

ST. GEORGE NEWSLETTER

April 2024

MARSHALL POINT LIGHTHOUSE SCHOLARSHIPS ATTENTION: CLASS OF 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WHO RESIDE IN ST. GEORGE MUNICIPALITY

The Marshall Point Lighthouse organization is pleased to once more offer 3 scholarships to residents of St. George.

Criteria for applying include:

1. Resident of St. George
2. High School Graduate

The scholarships offered are awarded in two categories:

1. A two year scholarship, **Lorraine Hupper Scholarship**, for persons attending community college or other two year program. The award is \$1000.00 in the first year and \$500.00 in the second year.
2. Two four-year scholarships, **Mark and Betsy Bartholomew** and **David Percival Scholarships**, for persons enrolled in a bachelors degree program. The award is for \$1000.00 for the first year and \$500.00 for each of the next three years upon reapplication.

Application forms are available beginning February 1, 2024 at:

Marshall Point Lighthouse website

St. George Elementary School

Jackson Memorial Library

St. George Town Office

St. George Community Development Corporation

Local High School Guidance offices.

Deadline for submission of applications is April 19, 2024

TOWN CALENDAR

Town website: www.stgeorgemaine.com

School website: www.stgeorgemsu.org

April 2024

April 2	Comprehensive Plan	7 PM
April 4	Conservation Commission	4 PM
	Resilience Committee	7 PM
April 8	Select Board	7 PM
	P&R Committee	6:30
April 9	Senior Luncheon	In person 11:30
	Planning Board	7:00
April 15	Patriots Day – Town Office Closed	
April 22	Select Board	7 PM
April 23	Planning Board	7 PM

Parks & Recreation News

SENIOR LUNCHEON

April 9 In person luncheon is back! Tacos and Fajitas and St. George School musicians

Next luncheon is **May 14**

Winter-Spring Recreation News

The annual train ride to Boston is now on sale – round trip tickets for the **April 18** ride is **\$35**

Pay for your ticket at the Town Office by **Wednesday April 3rd**.

Spring is around the corner- if you have not registered your child for Little League, Farm League or T-ball, you can do so by going to the Parks and Rec page at stgeorgemaine.com

P&R News: to get regular recreation news, sign up for our email list on the town website

The St. George Fire Department meets every Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the Tenants Harbor Fire Station.

TOWN INFORMATION

Town Office: 372-6363 **Fax:** 372-8954

Hours: Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm

Transfer Station: 372-6451

Hours: Tue through Sat 8-4

Select Board & Assessors

Van Thompson, Chair	372-8000
Randy Elwell	372-0602
Steve Cartwright	372-6534
Jane Conrad	372-6621
Wendy Carr	372-0645

Conservation Commission

Trails

Tips for protecting the trails in town during Mud Season. Start by avoiding the impulse to walk around muddy areas to keep feet dry. Walking on the edges of trails beats down the vegetation, widens the trail and causes damage to both the trail and surrounding environment. Trails that are over saturated are vulnerable to long term damage from soil compaction and erosion with every footstep, making it harder for vegetation to grow and leaving rocks and roots exposed.

Trails that are better for mud season:

- Meadow Brook
- Clark island
- West side of Town Forest to Jones Brook

Trails to avoid during mud season:

- East Side of Town Forest
- Les Hyde (School)
- Bamford

Fort Point Trail: The good news is, greater than 95% of the newly completed trail remained firm and stable after the significant rainstorms in January and February. Unfortunately, some remedial work will be required on the trail to prevent the damage we saw after these storms from reoccurring. This is not entirely unexpected with a new trail and the contract with Kennebec Trails includes a 12 month guarantee so the repairs come at no further cost to the Town. Work on the repairs will be soon but must wait until the frost is out of the ground. The trail may be closed for short periods of time in the next two months. Please respect these temporary closures to allow the work to proceed efficiently,

Invasives: Here is the latest in our series of articles on invasive plants and pests. Invasive Threats to Forests and Trees

We are sure there must be some good news buried in here but as of, yet it has not become apparent. So, try to be diligent in identifying and using approved controls.

The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has provided a handy-dandy information posting on what we need to know about the key invasive threats to our Maine Forests and home landscapes.

Here is their list of the pathogens and pests. Those that are readily identified as spring arrives are marked with an asterisk *.

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| Asian Longhorned Beetle (Hardwoods) * | Oak Wilt Disease (Oaks) |
| Beech Leaf Disease (American Beech) * | Red Pine Scale (Red Pine) * |
| Beech Leaf Mining Weevil (American Beech) | Winter Moths (Hardwoods) |
| Browntail Moth (Hardwoods) * | Elm Zigzag Sawfly (Elms) |
| Emerald Ash Borer (Ash Trees) * | Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (Hemlocks) * |
| Jumping Worms (Forests and home gardens) | |

The number one concern on this list is the Asian Longhorned Beetle which – actually - has not yet been detected in Maine. So, why the concern? Once established it spreads rapidly plus it is also spread by infested firewood. If caught early the insect can be slowed (rarely can we stop these problems) by the removal of a few trees! It is a major threat to our maples and other hardwood trees.

Previous issues of our newsletter featured Beech Leaf Disease, Browntail Moth, Emerald Ash Borer, and Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. All four of these have established themselves in our state. With luck they will not completely wipe out their hosts and we can learn to live with them. The Browntail Moth has made it on to our peninsula. Their winter nests are still easy to spot when the trees are still bare. Learn how to remove these nests by going to our Conservation Commission website where you will find information on the identification and containment of these invasives.

The posting from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry provides photos and additional information on the bulleted list of items. It also provides an on-line reporting form and phone number – (207) 287-2431 - to reach them.

Click here to go directly to the Dept. of Forestry bulletin:
<https://lnks.gd/2/2tdR8q->

HAPPY SPRING!



Town Tech Tip

By Bill Batty

“Brother Bill, is this legit?” It was my brother-in-law Dwane on the phone. Some fellow in a reflective yellow vest and hard hat claimed he was with Fidium, the fiber Internet company, and they were going door-to-door trying to get people to switch Internet providers. In addition to a one-year discount they were offering free hook-up and no contract. “Do you think they would bother to sell the service door-to-door with no contract?” he asked. Indeed, they did!

Why would someone want fiber Internet? How is it different from other Internet services? Should you switch? I thought this might be a good time to discuss what Internet services are available here on the peninsula, the pros and cons of each, and to help you become a smart shopper for Internet services.

For my first installment I would like to go over some terminology. Knowing the vocabulary will help you when comparison shopping, as you will be able to spot differences in advertisements and marketing materials; it will help you in upcoming newsletter articles where I point out differences in the different services available; and, it will allow you to seem super geeky as you tell your grandkids about your “low latency” and “incredible ping times to the host server.” This article will cover the terms *speed*, *latency*, and *bandwidth*.

When looking at different Internet services, most people look at *speed*: how *fast* is the connection. If you imagine cars, measuring speed seems easy; how *fast* can any particular vehicle go? A Corvette will go faster than a Toyota Corolla, obviously. In the same way, a 500-megabit connection is faster than a 300 meg connection. And a gigabit (1000 megabit) connection is faster than a 500 megabit connection. But *speed* isn't the only consideration.

Let's take three vehicles: a Toyota Corolla, a Corvette, and a school bus. All three of these vehicles can go 85mph. They can all go the same *speed*. How long it *takes them to get to that speed*, though, will vary. In Internet terms this is called latency. The Corvette will get to 85mph in several seconds. The Corolla will take longer to get to 85, and the bus... Well, the lumbering bus will take a little while to get all the way up to speed. In the same way, some Internet connections will leap to life quickly, while others might take a little bit to get all the way up to their target speed. Internet connections with low latency jump quickly. Ideally, you would want a connection with low latency; one that gets to full speed quickly.

The bus may take a while to get going, it has something going for it the Corvette doesn't: hauling capacity. In computer terms, that hauling capacity is called *bandwidth*. How much stuff can you carry at once? If you have a lot of stuff going on at once, you need more bandwidth. Do you only have one computer online? You won't need much bandwidth. Do you have a computer, two phones, three kids, an iPad and a Kindle all online? You'll need more bandwidth. Are you running a bed and breakfast? You need a bus-full of bandwidth.

If you had a bus that could go 120mph and get there in six seconds and carry 40 people at once, you'd have a high speed, low latency, high bandwidth bus. Such a vehicle offering all this would be expensive, but you would have ALL of EVERYTHING. If your budget allows that, great. But perhaps you don't *need* all that. Knowing what you need, what you have available, and what it will cost will help you determine what is the best Internet connection for YOU. In future articles we will discuss fiber Internet, cable Internet, satellite Internet, and cellular Internet, and how *speed*, *bandwidth*, and *latency* apply to these networks.



Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration Opened January 17th!

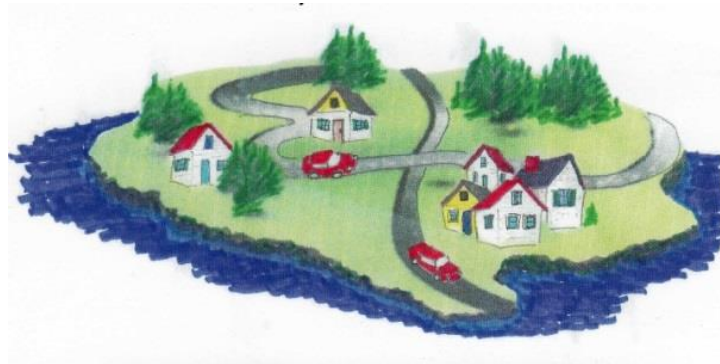
Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration is now open for the
2024-2025 school year on.

Forms needed and more information will be posted to this website:
<https://www.stgeorgemsu.org/page/pre-k>

Pre-K will have 16 seats available for the 2024-2025 school year. All forms and documents must be received before the student will be added to the classroom roster. Priority will be given to resident students, non-resident families are welcome to complete paperwork to get added to the waiting list. If this is your first child enrolling at St. George School we recommend that you check out the following resources to learn more about our school community!

MSU St. George Facebook Page

Parent Group Facebook Page



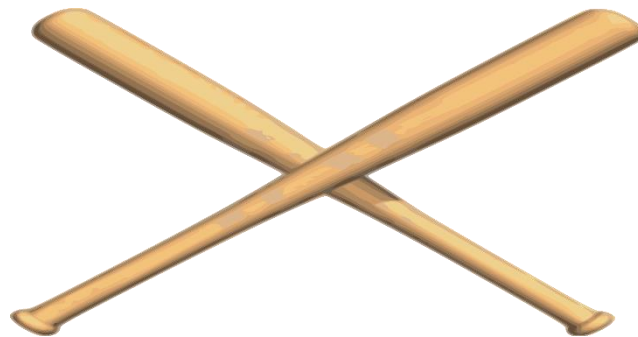
We'll Take You There..

Spring is here! Folks are getting out and about.

If you need a ride, Neighbor to Neighbor is there to help. St. George Residents volunteer to drive their neighbors for free to medical appointments, shopping - even lunch with a friend. If you need a ride, call us. If you'd like to drive, call us. If you want to donate, send a check to PO Box 172, Tenants Harbor, ME.

Call 691-7069

ridesinstgeorgeme.com



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