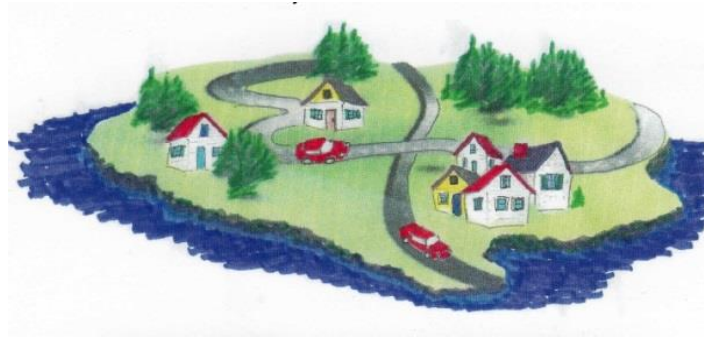


ST. GEORGE NEWSLETTER

October 2023



Neighbor to Neighbor is 10 years old!!!

We are preparing for our Annual Meeting on November 9. We are looking for folks who might be interested in being members of our Board or in volunteering for one of our committees. We are a fun group of devoted volunteers serving our neighbors in St. George. If you are interested in working with us, please call Charlie at 207-691-7069 and she can forward your information.

AND, as always, we are available for rides for all residents of St. George. Just call the number above and Charlie will set you up. Happy Fall!!

TOWN CALENDAR

Town website: www.stgeorgemaine.com

School website: www.stgeorgemsu.org

October 2023

Oct 5 Conservation Commission 4 PM

**Oct 9 Indigenous Peoples Day –
Town Office Closed**

P&R Committee 6:30

Oct 10 Senior Luncheon 11:30

Planning Board 7 PM

Oct 16 Select Board 7 PM

Oct 24 Planning Board 7 PM

Oct 30 Select Board 7 PM

Parks & Recreation News

NEXT SENIOR LUNCHEON

October 10 Chicken Pot Pie 11:30

**Next Luncheon – November 8 – note the date
change – Nov 7 is a voting day.**

Fall Recreation News

**Youth Soccer Season is underway – for team
schedules, go to the P&R page on the town
website - stgeorgemaine.com**

**Interested in a community shopping trip to the
Maine Mall? – call 372-6363**

P&R News: to get regular recreation news, sign
up for our email list on the town website

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

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

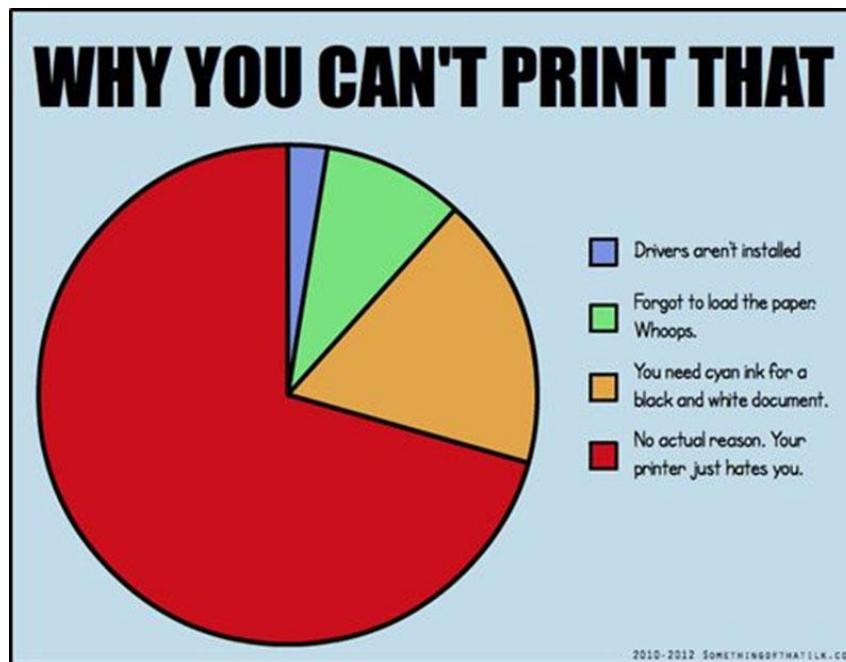
Select Board & Assessors

Van Thompson, Chair	372-8000
Randy Elwell	372-0602
Steve Cartwright	372-6534
Jane Conrad	372-6621
Wendy Carr	372-0645

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Tech Tips by Bill Batty

Printers are the bane of tech support people. “Why can’t I print?” we are continually asked. Check out this meme:



What makes the meme funny is it’s actually pretty accurate!

I thought today we could discuss printers, and that way when you need to purchase a new one you will pick just the right model for your needs and budget.

Printers can be roughly divided into two groups: inkjet printers and laser printers.

Inkjet printers use cartridges filled with liquid ink. When you print, the printhead squirts tiny dots of the liquid ink onto the paper. Inkjet printers are almost always color printers. Inkjet printers are also on the lower end of the price scale initially; the printer itself tends to be lower priced. The manufacturers make their profits on the *ink*. One website lists black inkjet printer ink as the 8th most expensive liquid in the world. A gallon of black ink costs \$2700, ahead of a gallon of human blood (\$1500/gallon)!

That same liquid ink is the cause of one of the major issues with inkjet printers: clogged print heads. If you don’t use an inkjet printer with regularity, the ink inside the printhead will congeal, and the printhead will clog. If you have ever printed and gotten a blank page out of your printer, you know about clogged printheads. Inkjet printers have cleaning cycles that are designed specifically for cleaning a clogged printhead. The humidity here on the coast doesn’t help matters. And, if you are a seasonal resident and your printer will be dormant for many months, the odds of printhead clogging increases.

If you are an inkjet printer owner you should consider printing something every week or so, just to make sure the ink is flowing properly.

Laser printers work using technology similar to a photocopier. A powdered ink (toner) is applied to the paper and then a fuser heats and smushes (a highly technical term) the toner onto the paper. Laser printers, using powdered toner, don't use print heads at all; you don't have to worry about clogged print head ever! Powdered toner is also less expensive per page. A laser printer toner cartridge will last for thousands of pages. The quality of a laser printer also tends to be better than a consumer inkjet printer.

The benefits of a laser printer come with a price, though. Laser printers have a higher initial cost. A black and white laser printer will sell for the price of a good inkjet printer; you'll spend a couple hundred dollars on an entry-level laser printer and only print in black and white. A color laser printer will sell for 2-3X the price of a color inkjet. That higher upfront cost will net you cheaper per page cost, though, and less maintenance.

Perhaps this handy flow chart will help. Does your printer need to be color? If no, a laser printer is your best choice. If it *does* need to be color, is price a concern? If no, get a color laser printer. If yes, a color inkjet. If you choose a color inkjet, remember to print a color page every week or so just to maintain the free flow of ink.

Keep old medications safe and out of the environment

The next national prescription drug take-back initiative (sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and the Maine Sheriffs Association) will be held on

Saturday, October 28
10 AM – 2 PM

Locations include:

Rockland Police Department at 1 Police Plaza
Thomaston Fire Department at 6 Knox Street

For more information visit DEATakeBack.com

Conservation Commission

Fort Point Trail Rehabilitation Project

The Fort Point trail remains CLOSED during the construction phase of the project. This closure is out of concern for the safety of visitors and to allow for the work to proceed in an orderly manner.

In August, Doug Beck, Supervisor of Outdoor Recreation at Maine BPL visited the site to check on progress. Doug reported *“Good things happening down at Fort St George. The trail on the park property is looking really good.”*

Project Progress: Some preliminary work has occurred on the trail loop around the “Point.” After a short break to work on another project the crew has returned. The next phase consists of completing construction at the “Point” loop and then installing drainage stone and surface material working back to the trail head. Boardwalk will also be installed in the wettest sections of the trail route. With the addition of the trail loop around the point the project is now expected to extend into late fall.

Initial Layer of Surface Material on Point Loop



Invasive Plants

Fall is here and most of our guests have left.

The problem is as you drive up and down the peninsula it is impossible not to notice that some of the uninvited ones have not gone home. Instead, they are pushing out our natives and increasingly changing our way of life. No, I don't mean your relatives from CT or in-laws from NY. It is those damn invasive plants like Oriental Jewelweed aka Himalayan Balsam (***Impatiens glandulifera* Geraniales**) or Japanese Knotweed (***Polygonum cuspidatum***) and many more. What is a homeowner, community volunteer or town official to do?



Oriental Jewelweed

There is a growing feeling of helplessness. The problem is many of us don't know how to get started. If we don't do something soon things are only going to get worse. Our natural spaces, yards, public and private areas will not be recognizable. Our native plants, insects and before we know it larger living things will be gone or in serious jeopardy. Some sturdy ones will survive but many of the more delicate ones that help make our local environment unique may be forced out. It is happening everywhere.

There are things each of us can do.

First identify them. There is help available. Check out

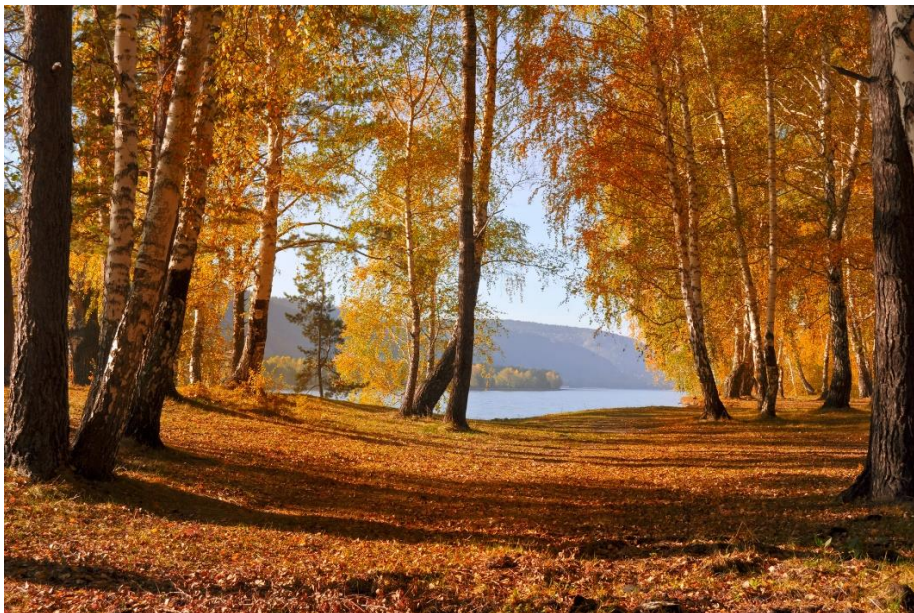
https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/features/invasive_plants for useful knowledge and information about what you can do in your own yard and getting involved in our community spaces.

Second, after the invaders are identified, understand what the best method for removal should be. It can be as simple as pulling them roots and all anytime you see them. An excellent example, Oriental Jewelweed (aka Himalayan Balsam) is an invasive plant found in many places on our peninsula. Now is a good time to spot it while it's nearing the end of its bloom. It is very easy to pull out. Look for it in and around your property as you do fall cleanup. Just remember that the roots can regrow if dumped on soil or placed on your compost before drying out. For more information go to "Conservation Commission" on our town website and click on "Invasive Plants." Pick an important area in your yard and get started. There is not much more empowering than taking control of some of your own environment and helping to restore it.

Third, make sure that the invaders stay out by regular follow up. If you need recommendations for plants that are beneficial for any area that has been left open and ready for reinfestation, check out this website <https://extension.umaine.edu/gardening/manual/plants-for-the-maine-landscape/>

Lastly, GET INVOLVED! Don't wait until it is too late.

HAPPY FALL!



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