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Artist's rendering of the planned Sanford Fire & EMS Headquarters station.

VOTERS BACK NEW FIRE STATIONS

By Zendelle Bouchard and Lee Burnett

The city of Sanford will construct two new fire stations after 51.9% of voters approved the \$42.5 million bond to fund their construction. Approval of the projects now enables city officials to apply for state and federal grant funding to reduce the ultimate cost to taxpayers.

“It was a narrow victory, pretty much what I expected. Nevertheless, I was very pleased,” City Manager Steven Buck said. “Not building is really not an option.” He identified the impact of carcinogens and OSHA regulations as the biggest factors in the favorable vote. “We’re not able to properly renovate pre-existing facilities to even

be remotely close [to requirements],” he said.

Fire Chief Scott Susi said he is “very humbled” by the community support and proud of the “incredible team effort” over the past 18 months.

The next step will be the City Council’s consideration of appropriating \$1.1 million to complete design work. If design, permitting and bid preparation proceeds smoothly, Buck hopes to advertise for construction companies in September 2025, with groundbreaking on the Sanford headquarters station in October. Once construction starts, the process for the

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LANIGAN AND KIDDER TIE; HARRINGTON, MASTRACCIO, FREDERICKS WIN

By Zendelle Bouchard

The race for state representative for District 141 between incumbent Republican Lucas Lanigan and Democratic challenger Patty Kidder has reportedly ended in a tie, a spokesperson for the Maine Secretary of State’s office said Thursday. While Kidder won the Sanford/Springvale part of the district by a healthy margin, Lanigan’s vote count matched hers once the returns

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State Rep. Lucas Lanigan and Patty Kidder

Community CALENDAR

Compiled by Lisa Blanchette

Visit our Events Calendar at sanfordspringvale-news.com for more details.

Saturday, November 9

- Annual Fall Fair, 9 am, Crossroads United Methodist Church, 15 Grammar Rd.
- Christmas Craft/Vendor Fair 9 am, Sanford Christian Academy Gym, 25 Riverside Ave.
- Annual Christmas Craft Fair, 9 am, Trafton Senior Center, 19 Elm St.
- Free Reiki Circle, 10 am, Springvale Library, 443 Main St.
- Organic mushroom gardening 101, 10 am, Eldredge Lumber, 1787 Main St.
- Paint party, 1 pm, Curtis Lake Church, 38 Westview Dr.
- “Phat Cat Swinger,” 7 pm, Sanford Performing Arts Center, 100 Alumni Blvd.

Sunday, November 10

- Chamber Talk-Rick Stanley w/Gesine Weller, 7 am, 104.3 Seacoast Oldies Radio
- Sergey Antonov and Ilya Kazantsev, 3 pm, Historical Society, 505 Main St., Springvale.

Monday, November 11

- Veterans Day ceremony, 11 am, Memorial Gym, 678 Main St.
- A Family for ME Live Q&A, Noon & 6 pm, Online
- Red Cross blood drive, noon, Sanford Christian Academy Gym, 25 Riverside Ave.
- Baby Rhyme Time, 10 am, Springvale Library
- Sanford Food Pantry, 10 am, 1204 Main St.

Tuesday, November 12

- Toddle Time, 10, Sanford Memorial Gym, 678 Main St.
- Salvation Army Food Pantry, 10 am, 871 Main St.
- Family Story Time, 10:30 am, Goodall Library, 1364 Main St.

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Springvale district station would begin. The city has been planning to stagger the projects to minimize disruption to services.

The first impact on property tax bills would be September 2025, Buck said. The size of the impact is still to be determined because the city will seek grant funding from Congressionally directed earmarks, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and adjustments to the state law on Tax Increment Financing to offset the burden on local taxpayers.

Although strong opinions on both sides were evident in the run-up to the election, almost a quarter of the ballots cast were blank on this question.

Approximately 67% of Sanford's 16,602 registered voters cast a ballot in Tuesday's election.

For more information on the fire station projects, visit this page: <https://www.sanfordmeconnects.com/new-fire-stations>.

State Ballot Question Results

On the statewide ballot questions, Sanford voters mostly aligned with state results, with one exception.

- Question 1, to limit political action committee donations to \$5,000, was strongly approved by Sanford and Springvale voters, with 70.7% in favor. It passed with 74% of the vote in the state overall.

- The \$25 million research and development bond in Question 2 also passed, with 51.3% approval from voters in our city (55% across the state).

- On Question 3, a majority of Sanford voters bucked the state trend and opposed the \$10 million bond for historic building preservation by a narrow margin. On the whole, Maine voters supported the measure, with 51.4% in favor.

- The \$30 million bond for trails in Question 4 was approved by Sanford voters. It passed statewide with 55.6% approval.

- On Question 5, to change the state flag to one more closely resembling the original design, 55.4% of Sanford voters agreed with the rest of the state in opting to keep the current flag, which features the state seal; 55.2% of Maine voters agreed. ■

STATE REPS *Cont'd from Page 1*

for Shapleigh and Newfield and the overseas and military votes were counted. A recount will be scheduled once either of the candidates requests it. The recount would be conducted in Augusta with representatives for both candidates present. If the recount still shows a tie vote, a special election will be held to determine the winner.

In District 142, Democrat **Anne-Marie Mastraccio** retained her seat with 52% of the vote. Republican challenger Amy Bell received 48%. District 142 includes much of downtown Sanford and the east side

Republican **Ann Fredericks** won re-election to the District 143 seat with 56% of the vote against Democrat Katie Manende Hall, who got 44%. District 143 is comprised mostly of south Sanford.

In the race for State Senate District 33, Republican incumbent **Matt Harrington** won a decisive victory over his Democratic challenger, newcomer Dan Lauzon. Harrington got 60% of the votes cast, with Lauzon bringing in 40%. In addition to Sanford/Springvale, District 33



State Sen. Matt Harrington, State Rep. Anne-Marie Mastraccio, State Rep. Ann Fredericks

includes the towns of Alfred, Lebanon and Waterboro.

In the only contested York County race, Stacy Kilroy of Old Orchard Beach went up against Robert Travers of Lebanon for the county treasurer position. With 79% of the precincts reporting, Kilroy had a narrow lead, 50.5% to 49.5%, according to Ballotpedia.org. In uncontested races, **Donna Ring** was re-elected county commissioner for District 4, **Scott Houde** will have another term as judge of probate and **Carol Lovejoy** retained her position as register of probate. ■

Council, Mayor Re-elected; Change for School Committee

By Zendelle Bouchard

MAYOR

In the race for mayor, Becky Brink will serve a second term after winning a decisive victory over challenger Matthew Dupuis. Brink received 64.1% of the vote, with Dupuis garnering 35.9%.

CITY COUNCIL

Incumbents Ayn Hanselmann and Nate Hitchcock will return to the City Council for three-year terms after fending off challenges from Joe Hanslip and Victor DiGregorio.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Two newcomers will be joining the School Committee in January, as Lisa Blanchette best-

ed Emily Sheffield for the three-year term with 52.2% of the vote. Incumbent Jen Davie opted not to run for re-election.

Jonathan D. Stimmell ran unopposed to fill the remaining one year left on the three-year term that Kelly Termath won in 2022 (Sheffield served the second year of this term after Termath's resignation but chose to run this time for the three-year seat instead.)

UTILITY BOARDS

Jonathan Hamilton will serve a three-year term on the Sanford Water District Board of Trustees, after a win over incumbent Brian Samia in a very tight race.

On the Sanford Sewerage District Board of Trustees, incumbent Paul Demers was elected to another three-year term, while incumbent Kevin Eaton was elected to fill the remaining two years on an unexpired term. Both men ran unopposed. ■

New Adult Day Program in Springvale!



SMAA's Adult Day Programs are geared toward older adults with Alzheimer's and other dementias. For more information or to schedule a tour of our Springvale or Biddeford locations, contact us at **207.396.6508** or ngarrity@smaaa.org.



Planning Board Updates

By Gail Burnett

The Sanford Planning Board moved forward in October on two projects that will convert well-known buildings in town into housing.

On Oct. 2, the board approved a preliminary subdivision site plan for the former District Courthouse in Springvale. The Sanford Housing Authority is proposing an 18-unit senior living facility for the building, which has been empty since district courts were consolidated in Biddeford. Formal approval would come after a final site plan is submitted.

On Oct. 16, the board recommended that the City Council approve a zone change from industrial to urban reuse zone for the historic Jagger Mill building on Water Street in Springvale. Developers are proposing to turn the building, which still houses Worsted Spinning New England and the retail business Jagger Spun, into Jagger Lofts, with about 80 apartments. The zone change would mean the applicant wouldn't need to apply for a contract zone, a more complicated process. The board also held a public hearing on a change to the sign ordinance that would say that historic signs like that on the Jagger building would not count toward the total allowable sign space. The board recommended that this change be approved.



Springvale District Courthouse is on the way to being remodeled as apartments. Photo: Gail Burnett

In other Planning Board business last month:

Food truck park: The board tabled a proposal from the Sanford-Springvale Soccer Association to rezone its gravel parking lot on Shaw's Ridge Road from rural residential to urban to allow for a year-round food truck park. Board members were concerned about uses that are allowed in the urban zone.

Medical marijuana: The board recommended a change to the city ordinance regulating medical marijuana offices. The change was required to bring the ordinance into compliance with state law. Two board members, Jace Clark and Tom Morgan, abstained because they are federal employees, and the federal government still classifies marijuana as illegal.

Genest Concrete Works: Board mem-

bers approved, with conditions, a major site plan amendment for Genest Concrete off High Street to allow construction of a 10,000-square-foot building for production and curing of precast products made on site.

Urban density: The board recommended council approval for a revision that would allow smaller minimum unit sizes in the urban zone. This is to encourage a mixture of development patterns and allow for increased density within existing neighborhoods.

TPD Construction: A request to extend a proposal from TPD Construction for a building on Country Club Road 1 was approved. The project was approved two years ago and not yet built; without the extension, the applicant would have to start over again. ■

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NEWS NOTES

Compiled by Carolyn Cadigan



Sweetser's President and CEO Jayne Van Bramer (far left) and Senior Director of Public Relations and Advancement Justin Chenette (third from left) present Sanford Elks members Marise Anagnost (second from left) and Denise Labbe with Sweetser Star awards. Photo: Sweetser

Elks members receive Sweetser honor:

Sweetser recently awarded Denise Labbe and Marise Anagnost from the Sanford ME Elks Lodge #1470 with Sweetser Stars. They have been raising money for Sweetser since 2019 and have been volunteering for even longer than that. In total, their efforts have helped provide over \$51,000 through various fundraisers, including raffles, car washes, pallet parties, comedy nights and a music jam. They have also been voted into the Sweetser organization as corporators.

Deadline to apply for Habitat for Humanity homes is Nov. 12:

Habitat for Humanity York County is accepting applications for two affordable homeownership opportunities in Sanford. Completed applications (by mail or drop-off) are due by Nov. 12 at 5 pm. FMI, including applicant income guidelines, other requirements, and a downloadable application, navigate to: <https://www.habitatyorkcounty.org/homeownership>. Physical applications are available at the Kennebunk ReStore, 123 York St. in Kennebunk.

Banking text message scam sends fraudulent link:

Partners Bank has posted that a text message scam involving the bank has been reported. These text messages falsely warn of charges and include a fraudulent link. Do not click on any links and delete these messages immediately. As a precaution, the bank has temporarily limited some online banking transactions. If you clicked on a link from one of these messages, call Partners Bank Customer Care at 207-324-2285 to secure your account. If calling outside of normal business hours, leave a voicemail.

Library seeks trustee candidates: Goodall Memorial Library is seeking people to join its Board of Trustees. If you believe

the public library is vital to the health and wellbeing of the community, this may be a great opportunity to get involved. Interested candidates can read an overview of the board's responsibilities, review the qualifications for the trustee position, and access the application at https://lbgoodall.org/pdf/goodall_board_application.pdf.

Recent railroad history talk available on YouTube:

At an Oct. 27 event hosted by the Sanford-Springvale Historical Society, Jonathan Wells, a retired Pan Am Systems locomotive engineer and authority on the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division of the Boston & Maine Railroad, gave a talk, "Springvale's Colorful Railroad Era." Joining Wells was Lee Burnett, who spoke about efforts to return the stone railroad mileposts to their original locations on what is now Sanford's rail trail. In case you missed it, you can view the hour-long presentation here: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ixSuTR8fooY>

New SFD team trained to handle specialized rescues:

The Sanford Fire Department has established a new Technical Rescue Team, equipped to handle a wide range of specialized rescue operations, providing critical assistance in confined space, high-angle, low-angle, water, and ice water rescue scenarios. Most of the training and equipment was purchased through federal grants and resources. "The addition of this technical rescue team to our department is a significant milestone," said Fire Chief Scott Susi. "We are committed to providing the highest level of service to our community, and this team will be a valuable asset in protecting the lives and safety of our residents."

Ted's offers free community lunch on Thanksgiving Day:

Ted's Fried Clams will be open for a free community Thanksgiving lunch on Nov. 28 from 11 am to 1 pm at 890 Main St. in the Main Street Marketplace. "When we moved into Sanford, we met so many amazing people who live alone or may not have the capabilities of having a Thanksgiving dinner. The staff all wanted to find a way to give back to our community," explained Jason Cole, owner of Ted's Fried Clams. The food will be donated by Laura's Legacy of Love, a local non-profit organized in 2021 after the death of Cole's wife, Laura, who helped run the family businesses. All the staff

will be donating their time to help with the Thanksgiving community lunch. FMI, call 207-850-1114 or email jcole@tedsfried-clamsmaine.com

Public safety retirements celebrated:

Four members of Sanford's public safety team have recently retired. Sarah Howe, who served 20 years with the Sanford Police Department, held many roles, including patrol officer, detective, and court officer. Retiring from the Sanford Fire Department are Paul Dubois, lieutenant/paramedic, after 28 years of service; Samantha Cole, firefighter/paramedic, serving 21 years; and Dale Bourque, lieutenant/paramedic, after 23 years of service. Thank you for your service to the community.

Don't let the parade pass you by:

This year's Holly Daze Parade will take place on Dec. 6, starting at 5:30 pm, with the parade lineup at 4:45 pm and the tree lighting scheduled for 6:15 pm. All applications and required paperwork must be submitted to the office by the deadline, Nov. 26, along with the \$25 registration fee to enter the parade. Floats should refrain from using Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus since the jolly couple will be bringing up the rear of the parade. Other holiday figures as well as incorporating lights and music in the display are encouraged. Applications, available at the link below, should be returned to the Sanford Parks and Recreation office in the Memorial Gym cafeteria (Door 6) by the deadline. https://sanfordme.myrec.com/documents/holly_daze_parade_application.pdf

Grant boosts SFD's lifesaving capabilities:

The Sanford Fire Department (SFD) received a grant for \$28,952 from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. The grant will be used to purchase 55 Escape System Bail-Out Kits, which consist of heat-resistant webbing, an anchor hook, carabiners, and a descent control device, for all department members. "The new bailout kits will fulfill a critical need within our department and allow our first responders to quickly exit dangerous or compromised buildings, typically through a window, especially when usual escape routes like doors or stairways are blocked or unsafe," said Brian Watkins, SFD assistant chief. The City Council voted to accept the grant at its Oct. 15 council meeting.

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Tanya Butts (right), patient service representative at Nasson Health Care, is presented with the organization's Employee of the Quarter award by Barbara Crider (left), interim chief operating officer. Photo: Nasson Health Care

Nasson employee awarded for exemplary performance: Tanya Butts, patient service representative at Nasson Health Care, has been selected as the organization's Employee of the Quarter for exceeding its Health Center Service Pledge. She not only went above and beyond in meeting the needs of the organization's patients, but also exemplified what it means to be a team player on the staff.

The need is great, but supplies are low: It Takes a Village 207 needs to restock its supplies and is seeking donations off its Amazon list, which includes such items

as cans of fruit, trash bags, pudding cups, cookie packs, socks, new sweatshirts, and much more. To help, check out the list here: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/5ASIWA3NCQ9U>

Sheriff's Office scam alert: The York County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) has received reports that a caller, claiming to be Sgt. Dave Chauvette from the YCSO, has been contacting people about their missed court dates. Reports indicate that the scammer also claims to be other members of the Sheriff's Office. The calls appear to come from 207-835-5662, which, when called, reaches a voice mail for someone claiming to be Sgt. Chauvette, and from 207-324-1113, an administrative line at the office. The YCSO reminds the public that a deputy would never call someone to notify them of a missed court date, and would never assess fines or ask for payment, either by gift card or money, over the phone. Contact the YCSO if you receive any calls from the office's numbers.

New apartments transform the Nasson College property: The campus of Nasson College, which closed in 1983, has undergone a transformation in recent years. The latest changes include efforts to help address the housing shortage in the area. In 2022, Maine-based GreenMars, a real estate development and property management company, broke ground on a new multi-family property, Nasson in the Pines,

utilizing three former dorms of the college. Upon completion, the properties will consist of a total of 84 apartments — 55 one-bedroom units and 29 two-bedroom units which are currently being offered at market rates ranging from \$1,400 to \$2,050 per month, according to the Nasson in the Pines website. One of the buildings, Hanscom Hall, is finished and is fully occupied by tenants. Pryor Hussey Hall is slated for completion in December, and Fobes Hall has a January 2025 completion date. The apartment complex sits on approximately 27 acres. GreenMars plans to develop additional housing in the future.

Walk & Bike Brightly campaign sheds light on safer travel at night: Do you represent a school, police department, or other non-profit community service group? Do you frequently encounter Mainers who travel after dark or lack funds to purchase safety equipment? If you answered "yes" to both questions, then the Bicycle Coalition of Maine's (BCM) "Walk & Bike Brightly" campaign is for you. The BCM is currently distributing free sets of front and rear bike lights, as well as reflective bands, to Mainers who need them the most. The primary goal of this effort is to make traveling at night safer for both pedestrians and cyclists, but for the latter group, being bright at night is also the law. FMI: <https://www.bike-maine.org/walk-bike-brightly/> ■

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Sanford Planning Board will hold public hearings & receive written & oral comments at its November 20, 2024 meeting, starting at 6:30 pm, on



- File # L15-112 – 447 Main St. – District Courthouse Renovation – Sanford Housing Authority - Final Subdivision (Tax Map L15, Lot 112) – Adaptive reuse of existing vacant District Courthouse building in downtown Springvale into an 18-unit congregate care senior living residential facility.
- File # R15-61 – 14 Patriot Place – Subdivision Amendment – Avesta Housing – Subdivision Amendment (Tax Map R15, Lot 61) – Proposed addition of an accessory office building to the site, as well as minor changes to the parking and solid waste disposal areas.

The hearings 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 jlababcock@sanfordmaine.org.



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McDougal Family Honored for Leadership

McDougal Orchards of Springvale, represented by Matt McAdam and his wife Ashley, has received the Geiger Environmental Leadership Award from the nonprofit Institute for Family-Owned Business.

A panel of judges for the Maine-based organization picked McDougal and six other businesses from 500 potential candidates for the award, which honors companies that set the standard for sustainability. "We were blown away," Matt McAdam said, "and our hearts are still racing days later that we were chosen for this award."

McDougal Orchards' property on Hanson Ridge in Springvale has been cultivated by generations of the same family since 1776. As one judge pointed out, the business is as old as the nation. But McDougal Orchards is also working to improve its environmental footprint by using biodiesel, planting native plants, finding natural ways to ward off pests and working with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). It was also recognized for demonstrating "exemplary land stewardship."

McDougal sends used oil from its donut shack to a biodiesel company for reuse.



Ashley and Matt McAdam receive the Geiger Award.

It received a grant to install a solar panel system that offsets much of the business's electricity costs. It has enlisted the NRCS to help with many projects, including logging trail improvements, woven-wire fencing around the orchards, cover crop rotation and a new pollinator planting that will be seeded this fall. The property has been protected by agricultural and conservation easements since 2005.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Sanford City Council will hold public hearings and receive written and oral comments at its November 12, 2024 meeting, starting at 6:00 pm, regarding:



- Proposed changes to Chapter 280 of the Sanford City Ordinances pertaining to Medical Marijuana Office provisions.
- Proposed Ordinance revision to §280-11-6 Urban Zone to reformat the chapter in conformance with other zone chapters, remove the minimum unit sizes from the Ordinance, and allow for alternate lot layouts to encourage urban infill development.
- Proposed Ordinance revision to §280-14-13 Signs subsection I to allow historical and artistic signage to remain on buildings following the closure of a business and not be counted towards the total allowable signage of a new business, at the discretion of the Planning Board.

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. The meeting will be broadcast on cable channel 26 and online at <https://townhallstreams.com/towns/sanfordme>. Comments may be submitted in person, via mail, email, or at www.sanfordmaine.org under Email City Departments/City Council. 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.

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- Free lunch at YCSP's Recovery Community Center, noon, 69 Brook St.
- York County Food Pantry, noon, YCSP, 5 Swett's Bridge Road, Alfred
- Cribbage, 2 pm, Springvale Library
- Knit Lits, 3 pm, Springvale Library
- Sanford Water District trustees meeting, 4 pm, 243 River St.
- Bingo, 4 pm (doors open) 6 pm (games start), Sanford Elks Lodge, 13 Elm St.
- Toddle Time, 5:30 pm, Sanford Memorial Gym, 678 Main St.
- Matthew Meal, 6 pm, St. Thomas School, 69 North Ave.
- Dulcimer group, 6 pm, Goodall Library
- City Council meeting, 6 pm, Sanford City Hall, 919 Main St.

Wednesday, November 13

- Make It & Take It Craft - beaded corn craft, 2 pm, Springvale Library
- Lego Club, 2:30 pm, Goodall Library
- Friends of Downtown, 4:30 pm, Email for location (mahastings@sanfordmaine.org)
- Poetry Group, 5 pm, Goodall Library
- Fiber Arts Group, 5 pm, Goodall Library
- Reindeer craft, 5:30 pm, Springvale Library
- Wednesday Night Bite Free Meal, 6 pm, Curtis Lake Church, 38 Westview Dr.

Thursday, November 14

- Employer Workshop - Choosing a Small

Business Retirement Solution, 8 am, Online

- Sensory Story Time, 10 am, Springvale Library
- Free lunch at YCSP's Recovery Community Center, noon pm, 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
- Introduction to The Sound Temple, 6 pm, 21 Bradeen St. Springvale
- York County Stamp Club, 7:30 pm, Preble Lodge #143, 16 Elm St.

Friday, November 15

- Salvation Army of Sanford Harvest Table food pantry, 9 am, 871 Main St.
- Toddler Time at SCAE, 9 am, 668 Main St.
- York County Food Pantry, noon, YCSP, 5 Swett's Bridge Road, Alfred
- R-Rated Hypnotist @ Smitty's Cinema, 8 pm, 1327 Main St.
- York County Stamp Club, 7:30 pm, Preble Lodge #143, 16 Elm St.

Saturday, November 16

- Corner Cupboard, 10 am, Sanford Unitarian Church, 5 Lebanon St.
- 5K/10K Turkey Trot/1 Mile Dog Jog-Walk, 8 am, Sanford Memorial Gym, 678 Main St.
- Christmas Craft Fair, 9 am, Allied Career Training Institute, 890 Main St.
- Ashlee Ridlon, children's author, book read-

ing @ SCAE, 11 am, 668 Main St.

- Pork loin dinner, 4:30 pm, Sanford First Baptist Church, 905 Main St.

Check Sanford School Department sports schedules at <https://www.mpaschedules.org/public/genie/1142/school/73/>

Visit our Events Calendar <https://sanford-springvalenews.com/events/> for details on these events and on events to come. ■

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PURSUANT to 24 CFR § 903.23(e) DRAFT SANFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY 2025 ANNUAL PLAN AND DRAFT 5 YEAR PLAN 2025-2029

A 45-Day Public Comment Period for the 2025 PHA Annual Plan and the draft 2025-2029 Five-year Plan will commence on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 and will conclude on Friday, January 3, 2025.

A Public Hearing will be held Wednesday November 20, 2024 at NOON to receive public input for the draft 2025 Annual Plan and draft to the 2025- 2029 Five Year Plan. This hearing will be held at Sanford Housing Authority, 17 School St. Sanford, Maine



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Local Tavern is Sanford's Hub for Entertainment and Good Eats

By Brian Boisvert

In the heart of downtown Sanford, Mill Towne Tavern provides fun entertainment and surprising culinary delights. Located at 898 Main Street in the lower section of the newly re-named "Main Street Marketplace", this spacious venue has become a go-to destination for locals and visitors alike, offering varied activities and events that cater to all ages and interests.

Owner Billy Bruno has created a space that seamlessly blends live music, games and delicious food. "We're one of the largest bar/restaurants in the area," Bruno proudly states, "and we're open to all ages before 9 pm."

The tavern's artist lineup is a music lover's dream, featuring a rotation of bands and DJs that specialize in classic rock and alternative country. November's calendar is packed with talented acts, including Michael Corleto, Straight Up No Ice, 2 For Jackson, DJ Mike, Dirty McCurdy and Follically Challenged. "We get a lot of positive feedback about our bands," Bruno shares. "We hire a lot of local favorites to play here."

Bruno is particularly excited about the upcoming Thanksgiving Eve celebration on November 27, featuring "Got It Covered", a local cover band with a diverse, danceable setlist. Looking ahead to December, patrons can mark



"Got It Covered" takes the stage at Mill Towne Tavern
Photo Credit: Mill Towne Tavern and Billiards Facebook page

their calendars for the annual Ugly Sweater Party on the 21st, promising a night of festive fun and fashion faux pas.

Beyond the regular musical performances, Mill Towne Tavern loves to keep the fun rolling throughout the year, Bruno explains, with "themed parties where the staff and guests dress up", listing events like 80's night, Halloween, beach party, country night, Oktoberfest, and New Year's Eve as crowd favorites.

For those seeking billiards, Mill Towne Tavern doesn't disappoint. The venue boasts top-of-the-line Diamond pool tables, a rarity in the area. "We're one of the only places within 30 minutes with pool tables open to the public," Bruno notes. This unique offering has made the tavern a hub for pool enthusiasts, hosting

leagues and tournaments throughout the week.

Individuals who enjoy mental stimulation are invited to participate in trivia on Tuesday nights from 7-9 pm, offering patrons a chance to showcase their knowledge across various topics. The tavern also provides dart boards for those who prefer a different kind of precision game.

Mill Towne Tavern isn't just about performances and games; it's also making a name for itself in the local food scene. "We have the best burgers around," Bruno boasts, and backs up this claim with an unbeatable Monday special — classic burgers for just \$5. Wednesday nights bring another crowd-pleaser with \$2 tacos, perfect for pairing with the evening's pool tournament. The menu also features pizza, wings, salads, pasta dishes, and a variety of sandwiches and desserts.

Happy hour runs Monday through Thursday from 4-7 p.m., featuring \$5 well drinks and \$4 Pabst Blue Ribbon pours, providing an excellent opportunity for after-work relaxation or pre-entertainment refreshment.

With its commitment to quality entertainment, affordable specials, and community-focused atmosphere, Mill Towne Tavern has solidified its place as a versatile venue of Sanford's nightlife and dining scene that offers something for everyone. ■

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SCHOOL NOTES

Compiled by Carolyn Cadigan



Sanford High School Peer Helpers provided a record-breaking 77 Thanksgiving baskets to families with the support of local businesses, the SHS community, and the Maine Army National Guard 1136th Sanford Unit. This year's Thanksgiving Food Drive runs through Nov. 22. Photo: Sanford School Department

Students and businesses look to fill plates and hearts this Thanksgiving: The Sanford/Springvale Chamber of Commerce will be providing more than 50 turkeys to Sanford High School (SHS) Peer Helpers to distribute to needy families along with their Thanksgiving food boxes. The chamber would like to raise \$500 from its members to buy the turkeys. To make a business donation, submit a check to the Sanford/Springvale Chamber of Commerce. In addition, the SHS Thanksgiving Food Drive runs through Nov. 22, with collection boxes located in the main lobby of the high school. Each class has been assigned a food category. The Class of 2025 is responsible for stuffing; 2026, for canned vegetables; 2027, for gravy and cranberry sauce; and 2028, for instant mashed

potatoes. Can they top last year's record-breaking 77 Thanksgiving baskets?

Haunted Woods event was scary fun: Students at Sanford Middle School transformed the woods at Gowen Park into a Halloween attraction on Oct. 29, continuing its annual Haunted Woods event. Organized by students in the Jobs for Maine's Graduates (JMG) program, the event allowed students to experience a real-life example of project planning, leadership and teamwork. Students began planning over a month before the event, brainstorming different ideas for the theme. From there, they needed to work together to plan each section of the woods, roles, costumes, decorations, and more. The students thought of the idea of a Haunted Walk,

and after navigating red tape and a presentation to the school committee, the event was born. "To see all their work result in something that so many people enjoy, they have said it helps them understand what it really means to work as a team in the 'real work' and gives them an idea of what people can accomplish when they work together," said Tara Houle, SMS JMG specialist.

ISO trucks: The PTAs at Margaret Chase Smith and Sanford Pride Elementary Schools are looking for fun trucks for their Turkey Trot's Touch-a-Truck, scheduled for Nov. 23, from 11:30 am to 3:15 pm, at Cobb Stadium. If you (and your truck) would like to participate, contact Peggy at mcsptame@gmail.com.

Donate branches and take a bow: The Landscape and Horticulture program at Sanford Regional Technical Center (SRTC) is looking for donations of evergreen boughs (fir or pine) to help with their wreath-making activities this holiday season. Thurston and Peters Sugarhouse of West Newfield, having supported the program in past years, has felled its last fir tree! If you or someone you know is harvesting evergreen trees and can donate the trimmings to SRTC, contact Pamela Durack at pdurack@sanford.org or leave a message at 207-324-2942, ext. 1132.

Helping your child manage meltdowns: Are you feeling like you are always walking on

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A promotional flyer for Springvale Hardware. The top features the store's name in a decorative blue font. Below it, the text reads "HERE FOR YOU True Value THANKSGIVING WEEKEND Sale! 25% OFF EVERYTHING IN THE STORE". A note specifies "*Regular Priced Items and Special Order Items Included. Sale Items Excluded." The sale dates are "Friday, November 29th & Saturday, November 30th ONLY" and the location is "489 Main Street, Springvale". The entire flyer is framed with a border of autumn leaves.

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eggshells when dealing with your young child's meltdowns? Are you at a loss about how to help your child to be successful? If so, join a free training conducted by GEAR Parent Network on Nov. 14, from 6 pm to 8 pm, at the Sanford Pride Elementary School library, 708 Main St., Sanford. Learn practical strategies to help your child manage meltdowns and set them up for success. FMI and to register: <https://gearparent-network.org/event/helping-your-child-manage-their-meltdowns-3/#rsyp-now>

Progress being made on stadium archway: Sanford Regional Technical Center's Welding students, under the guidance of Instructor Adam Hartford, have been working on the massive sign that will welcome people to Alumni Stadium on the school campus. Students have been following the plans and fabricated the archway out of steel in the welding shop over the last several weeks. Once the welding process is complete, the next step is sandblasting. Following cleaning, the Auto Collision Repair students will go to work painting the massive sign. Chandler's Auto Service and Repair helped lift the sign up so it could be tacked together. Keep up the great work, SRTC students! ■

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SPORTS NOTES

By Sam Bonsey, Sanford Schools Communications Coordinator

SHS Sophomore competes at Maine Cross Country State

Championships: Sanford High School sophomore Isaac Pelletier finished 58th at the Class A State Cross Country Championships at Twin Brooks Recreation Area in Cumberland on Saturday, November 2. Pelletier completed the 5-kilometer course in 18 minutes, 23.09 seconds.

Adult Basketball Returning to Sanford Memorial Gym:

Drop in for recreational adult basketball at Memorial Gym every Monday evening this fall and winter. Games run from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Enter through door #3 at the rear of the facility. The program is open to all adult players for just \$4 per session.

Sanford Parks & Rec Volleyball Moves to Larger Venue:

Due to growing participation, Sanford Parks and Recreation's volleyball program is moving to a more spacious location at Sanford Pride Elementary (SPE) gymnasium. The program will now utilize two full courts to accommodate all players. Sessions run from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the SPE gymnasium. The cost remains \$4 for adults and \$2 for Sanford High School students.



SHS sophomore Isaac Pelletier finished 58th at the Class A state meet. Photo Credit: Spartan Times



PASSAGES

Compiled by Rev. Susan Murphy

Margaret H. Vincent, 73, of Sanford, passed away peacefully, after a brief illness, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough. A time of visitation will be held on Monday, November 11, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, with a funeral service immediately following at 12:00 pm. A private burial will be held later in the week at Riverside Cemetery.

Public Hearing Notice Notice of Intent to File

Please take notice that RED LLC, P.O. Box 1917, Sanford, ME, 207-651-4529 is intending to file a Stormwater Law permit application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the provisions of 38 M.R.S.A. § 420-D on or about August 29, 2024.

This application is for Development of a 1.9 acre parcel into a new 5-lot residential subdivision and 2 private ways at the following location on Clarke Ave. and Camp Street (paper streets), east of Boothby Ave. in Sanford, Maine.

A request for a public hearing or a request that the Board of Environmental Protection assume jurisdiction over this application must be received by the Department in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is found by the Department to be complete and is accepted for processing. A public hearing may or may not be held at the discretion of the Commissioner or Board of Environmental Protection. Public comment on the application will be accepted throughout the processing of the application.

For Federally licensed, permitted, or funded activities in the Coastal Zone, review of this application shall also constitute the State's consistency review in accordance with the Maine Coastal Program pursuant to Section 307 of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1456.

The application will be filed for public inspection at the Department of Environmental Protection's office in (Portland, Augusta or Bangor) during normal working hours. A copy of the application may also be seen at the municipal offices in Sanford, Maine.

Written public comments may be sent to the regional office in Portland, where the application is filed for public inspection. MDEP, Southern Maine Regional Office, 3 I 2 Canco Road, Portland, Maine 04103

OUT IN THE WOODS

By Kevin McKeon, Maine Master Naturalist

After many work sessions and readings in Augusta, Maine now has an official state rock – granitic pegmatite. So, I suppose we should know a bit about what this stuff is.

Let's begin with pegmatite. It forms deep underground from molten, mushy rock called magma. Sometimes magma intrudes, or pushes into, cracks in Earth's 3- to 18-mile-thick crust, cooling underground. (When magma spews from volcanoes it's called lava.) But to form pegmatite, the intruded magma usually contains about 20% fluids. As the magma slowly cools into rock, the fluids form super-heated pockets.

These pockets are rich in ions, which are electrically charged atoms and molecules that rapidly fuse, allowing the growth of relatively large crystals in the pockets. Some pockets are quite large, allowing many large crystals to form — like the famous tourmaline deposits and lithium-containing spodumene crystals found in Newry, Maine. (Tourmaline is our Maine state mineral.) The resultant rock cooled within these pockets contains mineral crystals that are mostly about one-eighth inch or larger, and it's this relatively rough texture that defines the rock as pegmatite — not the mineral composition.

Granite is rock formed much like peg-



Pegmatite vein at Flag Rock along Mousam Way Trail North, across from Holdsworth park. Flag paint partially covers the vein. Photo: Kevin McKeon

matite, and is defined as containing mostly quartz, feldspar, and mica. Also, the fluid content — and ion content — present during formation is much lower, usually less than 10%. So, any fluid pockets formed are much smaller, resulting in lower ion action by fewer ions and faster cooling, thus hindering large crystal development. This rock holds crystals the size of grains of sand, whereas pegmatite crystals can be pebble-size to over

40 feet long! Describing granitic pegmatite as large-grained granite could be an accurate description of our Maine state rock: “Granitic” describes the mostly quartz/feldspar/mica composition of the rock, and “pegmatite” describes the texture.

Magma intrusions can be huge, measured in square miles, called batholiths. As it cools and granite forms, pegmatite can form from within fractures of the batholith and along the edges of the cooling granite, where the fluid-rich magma gets pushed into the super-heated pools. The larger, linear pegmatite formations thus formed are called dikes, and the smaller ones veins. A vein can be seen at the Flag Rock across the Mousam River at Holdsworth Park, running next to the flag's star field.

Pegmatite rocks are now exposed at the surface of the earth in many locations around Maine. Some contain rare minerals attracting collectors and rock hounds. Maine also has several world-class locations for mineral and gem hunting thanks to our many pegmatite occurrences. ■

Public Notice - Sanford Sewerage District

Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations of The United States Environmental Protection Agency Part 403.8(f)(2)(vii) requires that the Sanford Sewerage District's Industrial Pretreatment Program publish a notice identifying all significant Industrial Users that have been in significant non-compliance with applicable sewer discharge regulations. The following companies were considered in significant non-compliance for the 2024 pretreatment year.

Industry

GVS North America

Northeast Coating Technologies

Violation

Late Semi-Annual Monitoring Report, Exceedance of Local pH Discharge Limits & Failure to Report pH Exceedance

Missing Semi-Annual Monitoring Report, Exceedance of Local Nickel & Aluminum Discharge Limits

GVS North America: Like all permitted industrial users, this company is required to submit two annual monitoring reports per year. Their second report of 2024 was over forty-five (45) days late, constituting significant noncompliance. Additionally, within this late report there were three (3) instances of non-compliant pH limit discharge. These violations were not reported...constituting another violation. Per their permit, GVS is required to report any accidental discharge within 24 hours. We were not made aware of these discharges until over ten (10) months later. This constitutes another event of significant non-compliance.

Northeast Coating Technologies: Like all permitted industrial users, this company is required to submit two annual monitoring reports per year. At the time of this writing, their second report has still not been submitted. At this point, the report is over one hundred and six (106) days late. Additionally, this company has had exceedances of nickel and aluminum, well over local limits, in their wastewater analysis. Both violations constitute significant non-compliance.

For additional information, please contact the pretreatment supervisor as 207 324 5313.



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