

ST. GEORGE NEWSLETTER

May 2023

Annual St. George

ROADSIDE Clean-up

SATURDAY, MAY 6

7:30 – 11:00 sign up



**Doughnuts
for volunteers!**

*Meet at the town office
for trash bags, buckets,
road assignments, vests*



TOWN CALENDAR

Town website: www.stgeorgemaine.com

School website: www.stgeorgemsu.org

May 2023

May 8 Local Voting – Polls open 8:00-8:00
May 9 Town Meeting 7 PM
Senior Luncheon 11:30
May 11 Conservation Commission 4 PM
May 11 Cold Storage Public Meeting 7 PM
May 15 Select Board 7 PM
May 23 Planning Board 7 PM
May 29 Memorial Day – Town Office Closed

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

Parks & Recreation News

NEXT SENIOR LUNCHEON

May 9– Back in Person!

11:30 Luncheon, followed by Ukes Rock!

Next Luncheon – June 6

Spring Recreation News

**Watch for information coming about
summer clinic registration in early May**

**T-ball – Saturdays May 13 – June 17
9-10 AM**

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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Conservation Commission

Trails and Preserves

Fort Point Trail Rehabilitation Project

Work is expected to start on the new bridge this month with trail preparation to follow. The existing trail may be closed while work is in progress with notices posted on the kiosk and town website. As the work proceeds, we will continue to post information on the Town Website and provide updates in the town newsletter.

Jones Brook Trail Closure

The Jones Brook trail is closed indefinitely. The recent logging operations on private land have rendered a significant portion of the trail impassable and too hazardous to hike through. Georges River Land Trust and the Conservation Commission are reviewing re-routing alternatives and we will provide updates on the Town Website and in future newsletters.

Sea Level Rise / Resiliency



New Technology Will Help Visualize Solutions to Flooding

In late April and early May, you may notice survey crews using an array of equipment to gather data at several spots around town that flood due to rising tides. This innovative technology incorporates both air-borne and on-the-ground sensors to capture highly accurate images of each study site. Once complete, the detailed surveys will be used to create realistic 3-D digital models to help St. George residents visualize impacts from flooding and to evaluate options for adapting in the future. Planning now saves time and money in the future.

For the Rising Tides Project Description with a list of the study sites and a Video Overview, please click [HERE](#).

Proposal to make Ambulance Service a Town department to be voted on

In addition to electing local officials on Monday May 8, 2023, voters will be deciding whether to make the Ambulance Service a department of the Town of St. George. The Town Charter requires a referendum vote to create any new department. Although the Town has contributed funding to the ambulance for many years, the actual emergency services have been provided through an independent nonprofit association. As other communities have also seen, the cost and complexity of providing these services has increased significantly in recent years. Last fall, the Fire and Ambulance Association requested that the Select Board consider making the ambulance a formal department of the Town.

Under the proposal, residents of St. George will not notice any changes in ambulance operations. The current Emergency Medical Services leadership and staff will remain in place. Insurance coverage, Medicare, and Medicaid will still pay a portion of the cost of providing emergency services. These set fees cannot cover the full price of ambulance services, so the balance is already being made up by the Town. That will continue unchanged.

The St. George Fire and Ambulance Association will continue to exist and will focus its efforts on supporting public safety through education and fundraising. As proposed, the daily operation of Emergency Medical Services would be overseen by the Town Manager and Select Board.

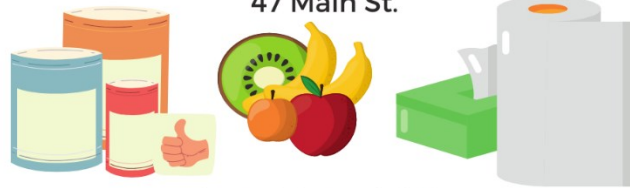
Voting on the establishment of the Emergency Medical Services Department will take place at the Town Office from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on May 8th. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Office beginning April 7, 2023.





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

A PROGRAM OF ST. GEORGE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

**TO VOLUNTEER OR REQUEST ASSISTANCE WITH
YOUR ST GEORGE HOME REPAIR VISIT
WWW.STGEORGECOMMUNITY.ORG/HOME-REPAIR**

Town Tech Tip: Updating Your Drivers

Have you ever had an issue with your computer, and you Google the symptoms, and you are told to “update your drivers”? Maybe you have had a pop-up window telling you your drivers are “out of date.” Perhaps you saw an online advertisement for “Windows Driver Medic” or some other software. What should you do? What is a driver, anyway?

Simply put, a driver is a piece of software that controls how a piece of hardware runs. Let us use a video card for our example. A video card is a piece of hardware that controls how video gets out of your computer and on to your monitor. In this scenario, pretend your computer has a video card manufactured by NVIDIA. How does this card, manufactured by NVIDIA, know how to operate within the Windows environment made by Microsoft? And what if your computer’s CPU (the central processing unit—your computer’s “brain”) is made by Intel? Your NVIDIA video card needs to understand how to work with these two variables (a CPU and the operating system), made by two different manufacturers. The driver controls how the video card will communicate and act with these other pieces.

In *most instances*, updating drivers is not something you should worry about. Is your computer working fine? Great. Leave it as is. There is no need for you to download “Driver Easy” or “PC Driver Medic” or any other driver snake oil to keep your machine running well. In *some* circumstances, you might run into an issue where a driver is causing a conflict, and causing bad things to happen. Bad graphics drivers could cause your screen to flicker, freeze, or even your computer to reboot. Bad CPU drivers could also cause your machine to reboot or crash. So *if* you are experiencing some problem, *then* you should consider looking for a more up-to-date driver. In my opinion, though, if you are *not* having issues, you do not need to be concerned about out-of-date drivers. Downloading a piece of free software that will supposedly download fresh drivers for you will probably create more problems than it solves.

PS: Apple users do not have to be concerned with updating their drivers. Because Apple manufactures their own computers and operating systems (and even processor chips), they automatically know how these pieces need to communicate with each other. When Mac drivers need to be updated, they happen automatically as the Apple operating system is updated. You need do nothing to your Mac. The variability of manufactures within the Windows environment is what makes driver updating more important to PC users.

Got a tech question you would like to see answered? Feel free to submit a question to b.batty@stgeorgemaine.com.

Sincerely,

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

Public Meeting on 10 Cold Storage Road Project

The St. George Select Board has awarded the bid for improvements to the Town Landing at Port Clyde to CPM Constructors of Freeport. The project office trailer is now onsite and construction materials will start arriving soon. With this happening, the Town will be hosting a public meeting with the Harbor Committee, the project manager, and the contractor at the Town Office in Tenants Harbor on Thursday May 11th. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and include a presentation and an opportunity for questions and answers. We look forward to seeing you there.

Town Elections on May 8th, Annual Town Meeting on May 9th

Elections to choose Select Board members and School Board members will be held from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on May 8, 2023. Residents will also be voting on the establishment of a Town Emergency Services Department. Information on the EMS proposal is available on the Town Website and absentee ballots are available from the Town Office. The following evening at 7:00 pm, the annual Town Meeting will take place at 7:00 pm in the St. George School.



TOWN OFFICE REMINDERS

Mooring fees double beginning May 1

May 29 is Memorial Day – Town Office is closed

Town voting for Select Board, School Board and Town Ordinances May 8

Polls are open 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Town Meeting May 9 7:00 PM in the St. George School Gym

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