

ST. GEORGE NEWSLETTER

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ST. GEORGE DAYS EVENTS - 2018

Tenants Harbor, Maine - All events held at Town Office unless otherwise specified.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

EASTERN STAR PUBLIC DINNER & RAFFLE- Masonic Hall (Watts Ave)

5-7pm

Lasagna (meat & vegetarian) cannolis for dessert! Adults \$10 Children \$6

FRIDAY, JULY 20

6:30-8:30 pm – **DANCE PARTY**-Parking lot at the Town Office

DJ Dan Miller and Malia Dell will be entertaining us and Mike Mayo will have his food booth with hamburgers/hot dogs and other goodies available to purchase.

CORNHOLE! Play a little cornhole and sign up for the tournament that will be held on Sunday!

Attendance is free and fun for the whole family!

SATURDAY, JULY 21

8:15 am **HALF MILE FUN RUN FOR KIDS** – Meet at Drift Inn Beach – Port Clyde

8:30 am **MARSHALL POINT 5K LIGHTHOUSE LOOP** - Drift Inn Beach-Port Clyde

9 am –4 pm **JACKSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOOK FAIR** – Raffle drawings at 1:00pm-71 Main St

9 am-5 pm **MEET YOUR LOCAL FISHERMAN** – a wonderful event by the Midcoast Maine Fishing Heritage Alliance, a non-profit educational foundation created by St. George residents. Midcoast Maine Fishermen will have their boats at the Tenants Harbor Fisherman's co-op/Luke's Lobster wharf all day to meet the public & explain their business to interested residents & visitors.

10 am - **LOCAL CRAFTERS** - At the town office

11am-**MAIN STREET PARADE and FLOAT CONTEST**

1st PLACE: \$100 2nd PLACE: \$50

Join the Fun & Help make this the best parade ever! Entrants may pick up a number in the parade line before the parade. To enter contact Susan @691-6532

MAINE ST. ANDREWS PIPES & DRUMS BAND -In the parade & concert after

11am-7 pm ANNUAL FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION LOBSTER DINNER FUNDRAISER

After Parade- **MIDCOAST COMMUNITY BAND**

After Parade-**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY HARMONY BIBLE CHURCH**

After Parade-**VISIT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCHOOL HOUSE MUSEUM**

After Parade- **PLAYIN' POSSUM BAND**

12:00-2:00 pm -**DUNK TANK** Sponsored by St. George Recreation Department

At Dusk – SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS OVER TENANTS HARBOR!

SUNDAY, JULY 22

11:00am-**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**-Big ball field- New this year!

Sponsored by St. George Recreation Department. Prizes for winners and runners up!



TOWN CALENDAR

(see www.stgeorgemsu.org for school events)

July 2018

July 4	Independence Day	Office Closed
July 5	Conservation Commission	4:00pm
July 9	Select Board	7:00pm
July 10	Planning Board	7:00pm
July 17	Senior Pot Luck Cookout	11:30am
July 18	Solid Waste/Recycling Committee	7:30am
July 20-22	St. George Days	
July 23	Select Board	7:00pm
July 24	Planning Board	7:00pm
July 31	American Red Cross Blood Drive	8am – 6pm

August

Aug 2	Conservation Commission	4:00pm
Aug 6	Select Board	7:00pm
Aug 14	Planning Board	7:00pm
Aug 20	Select Board	7:00pm
Aug 28	Planning Board	7:00pm

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

TOWN INFORMATION

Town Office: 372-6363 FAX 372-8954

Hours: Monday-Friday 8am – 4pm
Wednesday until 7pm

Select Board and Assessors

Richard Bates, Chair	372-6904
Tammy Willey	372-8904
Wayne Sawyer	372-6489
Randy Elwell	372-0602
Jerry Hall	372-8199

Transfer Station: 372-6451

Hours: Tuesday thru Saturday 8am-4pm
Wednesday nights - open until 7pm
Closed Sunday & Monday

Senior Pot Luck Luncheon Schedule

July 17, 11:30 am

Senior Cookout

Menu: hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the fixings

Program: The THUGS (aka The Tenants Harbor Ukulele Group)



Lots of good food, fun and entertainment
For all!!!!

Note: There will be no senior luncheon
In August.

Senior Bus Trip – August 16

Seniors will be going to Portland for the Sea Dogs game. Included in the trip is an all you can eat buffet!!! You can sign up at the town office starting July 1. Call 372-6363 to reserve a seat on the bus.



Please bother us!!

Do you, someone in your family, or a neighbor need a free ride from St. George to the doctors, shopping, or even lunch with a friend?

Neighbor to Neighbor has volunteer drivers waiting to take them.

Give us a call at 691-7069 for more information.

More Neighbor to Neighbor News

Rockland has added a new transportation option called DASH. It is a bus that follows a set route from Walmart in Thomaston to Pen Bay Medical Center. The bus runs hourly, beginning at 7 AM until 4 PM and takes about 50 minutes to complete the route from Walmart to Pen Bay. There are 8 stops along the way along Park Street (Rte. 1), north on Main St. Some of the stops include the Ferry Terminal, shopping centers and mid spot downtown. The cost is \$2 per boarding, \$5 for an all-day pass.

Neighbor to Neighbor recently transported two residents to the first stop at Walmart and sent them on their way to points north in Rockland. Any St. George resident who wants to try the new bus and needs a ride to Walmart, please call Neighbor to Neighbor at 691-7069.

DANCE PARTY!!!

FRIDAY, JULY 20

6:30-8:30PM

TOWN OFFICE PARKING LOT

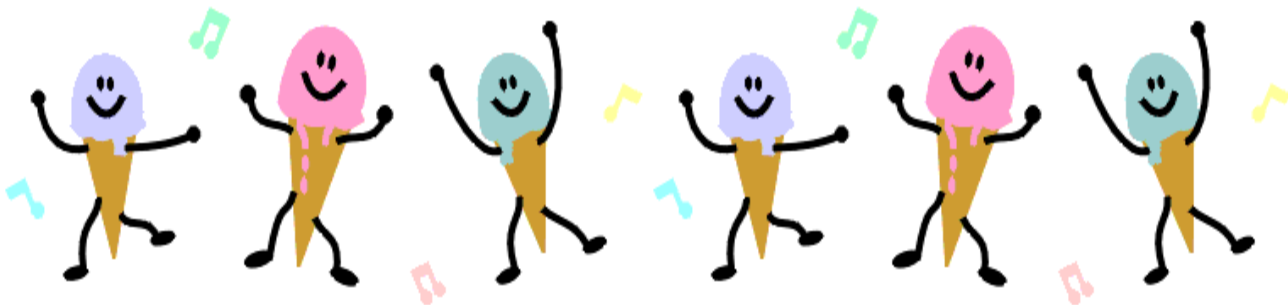
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**Sponsored by the St George Days
Committee**



Tips from the Code Enforcement Officer and the St. George Planning Department:

The History of Building Codes goes back to the Code of Hammurabi, who was the founder of the Babylonian Empire over 5000 years ago. The Great London Fire in 1666 prompted the writing of the "London Building Act". More closely to home, the Chicago Fire of 1871 A.D. prompted the writing of ordinances by 1875. We have had ordinances for years, they are not new.

Everything is coming to life again in the beautiful Town of St. George and we hope your summer is going well also. While looking at projects you would like to do around your property, here are some questions you should be asking yourself. "What permits do I need: Town of St. George Building / Land Use Permit, Town of St. George Plumbing Permit, Department of Environmental Protection Permits, Dig Safe approval, what trees can I cut in the Shoreland Zone and am I in the Flood Plain?"

When do I need a building permit? When building any new structure including temporary cloth covered storage facilities, swimming pools and chicken coops; altering the size of windows and doors or existing decks; repairs and maintenance that cost \$10,000 or more which is not hard to do with the cost of materials and labor these days. This could include such things as remodeling, new kitchens or new siding or roofing.

When do I need a plumbing permit? When you are installing a new or expanded septic system or just changing a septic tank, installing any new internal plumbing fixtures, pipes sillcocks, hot water tanks, hot tubs or hot water solar panels.

A DEP Permit by Rule is required when working within 75' of the salt water and 100' of fresh water. Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 permits are required for projects such as rip rap, filling wetlands, wharves, etc. If you want to cut trees in the Shoreland Zone (250' from the Highest Annual Tide Line), there are very specific guidelines that need to be followed. In the 75' buffer zone you are not permitted to cut anything less than 3' tall and trees may be limbed on the bottom third but not topped. I am always willing to come out and review with you your cutting plans at your property.

When digging on your property, by hand or machinery, to install things such as fences and trees or mailboxes you are required by law to call Dig Safe at 811 at least 3 days in advance of doing your project. Dig Safe will come out to your property, free of charge, and mark power lines, telephone lines, gas lines etc.

The Flood Plain Maps were revised in July 2016, and your property may now be in a flood plain as elevations increased from the old maps. If you are planning a building project, you need to check out if you are in the flood plain and the elevation you are building at.

Sign Ordinance: The Town has ordinances dealing with signs. Businesses need permits to install signs and the size depends on the zone it is in. Businesses will need to go to the Planning Board for a Site Plan Review when starting up or moving a location.

The Planning Department will work with you to make your project fall within the ordinances of St. George. The ordinances are on the Town website and you can review them by going to the website, clicking on "Town Documents" and then "Code Enforcement". Please do not hesitate to call or email me at t.brackett@stgeorgemaine.com, if you have questions regarding the ordinances. The Planning Department works closely with State and Federal Agencies and contractors. This benefits you as a resident of St. George. The State of Maine has laws pertaining to fireworks but St. George does not.

It is always better to ask if you need a permit before you do your project than to beg for forgiveness after you have done your project.

A reminder to all! The 2018-2019 property tax bills will be in the mail by the end of July or the beginning of August. The first payment is due September 30, 2018 and the second payment is due March 31, 2019. If you have any questions concerning your tax bill, please contact the Town Office 372-6363.

A message from Elizabeth Curtis, Finance Director concerning “Fund Balance”

The Town of St. George had its Annual Town Meeting on May 14th and 15th. All warrant articles were passed. I was asked about the purpose of the **Fund Balance**.

Fund balance increases when Town expenses are less than the amounts appropriated for the fiscal year. Fund balance helps with cash flow and is used to reduce future tax commitments.

The general rule of thumb recommends fund balance cover one to two months of cash flow requirements. The Town needs enough cash available to get through the summer months before tax payments are received. During July and August there are large expenses that must be paid such as paving, summer road maintenance and County tax assessment. The school appropriation is paid in monthly installments during the year, including July and August. The fund balance helps cover these expenses until property tax payments are received in September.

Another use of the fund balance is to reduce the total tax commitment. This is Article 20 from the May 2018 Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$125,000.00 from Fund Balance to be used to reduce the total commitment for the fiscal year 2018-2019.

RECOMMENDED BY SELECT BOARD AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

This article reduces the amount required to be raised from property taxes by \$125,000. It keeps the fund balance within the recommended guidelines and helps reduce the mil rate.

I hope this brief overview of Fund Balance is helpful. As always please feel free to stop by my office if you have any additional questions.

Conservation Commission News



Who stole the clams?

Climate change, ocean acidification, green crabs and milky ribbon worms are among the causes for the population decline of soft shell clams. Please join us on **August 9th at 7:00pm**, at the St. George Town Office to learn more. University of Maine Professor Brian Beal, who has studied soft shell clams for over 30 years, will talk about his research and scientific findings. Co-sponsored with the Friends of St. George.

Another date to save: September 15th Georges River Land Trust (GRLT) will conduct a “walk & talk” on invasive plants at the Fort Point Trail. This is part of the Conservation Commission’s initiative to identify and eradicate invasive species. Check the September newsletter and town website for more details as the date approaches.



A message from the St. George Fire & Ambulance Association

The St. George Fire and Ambulance Association would like to install a monument honoring those past and present servicing the fire and rescue. The monument will be placed at the Tenants Harbor Fire Station. The monument will be made from Maine Granite with two granite benches. It gives us, our families and community a place to reflect, honor and celebrate. The cost is \$20,000 that we hope to raise in a fund drive. If you wish to help us in this project, please make your donation to St. George Fire and Ambulance Association (SGFAA), for the first rescue monument.

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