

ST. GEORGE NEWSLETTER

March 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

March 2024

- Mar 5** Presidential Primary Election
Comprehensive Plan 7 PM
- Mar 7** Conservation Commission 4 PM
- Mar 11** Select Board 7 PM
P&R Committee 6:30
- Mar 12** Senior Luncheon - Delivered 11:00-1:00
Planning Board 7:00
- Mar 15-17** Mussel Ridge Hoops Tournament
- Mar 25** Select Board 7 PM
- Mar 26** Planning Board 7 PM

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

Parks & Recreation News

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Mar 12 American Chop Suey- Delivered – if you are a St. George Senior Citizen and would like to have lunch delivered to you, please call the town office at 372-6363 and leave your name, physical address and phone number. I will call all those on the list to confirm you would like a lunch.

Reminder – Beginning with the April 9 luncheon, we return to in-person luncheons.

Winter-Spring Recreation News

The 26th annual Mussel Ridge Hoops Tournament is set for March 15-17 at the St. George School. In addition to some fun basketball, courtesy of area 3rd-4th grade girls and boys, stop in for the best concession stand anywhere!

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

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

Invasive plants to watch for in Springtime



Yes, it's still winter but in March we can already be on the lookout for one of the most aggressive invasives, namely, Japanese Barberry. Its green leaves (but the purple leaf varieties can also be apparent), are among the first to come out, so it is easy to spot, and it is throughout our peninsula.

Japanese barberry is a thorny shrub, introduced for hedgerow and other plantings in 1875. By 1910 it was recognized as a frequent garden escapee. Most robust in full sun but will germinate, grow, and produce fall berries even in full shade. Found in forests, forest edges, old fields, as well as disturbed habitats. If you have woods or thickets on your property, check the edges for this invasive.

Japanese Barberry also has some additional surprises. Ticks love to live under it! So, before you do anything with Barberry be sure you have tick protection. Also due to their early and late leaves, can reduce many native ephemerals (spring flowering perennials) that we love to see on the woodland floor.

Since it is a very fast spreader, helped by birds scattering its seeds, it is important to eliminate it whenever you find it. Small plants and seedlings may be pulled up by the roots when soil is moist (wear thick gloves!); larger plants can be cut, but re-sprouting will occur.*-Persistent cutting or mowing multiple times during the growing season over several years may kill the plant, but diligence is required. Mowing can prevent seedlings from establishing. Flame-weeder (propane torch) can be effective if used in spring and followed-up during the summer to treat survivors. Herbicide† is highly effective as foliar applications (glyphosate or triclopyr solution) anytime the plant has leaves, including early in the spring before native species leaf out, thus reducing chance of collateral damage. Cut-stump applications are possible but not recommended due to numerous small stems. For plants too tall to spray, a combination of cutting in year 1 followed by foliar herbicide in year 2 is effective.

And, as always, you can contact the Conservation Commission with any questions by sending an email to stgcc@stgeorgemaine.com.

TECH TIPS with Bill Batty

In our last “Town Tech Tip” I introduced you to the town’s (relatively) new cloud-based permit tracking software. This “iWorq” software allows us to quickly and easily keep track of building and plumbing permits.

“Why that’s great, Bill” you say, rolling your eyes. “How does that help me?” Well Mr./Mrs. Taxpayer/Resident, here are a few ways where this new software can save you time and even save you some money!

Let’s suppose you want to add a new shed to your property. That requires a building permit. Part of the permitting process is to determine your lot coverage—how much (in percent) of your lot is covered by impermeable surfaces. You will need to know how many feet of road frontage you have. You’ll need to know what the square footage of your buildings are. While you could do the math and measuring to figure those things out, there is a far quicker way to get that information. You could call or email your friendly town clerks, and ask us to email you a copy of the most recent building permit for your property. Chances are, all that information you need will already be on that permit. That will save you a bunch of time by having that data at your ready disposal.

Here's another possible time saver. Let’s say you’re driving through town, and you notice a lovely new addition on a building, and you’d like to have a similar addition put on your house. While you could ask around, or look at a tax map to get the owners address, and then send them a letter asking for the information, this new system allows us to quickly look up a building project and email some details straight to you. You could contact the town office, and we could email you a copy of their building permit. You most likely would be able to get the contractor’s name, phone, and even an estimated cost. Sometimes even some plans or sketches will be available.

Would you like some money saving ideas? How about this... You’ve purchased a home here in St. George, and the time has come for your septic tank to be pumped. Where exactly is the tank? How many feet out from the house is it? Where is the access hatch, now buried under the soil? While you could hire the septic crew to locate the components for you, what if you had a copy of the septic plan? It’s possible we have it on file at the town office, and could quickly print or email you a copy.

With this new system, having all those permits related to your property may prove extremely useful when it comes time to buy or sell property here in Saint George. With just a few clicks we can print or email previous copies of all the permits dealing with a piece of property. This has already proved very popular with many realtors, who can say “Email me everything you have on XYZ property,” and it’s easily done. Potential buyers can see all the improvements done, and sellers can quickly provide tax cards, septic plans, and everything else. It really is a fantastic system!



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

St. George Municipal School Unit (MSU) is a community school district and the heart and strength of our district is the community of St. George. We have a clear mission – to do whatever it takes to ensure that every single student thrives and, as a school-community, to give back and contribute to the Town of St. George. We focus on students’ academic growth, character development, and health/wellness. We recognize that health/wellness – which we define as students’ physical & mental health, social-emotional well-being, and food security – is a prerequisite for academic growth and character development. Finally, we believe that for a student to thrive – to demonstrate mastery and find meaning in education – they must share their learning in ways that positively impact their community.



Providing no-cost food & hygiene items to
St. George residents.

Every Thursday from 2 pm to 7 pm at
47 Main St.



CALL 207-372-2193

OR REQUEST ONLINE AT

WWW.STGEORGECOMMUNITYCUPBOARD.ORG





COMMUNITY HOME REPAIR

Eligible homeowners in St. George can get assistance to make small repairs to their homes.

To Apply, Volunteer, or Donate Visit
www.stgeorgecommunity.org/home-repair

St George Community Development Corporation
47 Main Street, PO Box 160
Tenants Harbor, ME 04860

**Town of St George
PO Box 131
Tenants Harbor, ME.
04860**