

City of Sanford



**From the Desk of
Steven R. Buck
City Manager**



Memorandum

To: City Council
Subject: Manager's Report
Date: May 18th, 2015

100th Anniversary of Goodall Park, June 6, 2015 –

I would like to announce and encourage attendance to the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Goodall Park on June 6, 2015. The events on June 6th have been planned to celebrate on of Sanford's greatest treasures, Goodall Park, Home of the Sanford Mainers and any number of our Sanford Student Teams. Events planned are:

- A Concert featuring the Blue Note Big Band starting at 4:40PM
- Food and refreshments by the Mainers and High School Boosters
- Stilt Walkers will be performing around the Stadium
- There will be a book signing by Carl Johnson, the author of "From Beers to Beards: Boston Baseball's 2011-2013 Roller Coaster Ride" The Title says it all.
- Autographs by former Red Sox Pitching Great – Luis Clemente Tiant Vega
- Prior to the Baseball Game that night there will be:
 - Opening words by Sanford's Mayor Cote and Others
 - National Anthem sung by Lori Hegarty of Sanford Parks and Recreation
 - First Pitch by ????
- Baseball game will be between the Sanford Mainers and Vermont
- Field games will be played between innings
- After the Game there will be Fireworks by Central Maine Pyrotechnics

It will truly be a great family celebration of the heritage and sense of place and community that Goodall Park is. Please come and join us all as we celebrate the first 100 years of Goodall Park.

Road Construction:

Summer road construction season will soon be under way. The following Project times are known pending adjustments due to weather delays or vendor coordination:

- Hanson's Ridge road is reclaim and paving starting the week of June 1st, 2015
- School Street reclaim and paving the week of June 15th, 2015
- MDOT rehabilitation of the Winter Street Bridge – Press Release attached

CITY OF SANFORD – SPRINGVALE
PRESS RELEASE

DATE: May 14, 2015

DATE OF RELEASE: May 14, 2015

DEPARTMENT/BUREAU: Public Works Dept.

CONTACT PERSON: Matthew Hill (Person who will be quoted) TELEPHONE:
324-9135

MAILING ADDRESS: 156 School Street, Sanford, Maine

BRIDGE DECK REHABILITATION

The Maine Department of Transportation will be doing a Bridge Deck Rehabilitation on the Winter Street Bridge in Sanford on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 and Thursday, May 21, 2015. The work will begin at approximately 8:00 a.m. and continue until approximately 6:00 p.m. on each of these days. Eastbound traffic on this route will be allowed to continue through the construction and remain on Winter Street (Rt. 202). Westbound traffic will have a signed detour which will be to take a left onto River Street, go straight onto Washington Street, right onto Main Street and then left onto Lebanon Street (Rt. 202).

Municipal and School Budget Validation Referendum – June 9th, 2015 8AM-8PM:

CITY OF SANFORD/VILLAGE OF SPRINGVALE

PRESS RELEASE

Date: 5/13/2015

Date of Release: 5/13/2015

Department/Bureau: CITY CLERK & REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Contact Person: SUE COTE

Telephone Number: 324-9125

Mailing Address: City Clerk
919 Main Street
Sanford, ME 04073

The Sanford City Clerk's Office would like to inform residents that absentee ballots are now available for the June 9th Municipal & School Budget Validation Election. Persons wanting an

absentee ballot can vote in person during normal business hours Monday through Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM; or can call the office at (207) 324-9125 and request a ballot be mailed to them.

As stated in Public Law 2011 Chapter 399, the deadline to request a ballot is **Thursday, June 4, 2015**. A voter may request an absentee ballot after the deadline if they qualify and complete a special circumstances application, stating 1 of 3 reasons which are as follows:

- An unexpected absence from the municipality during the entire time the polls are open on election day; (in Sanford 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM);
- A physical disability, or incapacity or illness that makes the voter unable to leave home or a treatment facility; or
- An inability to travel to the polls because the voter is a resident of a coastal island ward or precinct.

The special circumstances application must be signed by the voter, telephone requests are not acceptable. All absentee ballots must be submitted to the Clerk by 8:00 PM on Election Day- June 9, 2015.

Because of this law being in effect, the City Clerk's Office will have extended hours on Thursday, June 4th from 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM exclusively for purpose of absentee voting. In addition, any resident who needs to register to vote, make name or address changes can do so with the Registrar of Voters during the same normal business hours or the extended hours on June 4th. Photo ID and proof of residency should be brought for any new Sanford voter registrations.

Questions about absentee voting or registering to vote should be directed to the City Clerk's office staff at above listed phone number. (207-324-9125)

School Construction:

Final Engineering continues on the New High School. City Administration has actively been discussing the review of the Plans, codes, and site plan review. The City's Fire Marshal will perform Plan review while the State Fire Marshal will approve the sprinkler systems and ADA Barrier Free Permit. All other aspects of Site Plan, permitting, and inspection performed by the City will be retained.

Phase II or the Feasibility Study of all of Sanford's schools absent the new High School will be performed to develop a consolidation plan to address the student population needs while also rehabilitating the schools for lower future operational costs. The CBC II committee has performed interviews with three qualified firms of the six firms that responded to an RFP for Engineering services. Two firms have been selected to perform a site tours with their team members so the Committee may gauge their work and our ability to work with the Firm/Team on our next Project.

Tours are scheduled for May 26th and 27th with a goal of selecting a qualified Firm by the end of May. Once a Firm has been engaged, the 21 Step process mandated by the State of Maine Department of Education will again be undertaken by the City and School. The objective is to have completed the State and Local vote to authorize the proposed rehabilitation projects focused on consolidating our elementary and middle school student population needs into current inventories and to have the rehabilitation of the current High School under construction

by September of 2018. This coincides with the opening of the New High School in August of 2018.

State legislative Session:

Both the Democrats and Republicans have both now proposed Budget Resolutions with their positions on the Governor's proposed biennial budget. Elements of note are that both Plans seek to retain at least the 2% level of current Revenue Sharing in both fiscal years and not to eliminate Revenue Sharing in the second year of the biennial budget. Both Plans also seek to retain at least the \$10,000 Homestead Exemption for home owners. It is on these two points that similarities stop and major differences in identifying the balance amongst comprehensive tax reform proposals stop. After speaking with several Legislators, no definitive timeline to resolve these differences on the State's fiscal matters or impacts to local budgets is noted. It is noted that future compromise by both Parties and inevitably the Governor's approval is far less likely to extend beyond the normal close of Session than not.

Contract Negotiations –

Administration is actively negotiation with AFSCME General Services at this time. Dates and times to start negotiations with AFSCME Public Works Unit is pending.

Member of the Cable TV Franchise Committee are seeking a time and date to resume negotiations with Metro Cast the City's cable TV Franchisee. Redline copies comparisons have been distributed and pending further review and communications, not date has yet been set.