ST. GEORGE NEWSLETTER

June 2026



In 2024, Maine transitioned from being a Closed Primary state to a Semi-Open Primary state. Prior to 2024, only voters enrolled in a party could vote in that party's primary. Unenrolled voters could not participate in a party primary unless the voter enrolled in the party.

Unenrolled voters now have the option to vote in any party primary without having to enroll in the party. Unenrolled voters may only vote in one party's primary (i.e., select either the Democratic or Republican party ballot in June 2026).

Voters enrolled in a party must vote that party's primary ballot. *Enrolled voters do not have the option to select another party's ballot unless they change enrollment at least 15 days prior to the primary*; this includes changing from a party to unenrolled.

Voters who are enrolled in qualified parties that are not conducting primaries (i.e., Green Independent & Libertarian in June 2026) cannot participate in the primary unless they unenroll or change enrollment to a party which has a primary election at least 15 days (May 26, 2026) prior to the Primary on June 9, 2026.

TOWN CALENDAR
June 2026

Jun 1	Select Board Meeting, 6pm
Jun 3	Cemetery Committee meeting, 4:30pm
Jun 3	Resilience Committee meeting, 5pm
Jun 4	Conservation Commission meeting, 4pm
Jun 9	State Primary election, 8am - 8pm
Jun 9	Parks and Rec Committee meeting, 6pm
Jun 9	Planning Board meeting, 7pm
Jun 10	Senior Luncheon, 11:30m
Jun 10	Open Space Committee meeting, 4pm
Jun 15	Select Board Meeting, 6pm
Jun 16	Monthly staff meeting; town office opens 9:30am
Jun 16	Solid Waste & Recycling Committee, 3pm
Jun 19	Juneteenth: Town Office & Xfer Station closed
Jun 23	Planning Board meeting, 7pm
Jun 24	Open Space Committee meeting, 4pm
Jun 25	Resilience Committee public meeting, 5:30pm
Jun 29	Select Board Meeting, 6pm

Meeting dates/times subject to change; please see our website for the most up-to-date info

Town website: www.stgeorgemaine.com

Town Facebook: www.facebook.com/TownofSaintGeorge

School website: www.stgeorgemsu.org

Parks & Recreation News

Seniors- Our next luncheon will be Wednesday, June 10th. We will have chop suey for our main dish.

We hope you join us and jump on board June 16th in search of the puffins! Provided by the Monhegan Boat Line, we will board at 1pm and return around 3:15pm. If you plan to join please sign up by Friday, June 12th. You can sign up by calling the Town Office or filling out the Google form found on the town's website. (Rain date June 23rd.)

Youth- Spring season is underway and our baseball and softball players are off to a great season. Game schedules can be found every week on the town's website.

Community- The tennis courts at Leppanen Field are open and ready for both tennis and pickleball. St. George Community tennis plays on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8-11am and Sundays from 2-4pm. Pickleball plays Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 8-11am. All are welcome to join! Collins Park is open for use with a freshly paved basketball court, swings, slide and more!

The St. George Fire Department trains at 6pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday. They have "truck checks" at 6pm on the 4th Wednesday. The second Wednesday of the month is their business meeting at 7pm. All events are at the Tenants Harbor Fire Station.

TOWN INFORMATION

Town Office: 372-6363 **Fax:** 372-8954
Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-4pm
Transfer Station: 372-6451
Hours: Tue through Sat 8am-4pm

Select Board

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Tammy Willey	t.willey@stgeorgemaine.org
Steve Cartwright	s.cartwright@stgeorgemaine.org
Jane Conrad	j.conrad@stgeorgemaine.org
Randy Elwell	r.elwell@stgeorgemaine.org

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU—TAKE THE OPEN SPACE SURVEY!

The Open Space Committee wants to know what you think about our town's **open spaces:** the forests, fields, vistas, wetlands, walking trails, shore access points that *help make our town unique and add to our quality of life*. As you may remember, we've **been charged with developing a plan** for how St. George can manage the *undeveloped parts of our landscape that are important to us now and into the future.*

One of our first steps is to hear from you. We want to learn what open spaces mean to you and what you think the town should do to manage and enhance them. We have **a survey** that will take 10 to 15 minutes. We will be out and about with it at town events and at places where people gather throughout the summer, asking you to weigh in.

Please keep an eye out for us this summer! We look forward to meeting you, telling you about what we are up to, and hearing your thoughts.

You can take the survey online at the link below or by scanning the QR code to the right. Paper copies are available at the town office & various places around town.



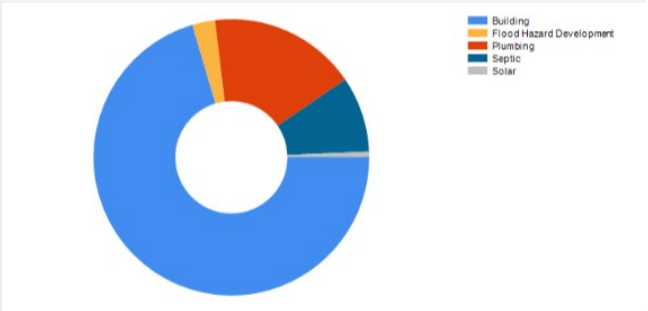
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Permit Type Report

Permit Date
04/01/2026 to 04/30/2026

Description	Fees	Payments	Permits
Building	$2,108.24	2,088.24	13
Flood Hazard Development	$80.00	80.00	4
Plumbing	$520.00	520.00	8
Septic	$265.00	265.00	1
Solar	$20.07	20.07	1
Total	$2,993.31	2,973.31	27

Fees Breakdown



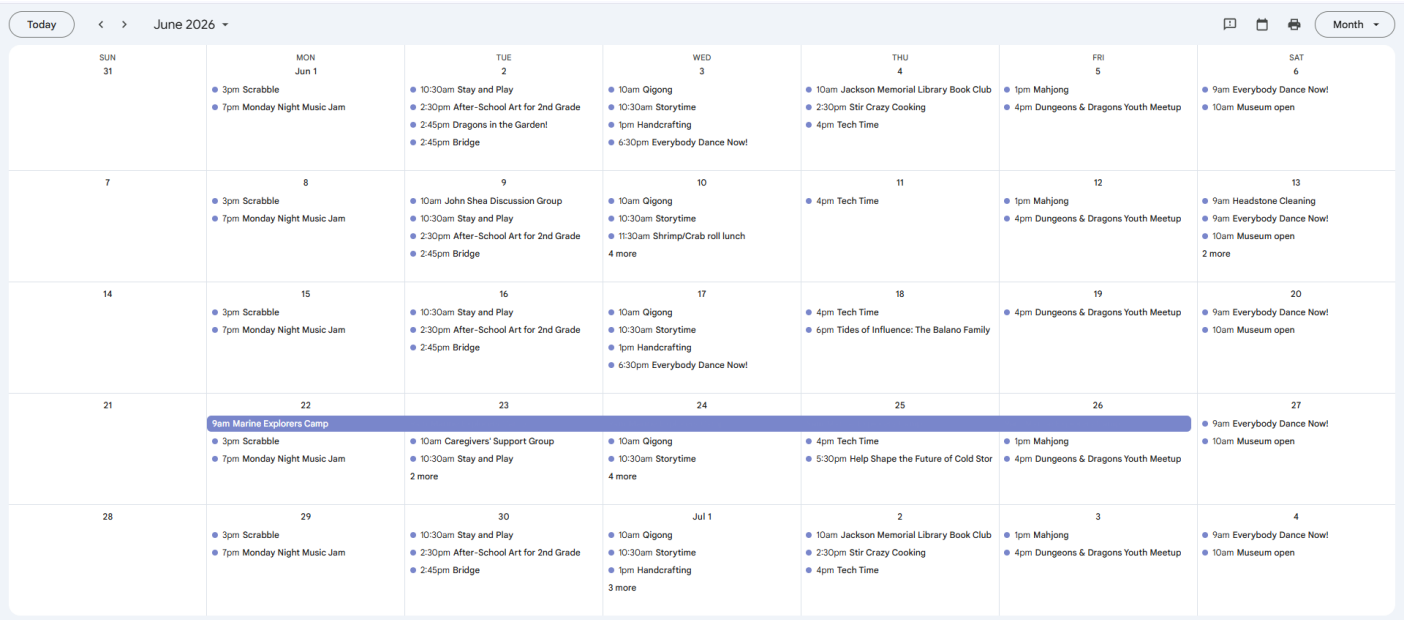
The St. George Planning Department would like to keep our residents informed regarding building, plumbing, and septic permits that have been approved by our CEO/LPI Terry Brackett.

Each month in the newsletter, we will post a chart reflecting the type of permit, the fees, and the payment amounts. As always, the public may request to look at any application that has come into the office, or an approved permit.

St. George Community Calendar

The St. George Community Calendar continues to grow as a shared resource for our community, with 29 local groups now participating and posting events, programs, activities, celebrations, and opportunities for community involvement throughout the year.

Participating groups include churches, community and civic groups, historical and cultural groups, recreation programs, educational and library groups, service organizations, and local event organizers from across St. George and neighboring communities. The calendar is intended to strengthen community awareness, encourage participation, and help residents and visitors discover the many wonderful activities taking place throughout our area.



Community groups are especially encouraged to post events well in advance of Saint George Days and other busy seasonal periods to help with coordination and promotion.

If your group would like assistance using the calendar or posting events, I am happy to provide support and guidance.

John Maltais
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View the Community Calendar
https://tinyurl.com/stgcommunitycal

Submit Your Event Here
https://tinyurl.com/stgcommunitycalpost

Eureka Masonic Lodge, 4 Watts Avenue, Tenants Harbor, will kick off its annual summer crab or shrimp roll sales on Wednesday, June 10th. For the tariff defying price of $12, treat yourself to either a crab or shrimp roll on a toasted bun, a bag of potato chips, a homemade dessert and a bottle of water. This is curbside pick-up and starts at 11:30 until sold out. Sales will be held every other Wednesday starting on June 10th until September 2nd. We look forward to serving you.



HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF FACTORY ROAD AND COLD STORAGE ROAD





JUNE 25, 2026
5:30-7:30 PM

St. George Town Office
3 School Street, Tenants Harbor, ME
and on zoom



Pizza and drinks provided!

Questions?
Contact Susy Ellis susyandduke@gmail.com

Factory Road and Cold Storage Road are critical waterfront connections in Port Clyde and among the most vulnerable to rising seas and stronger storms. Over the past year, the Town of St. George and a technical team developed adaptation options ranging from raising and armoring the roads to realignment or conversion to pedestrian-only access.

Now we want to hear from you! Join us to:

- Hear about the proposed alternatives (30 min presentation)
- Talk with the project team and ask questions
- Share what matters most to your family, business, or neighborhood

Your feedback will help the Town choose a preferred approach for each road before moving into design.

Resilience Committee Factoids!

*Heat is rising in St. George. 2024 was 3.2 degrees hotter than the historical average.

* St. George does not yet have a designated cooling center.

* St George's rate of tick-borne illness is FAR higher than the state average.

Conservation Commission June 2026 News



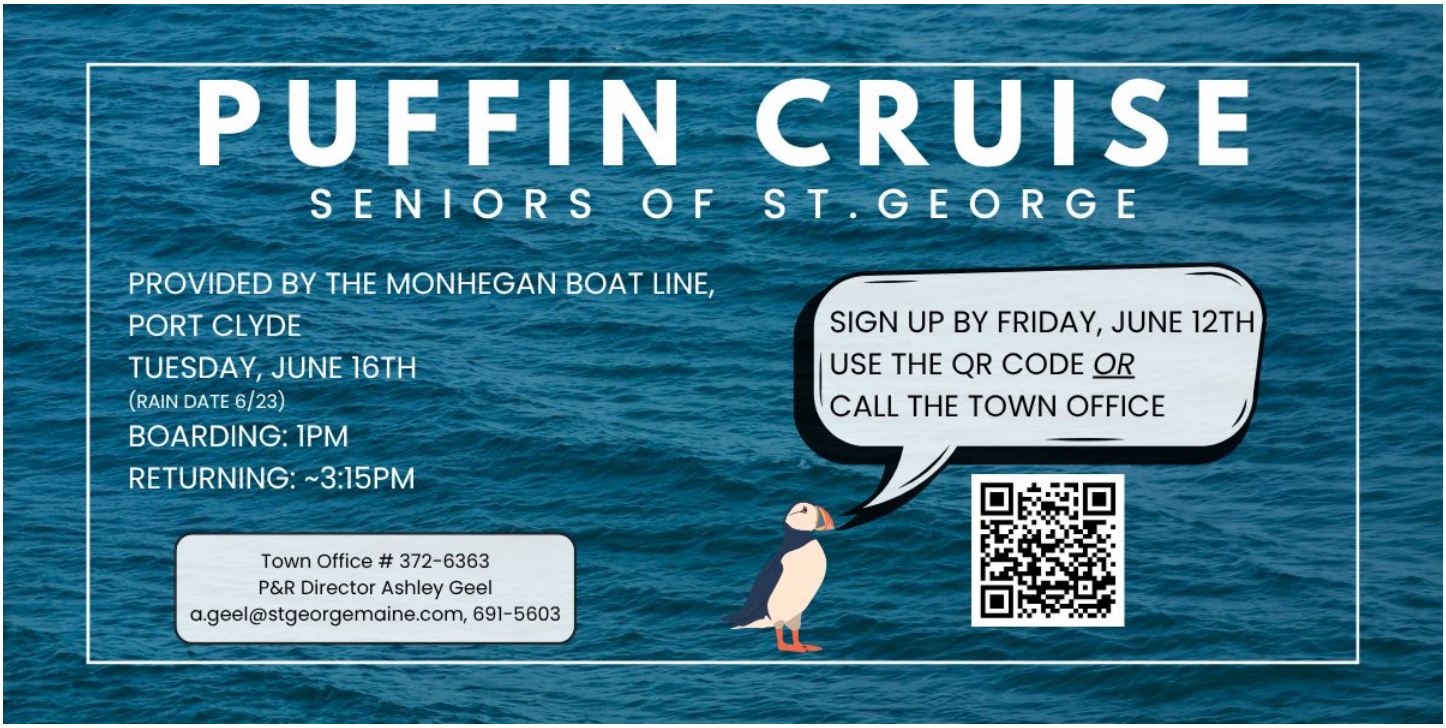
Upper Jones Brook - Town Forest Trail

The 2025 Comprehensive Plan surveys indicate some areas that the public would like to see improvements to are the town trails: 13.7% of survey respondents would like to see better maintenance; 22.8% would like to see better signage; 27.1% would like to see additional rest areas and benches.

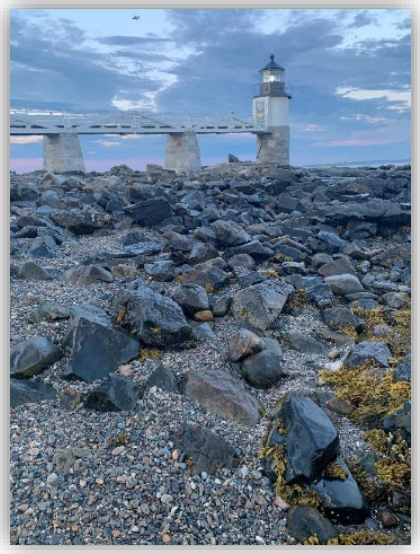
We are always happy to get direct feedback that will help us improve the trails. If you would like to talk to us about a specific trail maintenance issue, suggest a specific trail map improvement, or tell us where you would like a resting bench, please send us an email at stgcc@stgeorgemaine.com. Once we better understand the desired improvements we can then address them.

Conservation Commission volunteers maintain trails, improve trails, and create new trails. We will be scheduling volunteer trail work days for these efforts. If you enjoy the town trails, helping with the maintenance is a great way to give back to your community. If you would like to volunteer, please send us an email at stgcc@stgeorgemaine.com and we will add you to the volunteer list.





Marshall Point Lighthouse & Museum Update



The lighthouse tower has been completely repaired, refurbished and painted inside & out. The tower walkway has been repainted. The keeper's house has been repainted, a new museum entrance walkway poured, minor repairs made to the museum entrance door, and some shingles replaced. Thanks to the crew from the J. B. Lislie Co. of South Berwick who made the extraordinary repairs to the structural walkway damage last year for a professional job well done.

We will begin our 2026 season being open every day starting Saturday, May 23rd. A reminder that our hours are: Sunday and Mondays 12-4, Tuesdays – Saturdays 10-4. This year we have many new interesting items in the Museum Shop.

NEW this year WEATHER PERMITTING, we will be OPENING the Lighthouse Tower Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays 12-3:30. We look forward to seeing you on campus and we are always looking for new volunteers.

Molly Keller as the new Community Cupboard Coordinator

We are thrilled to welcome Molly Keller as the new Community Cupboard Coordinator for the St. George Community Development Corporation!

Molly joins the StGCDC with a diverse background in nonprofit services, youth advocacy, education, and community outreach. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Pomona College and brings several years of experience working throughout Midcoast Maine supporting young people and families through housing instability, resource navigation, education, and case management services.



Most recently, Molly served as Lincoln County Youth & Family Care Coordinator with Homeworthy, where she focused on extending Homeworthy's wrap-around support services to Lincoln County while evaluating community resources and identifying gaps in care. Previously, Molly held several positions at The Landing Place, Homeworthy's youth-centered program, including Comprehensive Case Manager where she supported clients aged 15–22 in achieving goals related to housing, finances, education, employment, and healthcare. Throughout her time with Homeworthy, Molly helped build partnerships with community organizations, developed organizational and training materials, and created resource guides to better connect clients with local support. Her work consistently emphasized collaboration, creative problem-solving, and relationship-building — skills that align closely with the mission and values of the Community Cupboard program and StGCDC.

In addition to her nonprofit experience, Molly has an extensive background in education. She worked as a middle school educator in Brooklyn, NY and continues to privately tutor, helping students strengthen reading, writing, math, and executive functioning skills through personalized support. Across all of her roles, Molly has demonstrated a strong commitment to treating people with dignity, building trust, and creating systems that help individuals feel supported and empowered.

Molly said that her work in Midcoast Maine introduced her to *"a passionate network of creative individuals and programs"* dedicated to uplifting local communities — something that strongly drew her to the mission of StGCDC.

As the Community Cupboard Coordinator at the StGCDC, Molly looks forward to supporting and coordinating volunteers, improving outreach and communication efforts, and helping expand programs like the Night Kitchen initiative. Reflecting on her first few weeks in the role, Molly shared:

"I have had an incredible first few weeks as the St. George CDC's Community Cupboard Coordinator. It's clear that this is a special organization, reflective of the people and community it serves.

I'm especially grateful to our impressive team of volunteers who go above and beyond in everything they do, including welcoming me aboard. There is a beautifully unique culture of care, integrity, and humor that the volunteers have cultivated here and I feel privileged to be a part of it.

As I continue to find my footing, I am excited to support our existing programs while finding ways to expand and enhance offerings for everyone who comes through our doors. If there is anything I can do to improve your experience as a member of our community, please don't hesitate to let me know!"

Please join us in giving Molly a warm welcome to the StGCDC! We are excited for the compassion, creativity, and experience she brings and look forward to all the ways she will help us strengthen and grow our work to foster a thriving and livable community for all.



Come meet the St. George Fire Department!

Are you looking for ways to meet new people and help your community?

Come visit the St. George Fire Department and the
St. George Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Association!

We train or meet every Wednesday evening at the Tenants Harbor station.

Whether you are looking for hands-on skills and trainings or are interested in administrative & fund-raising experience, we have a place for you.

We are planning events for the year, including trainings, BBQs, and our traditional St. George Days lobster dinner & the Labor Day lobster stew.

ST. GEORGE FIRE RESCUE MAINE

No experience necessary.

Come check it out!



Email firedept@stgeorgemaine.com for more information.

StGCDC Partnerships Help Secure Nearly $30,000 in Home Repair Support for Local Residents

Through strong community partnerships and a shared commitment to **helping neighbors remain safe and independent in their homes**, the St. George Community Development Corporation (StGCDC) supported several residents with critical home repairs and accessibility improvements over the past year.

Programs Director Britta McCollom has been working closely with organizations including Habitat for Humanity and Shields Mission to connect elderly community members — many living with serious health conditions — to resources that make their homes safer, warmer, and more accessible. Together, these partnerships have resulted **in nearly $30,000 in home repairs and improvements for residents.**

One resident received assistance with major heating and plumbing repairs after living for years without reliable heat and several months without hot water. Through partnerships with Habitat for Humanity and Shields Mission, the home was outfitted with updated heating systems and dependable hot water, dramatically improving both safety and livability. Another resident is currently in line to receive support for accessibility modifications, including a safer shower unit and other improvements designed to increase mobility and reduce fall risks within the home.



A third resident received assistance with exterior home repairs to reduce dangerous snow and ice buildup around the property. Improvements included repairs to gutters, the addition of a protective awning over the home's primary entrance, and the installation of a new water filtration system after state water testing revealed unsafe conditions.
The impact of these partnerships is best reflected in the words of one local resident who recently received assistance:

"My heartfelt thanks go out to the St. George Community Development Corporation for the incredible programs and support they provide. Without the help of Britta, Habitat for Humanity, and the many community partnerships involved, I would not have the new heating system I so desperately needed. From the wood bank to the food pantry, these programs truly make a difference in people's lives. Thank you, and God bless everyone who works so hard to support our community. I hope these services continue for many years to come."
These projects are powerful examples of what can happen when local organizations work together to support aging residents and neighbors facing difficult circumstances. Many of these repairs are far beyond what individuals living on fixed incomes can afford on their own, yet they make an enormous difference in safety, comfort, health, and quality of life.

The StGCDC is deeply grateful for the partnership and generosity of Habitat for Humanity, Shields Mission, and the many volunteers and supporters who help make this work possible. Together, we are helping ensure that St. George residents can continue living safely and with dignity in the homes they love.
To learn more about the work of the StGCDC, become a volunteer, or make a donation, please visit our website, call us at 207.372.2193, or email us:

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Tara's Tips

- ATV Stickers are delayed. Once they do arrive we will be registering NEW ATV registrations only. If you want to reregister an ATV, please do so online.
  https://apps1.web.maine.gov/online/atv_snow/index.htm

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