking. Currently, when Sanford officers need a K9 for these purposes, they have to request assistance from York, North Berwick or Wells.

During the discussion, Councilor Jonathan Martell expressed concern about false positives with drug detection dogs. Cutler, who has K9 experience with the Biddeford PD, said dogs are trained to alert only to drugs and not to alert to other common items including food and tennis balls.

The City Council will vote on accepting the grant at a future meeting. If they accept it, the dog will attend Maine State Police K9 school in March 2025, and drug detection training next fall. ■

PASSAGES

Compiled by Rev. Susan Murphy

Ronald J. Cote, 73, lifelong resident of Sanford, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Tuesday, Sept. 3, at Wentworth-Douglas Hospital in Dover, NH. A time of visitation will be held on Friday, Sept. 13, from 10 am to noon at Carll-Heald & Black Funeral Home with burial immediately following.

Marynel "Peggy" (Ridley) Driscoll, age 94, passed away on Aug. 23 at Summer Commons after a happy life of teaching and community service. A memorial service was held Thursday, Sept. 19 in Alfred Parish Church, followed by a luncheon at Oak Street Bistro. ■

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Public Safety Report: September 2024

By Zendelle Bouchard

The City Council's Public Safety Subcommittee met Sept. 10 to hear updates from our first responder agencies as well as the Public Works Department.

Police Department Updates

New Officer: The Sanford Police Department has a new officer, Chantel Allen, who started Sept. 3. Ofc. Allen lives in Shapleigh and was previously with the Saco PD. She enjoys working the midnight shift and her particular areas of interest are impaired driving enforcement and crisis intervention.



SPD Officer Chantel Allen.
Photo: City of Sanford

Staffing: Deputy Chief Eric Small reported that the bike patrols over the summer were very well received by the community. Now that fall is here and the SPD's two School Resource Officers are back in the schools, staffing has shifted. The bike patrols have ended, and the Mental Health Unit is focusing on mental health calls, including two yellow flag assessments last week. Officer Wambolt started at the Criminal Justice Academy on Aug. 19 and will graduate Dec. 20. Lacey Bailey, the OPTIONS clinician from Sweetser who worked with the MHU has left that position and the SPD is awaiting a new liaison to be hired. Chief Craig Andersen said three officers will

be retiring in December and another one in the spring, but he is working with the city's Human Resources staff to fill those positions. Small noted that several certified officers from other departments have applied. Andersen added that hiring officers who have already been through the Police Academy is less of a financial risk for the city, even though the state now requires the hiring department to reimburse the officer's former department for some training costs.

Fire & EMS Updates

New Hires: Sanford Fire & EMS recently welcomed four new firefighters, Jackson Rathbun, Caleb Cole, Mason Brousseau and Chase Jellison. Three are EMTs and one is an Advanced EMT. Assistant Chief Rick Smith gave a presentation on the extensive training new hires receive during their three weeks of orientation and one year of probation.

Stats: In the month of August, the department responded to 397 calls, which included six fires and 312 emergency medical service incidents.

Maintenance: Smith reported on the department's maintenance tracking program for vehicles and equipment. He said currently 88% of their apparatus (vehicles) are up and running. Engine 5 is out of service after it "swallowed a valve" which destroyed the motor, and ambulance 1 is also down with a short in its wiring that is preventing the emergency lights from staying on. The department also tracks 1,500

pieces of equipment, including everything from axes to power tools and computers, and 99% of it is operational at this time.

Public Works Updates

Winter Staffing: Public Works Director Matt Hill reported that his department is short eight out of 21 operators for plowing this winter. He is opening contract negotiations with the union to try and get those positions filled as soon as possible. City Manager Steve Buck said that the city's new Assistant City Manager, Michelle LaBree, will be working on getting the wage scale in line. Otherwise, he said residents may see a significant increase in the time it takes the city to get the streets cleared. Hill is taking the contingency step of hiring the contractor who plows the east side to take on some additional routes for the season.

Traffic lights: Hill said upgrading to an adaptive control system for the new traffic lights on Main Street between the roundabout and Route 202 would cost the city \$28,000 per year once the grant funds are expended after the first four years. He called that "a drop in the bucket" compared to the cost of a lawsuit if there was a fatality. He showed a map of crashes that resulted in injuries, and said he was waiting for the police report on a student hit by a vehicle on the first day of school. Hill said bugs are still being worked out with the new traffic lights and asked for patience as complaints are addressed. ■

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Public Hearing Notice Wednesday, September 18, 2024 6:30 PM City Council Meeting



The Sanford Planning Board will hold a public hearing and receive written and oral comments at its September 18, 2024 meeting, starting at 6:30 pm, on

- **NEW BUSINESS:** File # H32-01 – 36 Wilson Street – Genest Concrete Works (Tax Map H32, Lot 01) Major Site Plan and Conditional Use Application for proposed addition of approximately 10,000sf to an existing manufacturing building to create a temperature controlled (heated) room for drying precast products made on site.

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. Questions or written comments should be directed to the Planning Office at 324-9150 or jlbabcock@sanfordmaine.org.

Former Players Salute Coach MacKinnon

By Laura Snyder Smith

Against a backdrop of trophies and awards, the Sanford Schools Legacy Foundation on Sept. 4 dedicated the Sanford High School Athletic Awards Showcase in honor of long-time basketball coach, teacher and principal Bruce MacKinnon.

"It's an exciting day for us on behalf of the Sanford School Board, the Sanford Schools Legacy Foundation, the City of Sanford and community," Superintendent Matt Nelson said during the afternoon ceremony. Some of MacKinnon's former players shared fond memories of MacKinnon.

"Things Bruce did built respect. When Bruce was coaching us, he commanded the room," said John Roux, once a standout forward for Coach MacKinnon and later an insurance colleague. "He owned the room, and if you weren't part of what he was preaching, you were out of the room very quickly. He was intense. It was tough, but it was good, and I really, really respect that."

John Dube recalled MacKinnon's intense style of coaching, but also the numerous things he did behind the scenes, such as sending him to basketball camps that would have otherwise not been an option for him. "He made me who I am today. He was my second dad," said Dube,

a standout forward for Sanford from 1976 to 1980.

The life skills MacKinnon taught his boys stayed with them into adulthood, former player Mark Caron explained. "It took me years to realize all the lessons you were teaching us," he said. "Accountability, discipline and responsibility. So besides all of the other great (basketball) things he taught us, really those three things instilled a lot in my life."

MacKinnon came to Sanford in 1973 to teach U.S. history. He served as the boys' varsity basketball coach from 1973 to 1985, then as Sanford High School principal from 1985 to 1993. He also coached golf from 1978 to 1984, then retired from education in 1993 to serve as a state senator for four years. Coach MacKinnon was inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame in 2023.

Sanford Rep. Anne-Marie Mastraccio, who served on the Sanford School Committee when MacKinnon retired, was on hand to offer a congressional commendation on behalf of the Maine House of Representatives and Senate. ■



Former players John Roux, John Dube, Mark Caron and George Milne join former coach Bruce MacKinnon, second from right, at the dedication ceremony
Photo: Laura Snyder Smith

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Sanford Springvale Historical Society

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SPORTS NOTES

By Sam Bonsey
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SHS fall sports underway as girls' soccer and field hockey teams win season-openers

Sanford High School's **girls' soccer and field hockey** teams opened their seasons with wins last week. The girls' soccer team beat Noble, 4-1, on Thursday, September 5, with Ava Hudson, Kenzie Taylor, Addie Fiandaca, and Mollie Puffer scoring goals for the Spartans.

SHS field hockey beat Marshwood 6-1 on Saturday, September 7, behind the strength of three goals scored by Ella Tederous. Audrey Payeur and Olivia Kezar each added goals for Sanford.



Members of Sanford High School's field hockey team celebrate during Spartans game against Marshwood
Photo: SHS Athletics Instagram

The **boys' soccer** team tied with Noble in double overtime in their season opener on September 5. Ivo Mpeko tied things up for Sanford in the 69th minute.

The **football** team lost to South Portland 35-15 at Alumni Field on Friday, September 6. Rhylen Avery and Drew McGrath each had rushing touchdowns.

In **golf**, Noah Corliss and Brody Baron each shot a nine-hole round of 47 to lead the Spartans against Kennebunk on September 3.

The **volleyball** team fell to Windham 3-0 in its season opener, while the boys' and girls' cross country squads hosted five schools on Saturday, September 7. Caleb Pelletier was the top finisher in the boys' race, placing 10th, while Annie Stimmell finished 16th in the girls' side. ■



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