

ST. GEORGE NEWSLETTER

February 2023



We want to thank the community of St. George for their support of the [CTE/Makerspace Building Project](#) and our vision of expanding access to Career & Technical Education to all students, PreK-12th grade. This project - our vision - is capturing the imaginations of people across Maine as a way to re-engage students in their learning and strengthen our local economies.

Here's a [link to our Winter Newsletter](#) with articles about hands-on/minds-on education that's already happening in our school and impacting the learning and lives of students. You'll hear from local business owners about why they support the CTE/Makerspace Building Project. There's a project and fundraising update as well as a special message from Anthony Garrett-Reed and the Masons of Eureka Lodge #84. A BIG thank you to Betsy Welch who did the design and layout for the newsletter!

Sincerely,

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TOWN CALENDAR

Town website: www.stgeorgemaine.com

School website: www.stgeorgemsu.org

February 2023

Feb 2 Conservation Commission 4 PM
Feb 6 P&R Meeting 6 PM
Select Board 7 PM
Feb 7 Planning Board 7 PM
Feb 14 Senior Luncheon – Delivered 11-1
Feb 20 Presidents Day – Town Office Closed
Feb 21 Planning Board 7 PM
Feb 27 Select Board 7 PM

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

Parks & Recreation News

NEXT SENIOR LUNCHEON

Feb 14 – Home Delivery in St. George
11 AM – 1 PM If you have had a home delivery in the past, we will call to see if you would like a lunch. If you would like to be added to the delivery list, please call the Town Office at 372-6363 and leave your name, address and phone number.
Future Luncheons: Home Delivery January Through March.

Winter Recreation News

Youth Basketball is underway, check the P&R calendar for game schedule
Ski Club started January 5th and continues on Thursdays until February vacation. \$16 lift tickets
Town Skating Rink is installed, watch for rink opening announcements when ice is solid
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

Richard Bates, Chair	372-6904
Randy Elwell	372-0602
Steve Cartwright	372-6534
Wayne Sawyer	372-6489
Van Thompson	372-8000

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Neighbor to Neighbor has been very fortunate. We have generous donors; and we have loads of wonderful drivers and riders. We have maintained our Covid protocols and cheerfully help riders and drivers with all the safety equipment they need.

We are here to take folks to appointments, shopping, even social events. We have helped residents get to work when they have vehicle malfunctions and we deliver groceries for the Food Pantry, pick up from grocery stores and pharmacies and take folks to events on the peninsula.

And all of this is free to anyone who needs a ride!

Our drivers are waiting to take your ride. Give us a call at 691-7069.

Town Office Reminders: Mooring Fees and boat registrations can be paid now

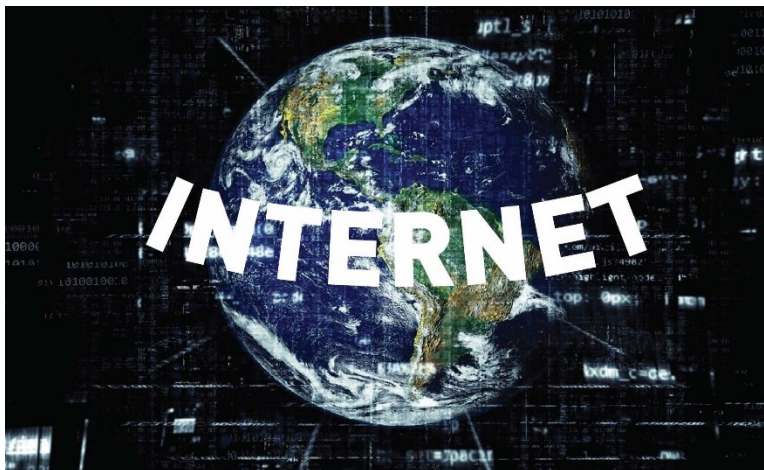
Project to bring Broadband to unserved roads nears completion

Contractors for Spectrum were busy in St George the past few months, stringing cable along the approximately 17 miles of roads without high speed internet service. This work is the result of a small, dedicated committee of the St George Community Development Corporation, who four years ago began trying to figure out how to bring broadband to the Town's unserved roads.

The Connect St George Broadband Committee surveyed the need and investigated options, and decided going with Spectrum was the most cost effective and practical option. The committee's thorough survey of unserved roads and close work with Spectrum beginning two and a half years ago meant St George was well positioned to take advantage of the increased interest and funding in expanding broadband access to rural communities.

If you see the committee chair Jeff Boulet, and members John Maltais, Van Thompson, Susan Bates, Jerry Hall, and Alane Kennedy, please thank them, as well as Kendra Jo Grindle of the Island Institute.

If you are one of the households along the new cable routes, you can be in touch directly with Spectrum about connecting. Any other questions please email alane@stgeorgecommunity.org



Town Tech Tip: Cookies

Cookies. Oh yes! Those golden buttery ones with the big ol' chunks of dark chocolate—those are my favorite. I like them thin with crispy edges and a little gooey still in the middle.

Computer cookies are another variety altogether. While not the topic of conversation they once were, every so often I get asked about cookies. Or, someone will bring them up to me: “It’s been a while since I cleaned my cookies.”

In computer terms, a cookie is a small file that a website leaves in your web browser. (Your web browser is the program you use to “browse” the “web.” Aptly named, no?) Websites will leave these tiny files to identify your computer and your browsing habits.

Have you ever been looking at a product on Amazon (let us say a new calculator), and then you log into Facebook and suddenly there is an ad for that same calculator you were just looking at? Amazon placed a cookie on your computer identifying you as a possible calculator purchaser. Then, when you log into Facebook, they will serve you an ad from Amazon with that same product, based on the cookie that was stored earlier.

In general, cookies are beneficial. Automatic logins to web sites can be stored by cookies. The contents of your shopping card can be saved via cookies. A website showing you the current temperature based on your location? Could be a cookie generating that content based on your location.

Some people who are especially sensitive to privacy might have an issue with cookies. Generally, businesses are not going to single you out *personally* based on cookies. Amazon “knows” they have a customer named Bill Batty in Spruce Head Maine. Their servers know this “Bill Batty” guy uses a Mac laptop and likes to look at drums. I do not believe Amazon employees are looking at their web server logs, adding up all the various bits, and will be wondering “Who is this guy?” It is far more impersonal than that. Based on all the time cookies save me, I do not worry about them.

Some people might worry that all these cookies are slowing their computer down, so they clean them out periodically. Cookies are very small files, and take almost no space. Your hard drive is not going to fill up because of cookies. The presence of cookies on your computer is not going to make it slow down. If you want to block cookies or erase them for privacy reasons, go ahead. Otherwise, don’t worry about them. They do more good than harm.

Sincerely,

**Bill Batty, Jr.
Office Clerk A
Town of St. George**



Help us maintain the sidewalks in winter

For the last few years, the Town of St. George has done its best to maintain sidewalks in Tenants Harbor and Port Clyde during the winter. However, unlike bigger towns and cities, we do not have a powerful sidewalk tractor specially made for this purpose. Under most conditions, we are able to use a standard snowblower to clean off the sidewalks. But if there is a heavy, wet snow it's sometimes too much for the equipment.

It will help us if residents, and the people who plow driveways, can refrain from leaving piles of snow in the sidewalk. When that happens, even smaller snowfalls can create problems for us. Thank you!





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