

# ST. GEORGE NEWSLETTER

February 2024

## **Town Tech Tip for February** **By Bill Batty**

I would like to take a little detour with the “Town Tech Tip” article this month. Instead of giving you a tip about YOUR technology life, I would like to tell you about something techy going on here in the Town Office.

A little over a year ago, the Town started using new software called IWorQ. IWorQ is an online database that keeps track of our building and plumbing permits. This new software allows us to keep a digital record of our permits. Allow me to walk you through the process; I hope this will be easier to understand.

With this new software, you can apply for a plumbing or building permit online. Navigate your computer/phone/tablet to the website <https://stgeorgeme.portal.iworq.net/portalhome/stgeorgeme> . This portal is available to you 24/7. You can start the permitting process on the weekend, after business hours, or even a holiday. You no longer need to come into the town office to “pull” a permit. You can start the application process at your convenience by filling in the online form.

Once you submit your request, all the data you filled in goes directly into the iWorQ software database. The appropriate departments get notified via email that a request has been filed, and the process then continues as in the past. Once the permit is approved, it will be given a permit number. On the same site listed above you can search for permits based on name, address, and permit number.

As an example, let’s say you would like to know more about the St. George School’s new building project. You can go to the website above, and search for “school.” You will get a few different results based on that keyword, but we know the school is on Juniper Street. We can see from the results there are two building permits for “school” on Juniper Street: one is for new construction, and one is for driveway/landscaping. We know the new building is new construction, so that is the permit we are looking for: St. George building permit 2023-061.

The online citizen portion of the software is fairly rudimentary. You can search to see if an online permit request was issued, and the name and address of the permitted. But the software also includes the ability to do much more. I will cover some of those features next time.

## TOWN CALENDAR

Town website: [www.stgeorgemaine.com](http://www.stgeorgemaine.com)

School website: [www.stgeorgemsu.org](http://www.stgeorgemsu.org)

### January 2024

**Feb 1** Conservation Commission 4 PM  
**Feb 5** Select Board 7 PM  
**Feb 6** Comprehensive Plan 7 PM  
**Feb 7** Community Resilience Committee 5 PM  
**Feb 12** P&R Committee 6:30  
**Feb 13** Senior Luncheon - Delivered 11:00-1:00  
Planning Board 7:00  
**Feb 19** Presidents' Day – Town Office Closed  
**Feb 26** Select Board 7 PM  
**Feb 27** 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

**Feb 13** Soup and Sandwich- 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.

**Other Luncheon delivery dates – Mar 12.**

### Winter Recreation News

The skating rink is frozen as of this writing but the conditions can fluctuate during the winter, so check the board at the rink to see if there is a green sign for open or a red one for closed. Ski Club continues on Thursdays through Feb 15. Its not too late to fill out the paperwork and get in an evening of skiing, conditions permitting.

**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



## **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.

## Conservation Commission

### Trails & Preserves

All the town trails are now open with the exception of Jones Brook. We expect the Jones Brook re-route to be completed in the Spring. There is great winter hiking to be had and hopefully some February snow will provide snowshoeing opportunities. If you encounter any blowdowns or other trail damage please send a note to the Conservation Commission at [stgcc@stgeorgemaine.com](mailto:stgcc@stgeorgemaine.com).

### Invasive Pests

#### Invasive pests in the winter?

#### What? Browntail Moth Again?

Well, yes. Managing invasive pests requires ongoing work, year after year. And for the Browntail Moth, this time of year is a great time to work on limiting its spread across the state. That's because it's easy to spot their winter nests in the higher parts of tree branches. The State of Maine has many useful resources under the heading "Knock Out Browntail". Check out the link below for a brochure that covers all the important points to help you find and eliminate nests:

[https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest\\_health/documents/browntail\\_moth\\_brochure.pdf](https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest_health/documents/browntail_moth_brochure.pdf)

We are providing a limited supply of this flyer at the Town office but you can also print this flyer by going to: [maine.gov/dacf/knockoutbtm](https://www.maine.gov/dacf/knockoutbtm)

Also, the State has produced a helpful video finding these tree nests. To watch the video, click here: <https://youtu.be/3Rc-jXIVdNY?si=aEXLH4EYxMdBWatt>

And, as always, you can contact the Conservation Commission with any questions by sending an email to [stgcc@stgeorgemaine.com](mailto:stgcc@stgeorgemaine.com).

So, enjoy a winter walk and help keep Browntail Moth from spreading on your property and on our peninsula!



## We'll Take You There..

If you have errands to do, people to visit, and appointments to make - Neighbor to Neighbor is there to help. St. George Residents volunteer to drive their neighbors where they want to go. SO, 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](http://ridesinstgeorgeme.com)

### Town Office Reminders

2024 Dog licenses are due by Jan 31

Mooring and Documented Boat fees are due

Nomination papers for Select Board and School Board positions are available starting Feb 2



**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](http://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](http://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**