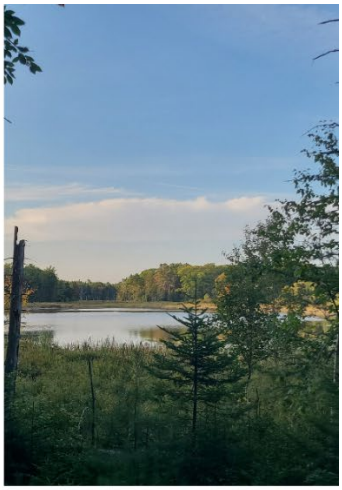
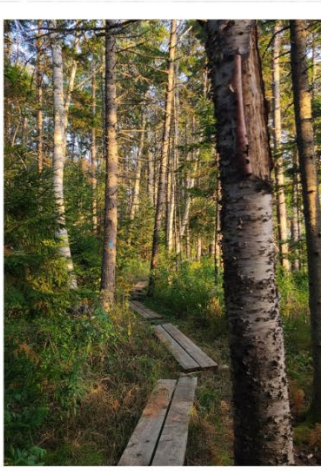
ST. GEORGE NEWSLETTER

November 2026



Join St. George's
Open Space Committee for an

OPEN SPACE PLAN WORKSHOP



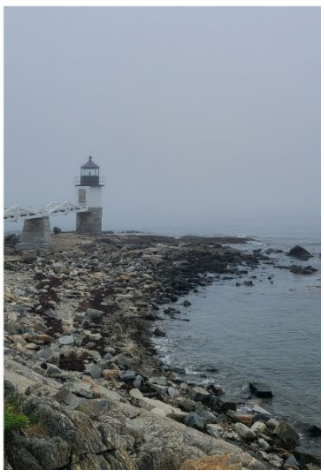
Nov. 9 | 6:00-7:30 PM

Town Office (upstairs room)

See the open space **survey results**—what did your neighbors tell us to prioritize?

Look at **maps** of significant habitats, conserved lands, and public access points.

Share your **thoughts** to help us plan for the future!



TOWN CALENDAR
November 2026

Nov 2nd Select Board meeting, 6pm, downstairs mtg room
Nov 3rd Voting Day, 8am-8pm, upstairs big room
Nov 3rd Emergency Services committee, 6pm, downstairs
Nov 4th Open Space Committee, 4pm, upstairs
Nov 4th Cemetery Committee, 4:30pm, downstairs
Nov 4th Resilience Committee, 5pm, upstairs
Nov 5th Conservation Commission, 4pm, downstairs
Nov 9th Open Space Committee, 5:30pm, upstairs
Nov 10th Parks & Rec Committee, 5pm, upstairs
Nov 10th Planning Board, 7pm, downstairs
Nov 11th Offices and Transfer Station closed, Veterans Day
Nov 16th Select Board meeting, 6pm, downstairs mtg room
Nov 17th Town office opens late, staff meeting, 9:30am
Nov 18th Open Space Committee, 4pm, downstairs
Nov 24th Planning Board, 7pm, downstairs
Nov 25th Open Space Committee, 5:30pm, downstairs
Nov 26th Thanksgiving, Town Office & Xfer Station closed
Nov 27th Black Friday, Town Office & Xfer Station closed
Nov 30th Select Board meeting, 6pm, downstairs mtg room

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 November 10th and we will be enjoying chili and cornbread! Additionally, there will be a presentation by the Resilience Committee.

Youth-
A successful soccer season has wrapped up. Congrats to all of our teams on a great season. Basketball season is around the corner with registration live. To register your athlete please find the Parks & Recreation Department page on the Town Website. On the menu to the left you'll find "Youth Sports Registration;" that link will bring you to the proper form. If you are interested in volunteering for the upcoming basketball season, please contact Director Ashley Geel.

Community-
Thank you to our team sponsors from this year's soccer season: Tenants Harbor General Store, Long Plumbing Co., Midcoast Exterior House Wash and RCA Excavation. We appreciate the ongoing support from our community members and business owners. Thank you for supporting your local athletes!

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

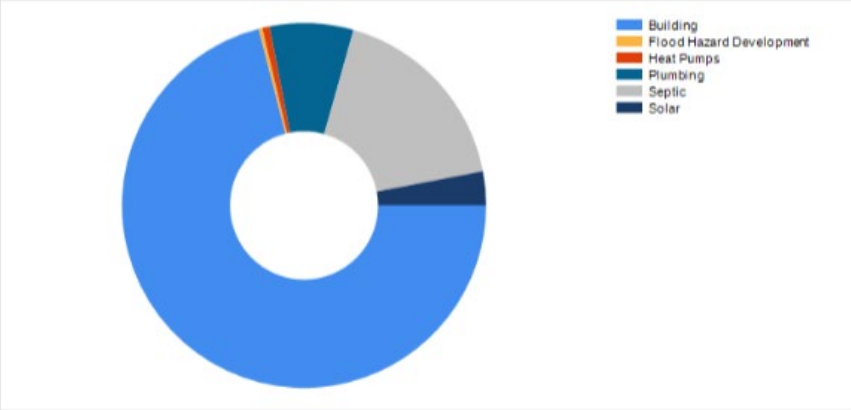
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Permit Type Report

Permit Date
09/01/2026 to 09/30/2026

Description	Fees	Payments	Permits
Building	$4,394.70	1,322.70	22
Flood Hazard Development	$20.00	20.00	1
Heat Pumps	$40.00	40.00	2
Plumbing	$460.00	420.00	9
Septic	$1,090.00	825.00	4
Solar	$185.83	107.83	3
Total	$6,190.53	2,735.53	41

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.

Community Pancake Breakfast Honoring Veterans - Saturday, 7 November

Eureka Masonic Lodge, 4 Watts Ave, Tenants Harbor will host a Community Pancake Breakfast (pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, donuts, coffee and juice) honoring Veterans from 7:30 to 10am, Saturday, 7 November. The price is $10 for adults and $5 for children under 12. Veterans Eat Free. Eat in or take away. Come join us.



You're Invited: Community Thanksgiving Meal



Join us for our **Community Thanksgiving Meal** on **Sunday, November 22, from 1–3 PM at St. George School!**
Thanksgiving is a time to come together, share a meal, and celebrate the community we call home. Everyone is welcome to join us for an afternoon of good food and connection with neighbors.
Takeaway meals and delivery are also available, so everyone has an opportunity to participate.
StGCDC is grateful for the volunteers who make community gatherings like this possible. Whether you can help prepare, serve, organize, or deliver meals, we would love to have you involved!
Please RSVP and let us know if you can volunteer using the links below.

- **Click here to RSVP**
- **Click here to volunteer**

We look forward to gathering with you and sharing the spirit of Thanksgiving here in St. George.

Warming/Cooling Center in the Works

What would you do if we experienced a bitterly cold day and your furnace suddenly doesn't work? Or after several days of a power outage, you find that have no power, heat, Wi-Fi or (if you have a well) water? You and your family members are huddled under blankets, but even with the fireplace blazing away, everyone is still cold. Where can you go to keep your family safe and warm and to charge your phone?

Over the past month, a group of St George volunteers from the town's Emergency Services Committee and the Community Development Corporation have been working on a draft to establish a warming/cooling center at the St George School. Opening the center will be determined by the Town Manager, Fire Chief and Emergency Manager. Volunteers will staff the center for 4-hour shifts from 9-5. The Town Office will notify residents when the gymnasium at St George School opens to provide a safe, warm place to spend the day. There is no plan currently to open an overnight shelter.

Children will be welcome and pets will be allowed in crates and in a separate room off the gym. Their owners will be responsible for bringing pet food and walking their pets outdoors for "potty" breaks.

It is understood that many residents will choose to stay at home, which is fine. It would be helpful to find out who in your neighborhood has a generator and if your neighbor will open their home to "share the warmth."

There is more work to be completed before the Warming Center can be opened but the goal is to be able to open before winter. What can you do to help? Volunteers will be needed to staff the Center; please consider adding your name to the Volunteer list. For any questions or to volunteer, please contact Maggie Lang at 415 279 6529.

Resilience Facts

1) While rainfall is increasing in Maine, droughts are becoming more severe. St. George is currently classified as experiencing severe drought.

2) Aging culverts contribute to flooding and habitat fragmentation. We will be inventorying our culverts to see where work is required.

Marshall Point Lighthouse & Museum



The museum & shop are closed for the 2026 season. The grounds remain open year-round. 21,000 visitors came to the museum and came from all our states and the following countries/territories:

Poland, Austria, Hong Kong, England, So. Africa, Iran, Viet Nam, Mexico, Brazil, Korea, France, Germany, Spain, Australia, Italy, Scotland, Japan, Virgin Islands, Thailand, Norway, Bermuda, Greece, Portugal, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, Netherlands, Ecuador, Columbia, Ireland, Luxembourg, Sweden, Slovenia, Philippines, Check Republic, Belize, Romania, China, and Canada (all provinces).

New “Deputy” in Town

~Sandra Coggeshall



What some locals used to call "Officer Friendly" (the portable speed feedback sign that was frequently set up beside the road entering Port Clyde's 25 mph zone to slow traffic speeding into the village) has been replaced by a permanent "Deputy." The new sign will remain year-round as a reminder to all drivers, local or seasonal, to observe the village speed limit.

With the solar panel above the sign adjusted to face south, the sign should operate reliably on solar power throughout the year while "Officer Friendly" is free to move around to other town locations in need of traffic calming.

With the new feedback sign and new pedestrian crosswalk signs and cones in place, Port Clyde residents greatly applaud the efforts of our town manager and road crew to improve traffic safety. Thank you!

The Saint George Restaurant Composting Program



Well, here we are again talking about compost… it's been just about a year ago when the Solid Waste and Recycling committee started talking about working with our local restaurants to collect food waste for use in our town composting program. The goal was to reduce the amount of food waste going into the trash that we have to pay for (it's heavy), and also to use the food waste for the town composting program--which generates revenue. (That's a win-win for the taxpayers.) The committee developed a plan that included the town purchasing compost bins and using transfer station staff to drop off and pickup compostable food waste from the local restaurants on a regular schedule. We started implementing the program in February on a very small scale, picking up food waste from the Black Harpoon and the Causeway restaurant. At the beginning we would get about 60lbs total of food waste per week.



The bins

We learned a lot as the season progressed and we added bins and other restaurants along the way and much to our surprise the program was well received and pretty much all the local restaurants started to participate. We learned in the summer that everyone needed to be picked up twice a week and we had one week in July where we received 700lbs of food waste. Although the season is winding down now, we have received almost 9000lbs of food waste so far and it will continue! We spent approximately $600 on purchasing the bins, keeping 9000 lbs out of the trash saved us more than $600 so we have paid off the investment in the first season without including the revenue generated by selling additional compost. The program has been a huge success for both residents and restaurants!

The committee would like to extend our gratitude to all the following restaurants/kitchens who had the patience to participate in our program: Black Harpoon, The Causeway, The Eastwind Inn, Outward Bound, The Happy Clam, Village Ice Cream, The Ocean House, and Saint George School kitchen

We would also like to thank town employees Ben Caron, Tara Elwell and Dylan Rich who all stepped up to take on the additional work to make this program a success.

Conservation Commission News November 2026



On October 23rd, several Conservation Commission members and community volunteers gathered at the Marshall Point Lighthouse to plant 40 mixed evergreen and deciduous native container grown plants. This work was arranged between the Code Enforcement Office, the Town Manager, Marshall Point Lighthouse and the Conservation Commission to replace the trees lost during the 2024-2025 winter storms. The project is a great example of different interests in town coming together to help with our resilience in the face of rising tides and more severe weather events.

On October 17th the Conservation Commission with the support of several community volunteers, responded to the Saint George school's request to remove a number of dead trees from the wooded areas that are used for recess play and the pre-k outdoor classroom.





Trails & Invasives

Fort Point Ash Tree Preservation



As we have reported in prior newsletters, the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is working its way toward St. George. Earlier this year we followed the Maine Forest Service (MFS) recommendation of girdling two young ash (known as a trap tree) and monitoring for signs of EAB. Girdling involves stripping a small portion of the tree's bark which stresses the tree. The EAB can pick up these stress signals and is drawn to the tree, thus telling us if EAB's have arrived. On October 15th Michael Parisio a MFS entomologist worked with commission members to "process" the trap trees. Processing involves cutting down the trees and stripping the bark to inspect for evidence of EAB. Fortunately, no EABs were found. The process will be repeated next year.

Tara’s Tips



- Election Day is Tuesday November 3rd.
- Polls will be open 8am-8pm.
- Voting takes place in the "big room" of the town office.
- A sample state ballot is available to view here: https://aptg.co/bz6LMz
- A sample local ballot about the Sea Studio is available to view here: https://aptg.co/hYYmM5

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