ST. GEORGE NEWSLETTER

July 2026

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE NEWS

The ad hoc Open Space Committee is in full swing, gathering input that will guide us in our assignment to develop an open space plan for the Town. This plan will identify community priorities regarding which undeveloped areas should be conserved and strategies to do so.

By now you may have seen us at community events with surveys for you to fill out on paper or online. *We will be at it all summer around town.* Please stop by our table at the town office during St. George Days, learn about this project, and pick up a survey. You can also find surveys and drop boxes at the Town Office, the Tenants Harbor and Port Clyde post offices, the CDC office, and the library.



If you would like to fill out the survey online, scan the QR code or go to the link below, which will allow you to fill it out at home any time you choose.

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Meanwhile, here are a few things we learned from **a different survey we took of 4th, 7th, and 8th graders at the St. George School**, done with the help of Colby Policy Fellow Willow Whelan:

- 34% of 7th and 8th grade respondents are visiting outdoor spaces (such as trails, sports fields, beaches, or parks) on a daily basis, and 80% are visiting them at least weekly.
- The standout favorite outdoor space among 4th, 7th , and 8th graders was Drift Inn Beach, with Clark Island coming in second. The favorite outdoor activities were playing sports and swimming, and biking and hiking were also popular.
- When 7th & 8th graders were asked what's missing that would encourage them to spend more time outside, the top suggestions were more trails for dirt bikes/four wheelers and more swings.

We appreciate the support and help with the survey from the school principal and teachers, and we enjoyed learning from 52 energetic and enthusiastic student users of St. George open space.

TOWN CALENDAR
July 2026

July 1	Cemetery Committee Meeting, 4:30pm
July 3	Town Office closed, Independence Day
July 4	Transfer Station closed, Independence Day
July 5	Adam Ezra concert, Port Clyde Landing, 6:15pm
July 7	Emergency Services Committee Meeting, 6pm
July 8	Open Space Committee Meeting, 4pm
July 8	Parks & Rec Committee Meeting, 6pm
July 9	Conservation Commission Meeting, 4pm
July 13	Select Board Meeting, 6pm
July 14	Senior Luncheon, 11:30am
July 14	Planning Board Meeting, 7pm
July 18	St. George Day
July 21	Staff Meeting, town office opens at 9:30am
July 22	Open Space Committee Meeting, 4pm
July 27	Select Board Meeting, 6pm
July 28	Planning Board Meeting, 7pm

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 July luncheon will be a BBQ on Tuesday July 14th. We will have burgers and hot dogs! We hope you all enjoyed the Puffin Cruise last month. We had a full boat and a great time out on the water, thanks to all that joined!

Youth - Summer break is underway and for some that means it's time for camp! Our Parks and Recreation Boosters is happy to announce the new Billy Stuart Memorial Sports Scholarship. This scholarship fund will be available to the youth of St. George to provide financial assistance in attending a sports camp, clinic or other enrichment program. For more information and the application visit the Parks and Recreation Department page on our Town Website. The link will be on the top left.

Community - St. George Days is approaching! We will hold our annual Marshall Point 5k on the morning of July 18th. The 1/2-mile fun run will be at 8:30 and the 5K begins at 9am. Both races begin at Drift Inn beach. Additionally, we will hold our Cornhole tournament on the Town landing softball field. There will be 2 tournaments, one family friendly and the other for competition. The family friendly starts at 1pm and the competitive bracket will start at 2pm. To find information and to sign up for the 5k or the corn hole tournament please visit the towns website and go to the Parks and Recreation Department page.

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

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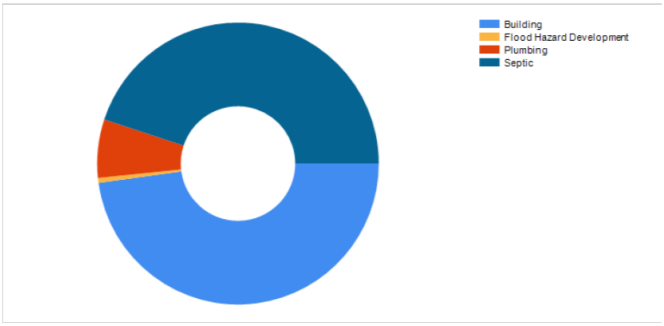
Permit Type Report

Permit Date
05/01/2026 to 05/31/2026

Description	Fees	Payments	Permits
Building	$1,713.00	1,629.00	9
Flood Hazard Development	$20.00	20.00	1
Plumbing	$240.00	130.00	5
Septic	$1,610.00	1,510.00	8
Total	$3,583.00	3,289.00	23

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.

Oil…… love it and hate it?

~Bruce Fagley
Solid Waste and Recycling Committee Chair

Have you ever noticed the big waste oil tank at the transfer station? It's a 2000-gallon tank that is filled every year with waste oil. Think about every oil change in your car which generates about a gallon of waste oil that has to be disposed of. Many years ago the town had the foresight to install a waste oil heating system for the transfer station building. This allows us to collect waste oil that is used to heat the building and we avoid disposal costs for the waste oil.



Since the transfer station opened in 2003 we have used approximately 60,000 gallons of waste oil for heating the building. If we use an average of $3.00 / gallon for heating oil, this means we saved $180,000.00 in tax dollars over that period, plus an unknown amount of disposal fees.

So, love it or hate it, bringing your waste oil to the transfer station to be used for heat saves us tax dollars--so bring it on! The transfer station provides 5-gallon containers to be used for bringing in your waste oil; just ask Ben for one. We take clean conventional or synthetic waste oil; just be sure it's not contaminated with anti-freeze or water. We do not accept vegetable oils at this time.

Heat Safety

~St. George EMS

Summer is upon us, and while we all look forward to the related outdoor activities, there are some things we should look out for. Heat and humidity can conspire to be very taxing on the body. There are numerous heat related illnesses, and existing health related conditions can be very negatively affected.
Certain populations are especially vulnerable to heat including:

- Young children and infants as their bodies are less able to cope and adapt
- Older adults, particularly those with pre-existing medical conditions, take certain medications, or are living without adequate ventilation
- Persons with chronic medical conditions
- Pregnant women experiencing excessive heat exposure can have adverse birth outcomes and infant mortality

The combination of heat and humidity is a double whammy, and is called the "heat humidity index." It is what the temperature/humidity combination feels like on the body. To stay safe and avoid heat related illnesses such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke, follow these key steps:



- Constantly hydrate with water. Minimize alcohol, caffeine and sugary drinks which can actually lead to dehydration.
- Stay cool and well ventilated. Spend the peak heat times of the day inside air-conditioned areas, and if you don't have AC, check with neighbors, friends, or local social/civic resources.
- Schedule strenuous outdoor activities to the cooler part of the day; early morning or evening.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
- If you're out and about, apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen of at least SPF 15 or higher, and wear a wide brimmed hat.
- Never, never, never leave people or pets in cars. Temperatures in parked cars can soar to deadly levels in literally minutes. In 2025 in the U.S. alone, a reported 31 children died in after being left alone in hot cars.

- Monitor yourself and those around you for heat illnesses including:
  - Heat Cramps – the mildest condition which involves painful muscle cramps and spasms with heavy sweating. Move to a cool environment and hydrate.
  - Heat Exhaustion – a moderate condition with symptoms including nausea, dizziness, and heavy sweating. Move anyone with these symptoms to a cool place and hydrate immediately, call 911.
  - Heat Stroke – a severe and literally life-threatening emergency with symptoms including a high body temperature, confusion, and loss of consciousness. Call 911 immediately, this is truly a life-threatening critical emergency!

Enjoy the summer as we all know the heat will give way to the cold and snow, but keep these key steps in mind to do so safely!

Resilience Factoids from the St. George Resilience Committee

1) Rates of Lyme disease in St. George is MUCH higher than in Maine as a whole. Be sure to check for ticks every day.
2) Drought and storms are a threat to drinking water. Consider testing your well every couple of years for contamination.
3) More high heat days are predicted. There may be as many as 20-30 by 2050. Have a plan to cool down.

Eureka Lodge News

St George Days Community Lasagna Dinner (La Vita e Bella)

Eureka Masonic Lodge will kick off St George Days with a community Lasagna Dinner on Thursday, 16 July from 5-7pm at 4 Watts Avenue, Tenants Harbor. Dinner will include varieties of lasagna (including vegetarian), Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert. The cost is $15 for adults and $5 for children under twelve. We look forward to serving you.

Crab or Shrimp Roll Sales

Eureka Masonic Lodge, 4 Watts Avenue, Tenants Harbor, offers Crab or Shrimp Roll sales on Wednesday, 8 and 22 July. 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 started on 10 June and will be held every other Wednesday until 2 September. We look forward to serving you.

It's Summer on the St. George Peninsula!



If you are a resident of St. George (summer or year round) and you are interested in volunteering to drive for Neighbor to Neighbor, give us a call. Remember, you can choose when you want to drive, most rides are no more than 2-3 hours and best of all - you get to meet neighbors you never knew you had!

If you need a ride to a doctor's appointment, shopping or even to visit a friend, just give us a call. Be sure to give us 24 to 48 hours notice and we will do our best to get you there. Call 207-691-7069 to get all the details

Have a great Summer!

PORT CLYDE
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



ADAM EZRA GROUP

JULY 5

6:15PM
PORT CLYDE
PUBLIC LANDING

UPCOMING ARTISTS

JULY 15: **DANNY BREAU** - FOOD & MUSIC EVENT

JULY 29: **GRIFFIN SHERRY BAND** - LEAD SINGER OF GHOST OF PAUL REVERE

St. George Harbor Master Receives New Boat Upgrade

The Town of St. George has upgraded to a new Harbor Master boat, a significant improvement in both size and horsepower over the previous vessel.



Our old boat was 26 years old and had reached a point for upgrade. As a flat-bottom boat, it pounded heavily even in normal sea conditions, making it difficult to keep equipment such as radar operational due to the constant impact.

This new vessel will greatly enhance our ability to serve the community. In addition to Harbor Master duties, the boat is used by the Fire Department to transport crews for island rescues, respond to fires on islands, and assist with sinking vessels and other marine emergencies. Our coverage area extends from Patten Point to Fort Point and includes all the islands in between, giving us one of the largest response areas in the state.

St. George also serves as a split point for the Coast Guard, meaning we are among the farthest locations from each Coast Guard station and often play a critical role in the initial response to emergencies.



This new boat will be a major asset for the Town of St. George, improving safety, reliability, and response capabilities for residents, visitors, and mariners throughout our coastal waters.



Clean, Drain, Dry

Every Waterbody, Every Time

MAINE
DEPT. OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

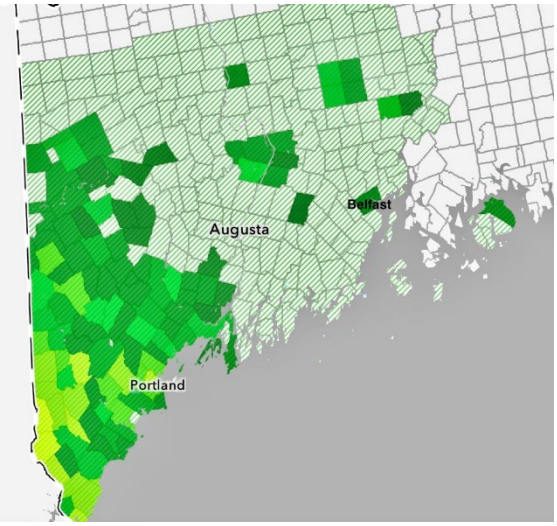
Maine has some of the country's most pristine and healthy waters. Let's keep it that way. Boaters, paddlers, and anglers can all help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species:

1. Clean off visible aquatic plants, animals, and mud and dispose of debris away from water
2. Drain water from watercraft prior to entering waterbody and when preparing to leave launch site
3. Dry completely before reuse

New Life Jacket Age Requirement: Children 12 and under must wear a Personal Flotation Device at all times while a recreational watercraft is underway (12 MRSA §13068-A)

Learn more at mefishwildlife.com

Conservation Commission



EAB Movement in Maine since 2018

Beautiful Ash Trees, But Not for Long?

In case you haven't heard, Ash trees are under attack by a little insect called the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). It is wiping out Ash trees across the eastern United States and rapidly expanding up the Maine coast. The EAB was first detected in Detroit, Michigan, in 2011. Its Maine arrival was in 2018 and has been steadily advancing up the coast. Arrival on the St. George peninsula is not far off. Once infected a single tree or stand of Ash will be wiped out in three to five years.

We have an amazing stand of white Ash on our Fort Point trail which is the most used trail by folks in our town. What should we do? We decided to talk to Mike Parisio, Maine Forest Service (MFS) Entomologist. Do we let the trees die or do we protect them, is the choice Mike shared with us.

Infected trees start dropping branches which pose a serious threat to people walking the trail. This means the trail would have to be closed for a number of years and would never look the same once the trees were dead. Limbing them before infection would incur a significant cost along with challenges of getting to the trees without machinery. The trail would never look the same.

Mike felt that we had a very special stand of white Ash that made sense to save. It turns out that injecting trees with a special formula results in a 98% success rate. It seemed reasonable for our town to investigate this. We began by doing an inventory of the Ash trees at Fort Point. Sixty trees close to the trail were identified as candidates for treatment.

Gariel LeMay, Maine Forest Service (MFS) Entomologist II visited the site and it was decided that the Town should enter into a MOU with the MFS to allow them to enroll us into a program whereby they treat 12 of our trees for ten years at no cost. This helps the Town and them with their monitoring the infestation in Maine.

The next step was to hold an educational session for St George residents on May 14th, in the town office. Tyler Everett and Ashlynn Anick from the UMaine School of Forest Resources and the Ash Protection Collaboration Across Wabanakik (APCAW), gave presentations on managing the ash borer and impact of local tribal use of the ash as part of their culture.

The educational session was followed by a walk on the Fort Point Trail on May 30th, with entomologist Colleen Teerling from the Maine Forest Service with her focus on invasive insects and biological controls.
We are currently gathering cost estimates for managing 48 of the ash trees with the MFS managing an additional 12 trees. Check for updates on the town website as this project advances.

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Websites of Interest:
Ash Protection Collaboration Across Wabanankik - https://umaine.edu/apcaw/
Maine Forest Service EAB _
https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest_health/invasive_threats/eab/index.shtml
Emerald Ash Borer presentation in St. George: https://youtu.be/y7YrBz4mByg?si=XL8ujIrZpYCjbB3s

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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.

Tara's Tips



- Looking for something to do? Check the community calendar! https://tinyurl.com/stgcommunitycal
- A hike on one of our trails is good exercise and great summer fun. https://www.stgeorgemaine.com/page/trails-preserves
- Stay cool and have a great summer!

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