

Summer Associates in Economic Development, Planning, and Administration

Saco's Planning, Economic Development, and Administration Departments have benefited greatly by the temporary addition of three Summer Associates who have been working on a variety of projects from: parking studies, permit and impact fees analyses, various grant and Development District applications, as well as several other projects; including several for other departments throughout the City. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our associates for the good work they have done thus far and for the good work we anticipate over the next several weeks prior to their returning to school. Our Associates are:

Nicole Anthony is a native of Amherst, New Hampshire and current resident of York, Maine who will be entering her junior year at Bowdoin College where she is majoring in government and economics.

Noah Colby-George is a Yarmouth native who will be entering his sophomore year at the University of Kansas majoring in public administration.

Danica Lamontagne is a native and resident of Biddeford who will be entering her senior year at the University of Maine at Farmington where she is majoring in Environmental Policy & Planning and Political Science.

Summer Intern at the Police Department

The Police Department has had the pleasure of having an intern on board this summer. **Caroline Fraser** is a student at the University of New Haven double majoring in English Literature and Criminal Justice with a Concentration in Investigative Services. She has been instrumental in reviewing and updating department policies. She has been on several ride-a-longs with patrol officers and harbor patrol, and took a trip to the Maine State Police crime lab with Detective Cook. Thank you for your hard work this summer, Caroline! We appreciate all your efforts this summer.

Summer Interns in the Information Technology Department

The Information Technology interns have been working on the City of Saco webpage and have successfully repaired over 254 broken links and several misspellings on 411 pages. On our last crawl of the website, we are now at 430 pages with zero broken links and zero misspellings. The next step

in this process is to work with the Administration Department to develop a standardized land page design to ensure consistency and continuity across all department pages.

The IT interns have also been working on security and authentication. We have explored the capabilities of our existing antivirus, helpdesk, and update server. We have worked together to figure out the best way to improve helpdesk capabilities and identify way to better maintain our update server – no easy task as there are thousands of updates (non-critical) pending that need to be evaluated and tested to ensure the updates will not cause issues with our existing software. Their efforts will enable the IT staff to more easily maintain and implement updates efficiently.

Next projects include improving our defense in depth approach to security and identifying ways our existing security measures are being fully utilized and following best practices. We also are looking at the best practice to deploying the new Office Suite that will be installed this FY.

Dorina Sirois is a Saco native who is attending the University of Southern Maine for Cyber Security.

Steve Dube lives in Saco with his wife and two children. He is attending Southern Maine Community College for Computer Technology.