

ST. GEORGE NEWSLETTER

April 2025

A New Assessors' Agent



The Town of St. George is pleased to announce the hiring of Jacky Binette as its new Tax Assessors' Agent. Jacky earned her Certified Maine Assessor designation in 2022 after training under the mentorship of the former Tax Assessor for the City of Bangor.

Prior to her career in Assessing, Jacky obtained a B.A. in Business Economics from the University of Maine at Farmington, worked as a branch manager and mortgage loan officer at a Maine credit union, and served as a client manager for a national data analytics company in the healthcare sector. Jacky grew up in Union, and now resides in Biddeford.

In her spare time, Jacky enjoys spending time with her family, running, playing music, and gardening. Fun fact: Jacky's father also served as St George's Tax Assessors' Agent from 1995 to 2008!

Jacky will apply her CMA training as well as her prior financial and analytical experience in overseeing property assessments for the town. In the short term, she will focus on improving the accuracy and equity of current assessments, followed by overseeing a successful implementation of the town-wide revaluation, effective for the 2027 tax commitment.

For more information, please contact:

Jacky Binette
Tax Assessors' Agent
Town of St. George
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TOWN CALENDAR

April 2025

Apr 1, Comprehensive Planning, 7pm
Apr 2, Resiliency Committee, 5pm
Apr 3, Conservation Commission meeting, 4pm
Apr 3, Cemetery Committee meeting, 4:30pm
Apr 7, Public Hearing & Select Board mtg, 5pm
Apr 8, Planning Board Meeting, 7pm
Apr 14, Parks & Rec Committee meeting, 6:30pm
Apr 15, Harbor Committee meeting, 5pm
Apr 16, Solid Waste Committee meeting, 7:30am
Apr 16, Comprehensive Planning workshop, 9am
Apr 21, Town Office closed, Patriots' Day
Apr 21, Budget Committee meeting, 5pm
Apr 21, Select Board meeting, 6pm
Apr 22, Comprehensive Planning, 7pm
Apr 22, Emergency Services Committee, 7pm
Apr 23, Staff meeting, office opens at 9:30am
Apr 28, Select Board workshop, 6pm

Town website: www.stgeorgemaine.com

Town Facebook: www.facebook.com/TownofSaintGeorge

School website: www.stgeorgemsu.org

The St. George Fire Department trains at 6pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday. They have "truck checks" at 6pm on the 4th Wednesday. The second Wednesday of the month is their business meeting at 7pm. All events are at the Tenants Harbor Fire Station.

TOWN INFORMATION

Town Office: 372-6363 **Fax:** 372-8954

Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

Transfer Station: 372-6451

Hours: Tue through Sat 8am-4pm

Select Board

Van Thompson	v.thompson@stgeorgemaine.org
Tammy Willey	t.willey@stgeorgemaine.org
Steve Cartwright	s.cartwright@stgeorgemaine.org
Jane Conrad	j.conrad@stgeorgemaine.org
Wendy Carr	w.carr@stgeorgemaine.org

Parks & Recreation News

SENIOR LUNCHEON

April 8th

SPORTS

Keep an eye out for youth baseball/softball sign-up information!





"We will replace over 1,200,000 Chickadee plates between May 2025 and May 2026. It is important that Mainers who want to reserve their current plate numbers know they will be able to do so."

Deputy Secretary of State, BMV
Catherine Curtis

- If you currently have a Chickadee vanity plate, and you would like to keep it, you should reserve your plate: maine.gov/online/reservemyplate
- You can also pick up a plate reservation form at the town office, and mail it in with payment.
- Starting in May the town will have a supply of plates in stock. When you re-register your vehicle, the town can issue you a new Pine Tree plate.
- Vehicles that have a "PC" registration code can opt for a "No Tree" plate. This is *not going to be available in other classes like antique, commercial, combination, motorhome, etc.*



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

PROGRAMS

Aquatots
Ages 3-6

TidepoolTreks
All Ages

Ocean Hour
Ages 7+

CAMPS

Marine Explorers, Ages 7-10

Junior Marine Scientists, Ages 11-13

Changing Seas, Ages 14-17

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MARSHALL POINT LIGHTHOUSE SCHOLARSHIPS

ATTENTION: **CLASS OF 2025** HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WHO RESIDE
IN ST. GEORGE MUNICIPALITY



The Marshall Point Lighthouse Committee is once more pleased to offer 3 scholarships to residents of St. George.

Criteria for applying include:

1. Resident of St. George Municipality.
2. Class of 2025 High School Graduate.

The scholarships offered are awarded in two categories:

1. A two year scholarship, **Lorraine Hupper Scholarship**, for persons attending community college or other two year program. The award is \$1500.00 in the first year and \$500.00 in the second year.
2. Two four-year scholarships, **Mark and Betsy Bartholomew and David Percival Scholarships**, for persons enrolled in a bachelors degree program. The award is for \$1500.00 for the first year and \$500.00 for each of the next three years.

Application forms are available beginning February 1, 2025 at:

Marshall Point Lighthouse website
St. George Elementary School
Jackson Memorial Library
St. George Town Hall Office
St. George Community Development Corporation
Local High School Guidance offices

Deadline for submission of application is April 18, 2025

St. George Municipal School Unit

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MISSION

Our mission is to do whatever it takes to ensure that every single student thrives and to contribute to the vitality & resiliency of 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 & basic needs – 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**.



DEMOGRAPHICS

St. George MSU serves **304 students in PreK-12** with **207 students attending PreK-8** at St. George School. **Ninety-seven students in grades 9th-12th** enjoy high school choice and attend Camden Hills Regional High School (54), Oceanside High School (17), Lincoln Academy (20), Medomak Valley High School (5), and Wayfinder (1). No matter where our students go to high school, they remain St. George students. **Once a Dragon, Always a Dragon!**

Steve “Stevie” Jarrett and the New Town Truck

Steve “Stevie” Jarrett is in perpetual motion. Even when he is not working, he is working. Town employees remark about the pace he keeps. Stevie has even been known to complain about time off—how it is hard for him to keep his pace when he is forced to take a break! And as a one man maintenance crew for the town, he has plenty of opportunity to stay busy.



When the town hired Stevie in 2017 there was no maintenance vehicle. Instead, the town assigned the transfer station truck for him to use, and he has been using that truck all these years. “When I got that truck from the dump it had 3500 miles on it when I gave it back it had close to ninety (thousand)” said Stevie.

The truck that Stevie put so many miles on is now back at the transfer station, and he has taken possession of a 2024 Ford F350. The truck is equipped with a dump body “which is very important because we haul a lot of materials for repairs.” The dump body also will help in delivering the compost the

transfer station produces. Stevie explains the dump body “is far better than trying to do it with the dump trailer because (the trailer) does nothing but make a mess.” The dump body will allow him to leave the compost in a “one shot pile,” where sliding it off the the old trailer left a long strip of compost.

The truck also features a nine-foot Fisher plow and a two-yard Steel-Caster sander. These attachments will allow Stevie to take better care of town properties, and let the town’s plowing contractor focus more on the bigger, more traveled roads.

The truck includes a diamond plate storage cabinet behind the cab. Stevie explained he was continually moving equipment around in the former pickup truck. The extra storage in the new truck will allow him to keep his tools and chainsaw with him all the time. He will also keep seasonally appropriate tools at the ready as well. He mentioned that soon his weedwhacker would find a home in the cabinet. No longer though will he have to unload tools from the bed of a pickup to make room for something else; they will live comfortably in the diamond plate.





We'll Take You There..

Spring is here! Folks are getting out and about.

Join us at the St George CDC Community Resource Fair on Monday, March 31 from 10 AM to 1 PM.

AND, we will be at the Jackson Memorial Library on Wednesday April 9 from 4 to 5 PM. You can sign up to drive or ride and Meet our Board members.

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 207- 691-7069

ridesinstgeorgeme.com

Please Help Us Register Your Vehicle Accurately!

When registering your vehicle, the following is expected at the time of registration:

- 1) Your most recent registration. Using a registration that is not current—or worse, no previous registration at all—creates opportunity for errors.
- 2) Proof of insurance. “Insurance in the minimum amounts listed in subsection 1, paragraph C must be furnished for each vehicle registered, and evidence of insurance may be provided at the time of registration in electronic form, including the display of an image on a portable electronic device.”
- 3) The current mileage of the vehicle being registered. “The current mileage must be entered... The mileage figure should be as accurate as possible.”

Conservation Commission Trails & Preserves

Lyme Disease Awareness Month



Blacklegged (Deer) Tick Female (l) Male (r)

Don't let a tick make you sick !
Spring is a great time to get out and use the trails, but the ticks are also out.

April is Lyme disease awareness month. An article in the March 22nd Portland Press Herald reported that there have already been 291 cases of Lyme disease this year. The winter of 2024-25 did not knock down the tick population and the snow cover actually acts as an insulator to help keep the ticks alive. With prevention you can reduce exposure by using an insect repellent and wearing permethrin treated clothing. Wearing light colored clothing, tucking pants into socks and staying on the center of the trails also reduce exposure. Checking your clothing and body after returning home is key to early detection and disease prevention.

For more information go to: <https://www.cdc.gov/ticks>.

Tips for protecting the trails in town during Mud Season. Start by avoiding the impulse to walk around muddy areas to keep feet dry. Walking on the edges of trails beats down the vegetation, widens the trail and causes damage to both the trail and surrounding environment. Trails that are over saturated are vulnerable to long term damage from soil compaction and erosion with every footstep, making it harder for vegetation to grow and leaving rocks and roots exposed.

Trails that are better for mud season:

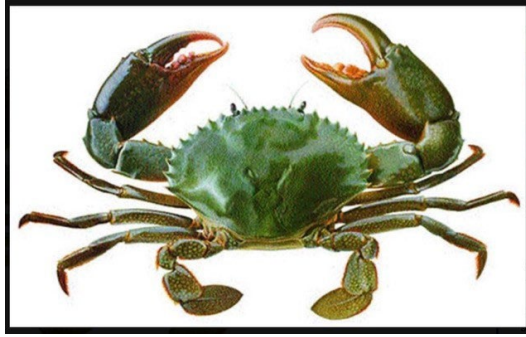
- Fort Point
- Meadow Brook
- Clark Island
- West side of Town Forest to Jones Brook

Trails to avoid during mud season:

- East Side of Town Forest
- Les Hyde (School)
- Bamford

Conservation Commission article continues next page...

Green Crabs: How about eating them?



Nobody likes the fact that green crabs have displaced so many of our local species. They're aggressive and cannibalistic and will annihilate any species they share a space with, including each other! First arriving in the 1800's in the ballast water of trading ships, they have been described locally as "wicked rugged." Their Latin name is the best descriptor: *carcinus maenas*, meaning raving mad crab.

Green Crabs are found all over the world and continue to increase their numbers. What can we do? A National Geographic article (<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/invasive-green-crabs-if-you-cant-beat-them-eat-them>) suggests: If you can't beat them, eat them. Green crab is actually on the menu in many countries. We just haven't taken much of a liking to them. But that may change. Ali Waks Adams, a private chef, has this to say in the article:

"Green Crabs are best when their shells are soft. At any phase of their life they make an excellent base for stock, which [she] is particularly enthusiastic about, and can be used to make a condiment akin to a fish sauce. In the restaurants ... soft-shell green crabs are fried and served as sliders."

If you'd like more information on cooking with green crabs, an excellent resource is The Green Crab Guide in the Field and in the Kitchen. It is available as a download by clicking:

<https://seagrant.unh.edu/sites/default/files/media/2023-02/green-crab-guide-2022.pdf>



Tara's Tips

Assistant Town Manager Tara Elwell reminds you:

"Your second tax payment was due March 31st; interest is now accruing."

"The town office will be closed on April 21st for Patriots Day; Maine is one of six states that recognize the beginning of the American Revolution."

"Would you like to be notified about meeting and minutes and town news?"

Sign up to receive text messages or emails!"

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Events



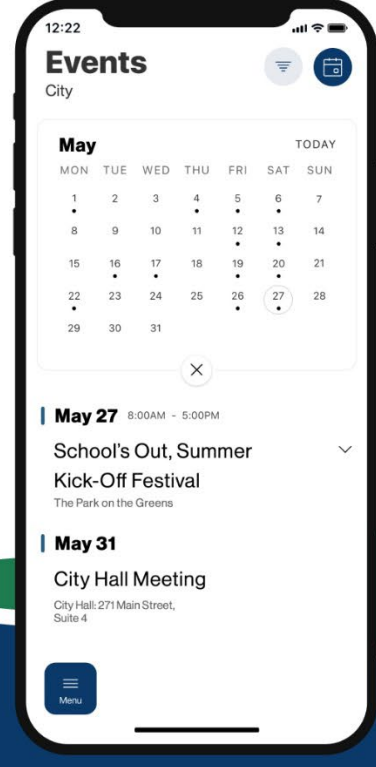
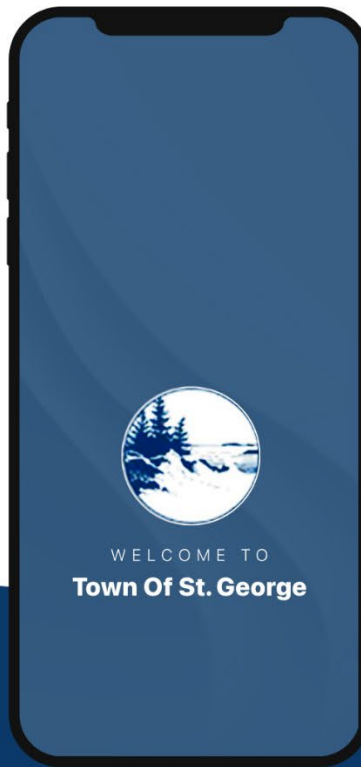
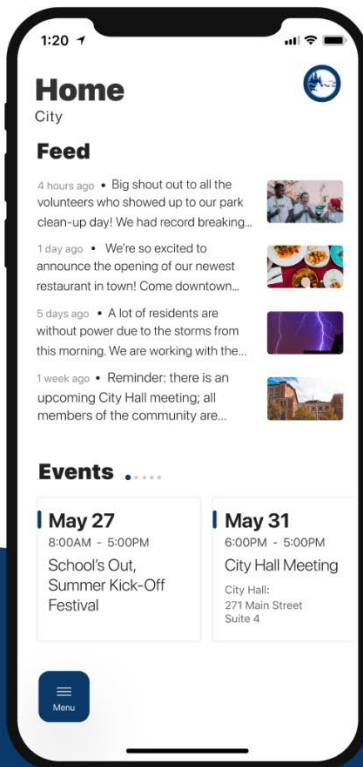
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Staff



Alerts



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Saturday, April 26
10 am - 2 pm



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KNOX COUNTY COLLECTION SITES

Rockland Police Department
1 Police Plaza, Rockland
Rockland PD

Thomaston Fire Department
6 Knox Street, Thomaston
Thomaston PD

Union Fire Department
Warren Fire Department

567 Common Road, Union
177 Western Road, Warren

Knox County Sheriff

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call participating law enforcement agencies

The new Assessor's Agent will be visiting approximately 375 properties over the next two months. If you have filed for a building permit in the last 24 months it is quite likely she will be stopping by for an inspection. As more details become available we will post them on the town website.



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