

ST. GEORGE NEWSLETTER

July 2025



This summer, St. George EMS will be offering community CPR, First Aid, and Stop the Bleed courses. These classes are a great opportunity to learn lifesaving skills and become more prepared to help in emergencies—whether at home, work, or out in the community.

If you are interested in attending or would like to be notified when classes are scheduled, please contact EMS Chief Katie Jacob at 207-372-6122 or k.jacob@stgeorgemaine.com. We'd love to have you join us!

Emergency Services Chief Katie Jacobs brings three-year-old Willow to work from time to time. A Great Pyrenes needs to watch her figure, so it seems logical she would remember where the box of treats is under the counter.



TOWN CALENDAR

July 2025

July 1, Comprehensive Planning, 7pm
July 3, Conservation Commission, 4pm
July 3, Cemetery Committee, 4:30pm
July 4, Independence Day, Offices Closed
July 7, Parks & Rec Committee, 6pm
July 8, Planning Board meeting, 7pm
July 14, Select Board meeting, 6pm
July 16, Town Office Open House, 3-7pm
July 22, Planning Board meeting, 7pm
July 28, Select Board meeting, 6pm

Town website: www.stgeorgemaine.com

Town Facebook: www.facebook.com/TownofSaintGeorge

School website: www.stgeorgemsu.org

Parks & Recreation News

SENIOR LUNCHEON: The next senior luncheon is July 8th at 11:30 am. We will be having our annual cookout!

YOUTH SPORTS: Great job to our softball and baseball players this season! Coaches and volunteers, your time and effort had a significant impact on all of our athletes, and we thank you for everything!

ADULTS/COMMUNITY: In partnership with the Jackson Memorial Library, an 8th-grade student and Dragonheart volunteer have built a rack for canoes and kayaks. The rack will be located next to the marsh behind the library. Use of this equipment will be free and open to the public!

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

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Port Clyde Landing Grand Opening

This all started in 2014 when we recognized three issues: Our current town landing was not meeting the demands being placed on it; Our working waterfront was disappearing at an alarming rate; And we had over 100 miles of coastline in our town, but only 183' of public access.

Access to our coastal waters has always been the key to the success of our fisheries and our tourism economies. This facility provides the infrastructure to ensure the success of both for years to come.

During the various setbacks of this project, we would joke to Dave Schmanska, who was then the town's Harbormaster, about why he got us into this mess. Today, we applaud Dave's foresight to propose the town's purchase of this property and build a new town landing. Simply put, this was Dave's idea and we thank him.



Harbor Committee Chair Dan Morris

We have navigated hundreds of hours of planning, public meetings, and votes; local, state, and federal approvals; the federal grant process; and a pandemic. This was truly a team effort from beginning to end and the list of people who deserve our thanks is long. It starts with the St. George taxpayer, who have supported this project in 3 separate votes. Three different Select Boards, chaired by Richard Bates, Van Thompson and Jane Conrad. Four Town Managers, John Falla, Tim Polky, Rick Erb, and Brandon Leppanen. Our current Harbormaster Ryan Cline. Our consultants, Noel Musson and Greg Johnston. Senators Collins and King. Representatives Pingree and Golden. Our Governor Mills and DMR Commissioner Keliher. And finally, our Contractor, CPM Construction.



Two members of the Harbor Committee passed away during this project and we thank Glenn Hall and Bill Iliffe for all their hard work. Ben Norton, Peter Henderson, Carl Danielson, and Hale Miller all have contributed so much to this project. From fact finding to engineering and contract issues and just plain good advice, our town landing is better for their efforts, and we deeply appreciate their work.

Three of us have been with this since day 1. Dave Schmanska, Bill Mroz, and I have all leaned on each other to find the way forward many times over

these 10 years. Every presentation we did was the work of Bill, and his sage advice and planning talents were critical to the support we received. Who knew a man from Vermont would be so important to the Town of St. George. Thanks Bill.

Personally, it's been very satisfying to have had the opportunity to give back to the Town and the village I grew up in, Port Clyde.

Finally, all of us shared the same goal with this project. To make St. George a better place to live, work and play for generations to come. Thank you.

~Dan Morris

St. George Harbor Committee Chair

LOCAL EVENTS



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FOR CALENDAR**

ST. GEORGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- COMMUNITY MEALS
- EXHIBITS
- OPEN HOUSES
- LECTURES
- FAIRS
- CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS
- AND MORE!

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TOWN TECH TIP

BACK UP YOUR DATA, PART III

~Bill Batty, Jr.

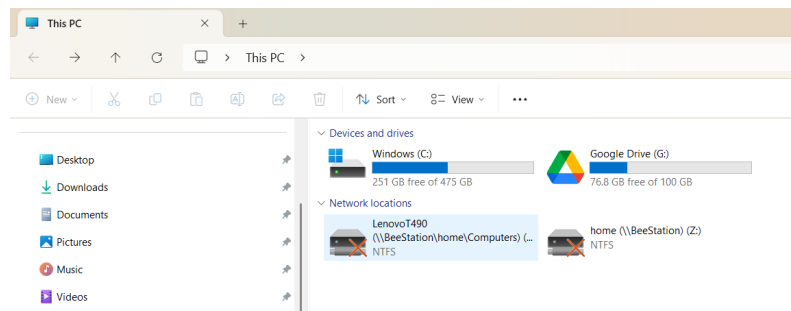
This is our third installment of “Back Up Your Data.” In part one we talked about the simple and affordable “back up to a USB hard drive” solution. Last month we discussed the “network attached storage” device, where a hard drive plugs into your *router*, and then all the devices that attach to your router can back up to the NAS device. This month, we are going to begin looking at online cloud backups.

Backing up to the cloud looks like this: you get/acquire/buy some space on a server that is located on the Internet somewhere; you install some software on your computer; the computer software picks the files that need to be backed up, and uploads them to the cloud. When the time comes where you need something from your backup, you log into that server, and download the files you need.

The benefits of the cloud backup are: it is easy to install; no regular input from the end user is necessary—it is all automatic; and it is not susceptible to fire or flood or disasters. The downsides are: it requires a yearly subscription; it is usually only good for one computer per subscription; and if you have a catastrophe, restoring from the back-up can take time.

Many people have a Google account. If you have an @gmail.com email address, you have access to a whole bevy of services, including Google Drive. Google Drive is web-based storage; you can install some software called Google Drive for Desktop, and use that for rudimentary backup. This software sets up a virtual hard drive on your computer.

Whatever files and folders are in that drive *aren't* stored on your computer's hard drive; they are stored in the cloud on Google's drives. This photo shows my laptop. You can see my hard drive, and you can see my backup folders on my NAS (the Bee Drive as I mentioned last month). You can also see hard drive G, Google Drive. That folder *isn't* a physical hard drive on my computer; it's a cloud-based folder. How does all this fit in to our



back up series? Anything in that folder is essentially “backed up.” It is not stored with me. If my laptop dies, is stolen, or otherwise rendered unusable, I can get at whatever data is stored in that folder. So, as an inexpensive backup option, consider installing Google Drive for Desktop, and then put files and folders you want to back up IN that drive. Google gives you 15GB free. You can upgrade to 100GB (which is what I do) for like a buck a month or something; it is cheap.

The downside to the Google Drive option is it only works *for files and folders in the Google Drive folder!* If you want stuff backed up, it *must* be in that drive. It does *not* back up other folders, so you need to be diligent about storing your files you want backed up in that folder.

While this is a completely workable solution, and a potentially free solution (if you keep the size of your backup within the free storage limit), having to make sure you put your files into the Google Drive folder isn't particularly convenient. Next month will discuss our final option: the automatic cloud-based subscription service.

Saint George Days

Come out and celebrate our amazing community at the annual St. George Days! This year we will celebrate from Wednesday, July 16th, to Saturday, July 19th. You can find all the events and times on the new Community Calendar, which can be found on the town website under the tab “Discover St. George.” Some of the events include: annual lobster dinner, Marshall Point 5k, parade, craft fair, and fireworks. The parade this year will be themed Hometown Spirit! Please join us this year in showing pride in our incredible community!

18 JUN, WED

19 JUL, SAT	8:30 – 9am	Kids Fun Run 49 Drift Inn Road, Port Clyde, ME
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	9 – 10am	5K Race 49 Drift Inn Road, Port Clyde Sign up here https://running4free.com/RaceDetails.aspx?raceid=518
	10am – 2pm	Bouncy House at Buoy Park Buoy park, Main St Tenants Harbor
	11am – 7pm	Lobster Dinner town hall parking lot, 3 School St, Tenants Harbor
	11am – 3pm	Craft Fair Leppanen ballfield Tenants Harbor
	11 – 11:45am	Parade parade route is on Route 131 from TH Baptist Church to post office
	3 – 4pm	corn hole tournament Leppanen ballfield Tenants Harbor

The Resilience Committee Needs Help!

The town of St. George has been successful in getting a grant to write our Climate Action Plan and we want YOUR input.

An early part of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) is **in-depth interviews** with community organizations, service providers, businesses, and Town staff. These interviews will focus on *people's experiences* with climate change and extreme weather; what people are experiencing in their homes and businesses; who's first and worst impacted; and who to prioritize, invite and involve in Town actions.

We're looking for **2-3 advisors** to (a) suggest people/organizations for CAP Consultants to speak with, (b) make introductions, (c) review early findings. Time commitment: 2-3 hours per month for ~2 months including 2-3 meetings (if/as you are available).

Please consider forwarding this work with a bit of your time. We know the seas are rising all along St. George's shores. Help us manage our response. Contact Susy Ellis at 596-6569 or susyandduke@gmail.com or the town office with questions or to volunteer.

Conservation Commission

Walk & Talk Event July 22nd

Please join the St. George Conservation Commission and Georges River Land Trust for an ash tree focused woodland walk. Maine Forest Service Entomologist Michael Parisio will provide information on identifying ash species and talk about ways to deal with the invasive insect Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).



EAB is a beetle that is killing ash trees

Ash Trees have opposite branches ...

learn more on July 22nd

In addition, management strategies for ash forests, and treatment options will be discussed. Participants should leave with knowledge of Maine's ash species trees, practical tree identification skills, an understanding of Emerald Ash Borer, treatments, and insights into dealing with Emerald Ash Borer in stewarding a healthy a forest.

Please come prepared for a mile hike. Wear comfortable closed-toed shoes and bring your insect repellent of choice. Join us for a woodland walk!

Location: Fort Point Trail

Date & Time: July 22, 2025, at 1:00pm.

Directions & Parking: The Fort Point trailhead and parking is just off Route 131 at Wiley's Corner Road. Please be particularly conscientious when parking. If the lot is full there will be overflow defined parking across Route 131 at the Andrew Robinson Homestead. Please do not stray on to the adjacent private property and do not block access to the spring.

Town Trails Update

Summer is a great time to explore the trails in town. There are 8 trails in town totaling over 9 miles and soon we will be adding an additional 2 ½ miles to enjoy. We are also exploring the possible addition of trails on the "Scouting Property" accepted at the May town meeting.

At the request of a local resident and anonymous donor, distance markers have been added to the Ft. Point trail. These markers are located every 1/4-mile.

If you have any trail suggestions, you can email the Conservation Commission at stgcc@stgeorgemaine.com. To find out more about the trails click here. <https://www.stgeorgemaine.com/page/trails-preserves>

July Crab and Shrimp Rolls

The Masonic Lodge at 4 Watts Ave, Tenants Harbor continues to offer its signature Crab or Shrimp Rolls (not fried) on a toasted bun, a homemade dessert and a bag of chips for a Tariff busting \$12. Sales in July will be on Wednesday, 9 and 23 July, starting at 11:30 until sold out. This is a curbside take away, although you are welcome to eat in the Lodge. We look forward to serving you.

July Lasagna Dinner (La Vita e Bella)

The Masonic Lodge, 4 Watts Avenue, Tenants Harbor, will host a St George Days community Lasagna Dinner on Thursday, 17 July from 5-7 PM. The dinner will include a variety of Lasagnas to include Vegetarian, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread and a homemade Cannoli. The cost for dinner is \$12 for Adults and \$5 for children under 12. Molte Grazie

St. George Community Boat Rack



This boat rack was built by Owen Reynolds, Spencer Hilchey, and Chase Edgecomb, students of the St. George School. The intent of the project was to provide more access to one of the town's best natural resources: the marsh.



- All of the equipment was donated to the town and is free to use. It will remain that way as long as it is used properly.
- PFDs (life jackets) must be worn while on the water
- Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult
- Boats should be returned to the rack and paddles and PFDs to the container after use
- Please report any lost or damaged equipment to the Parks and Rec Director, Ashley Geel. 372-6363



Enjoy your paddle!

ST. GEORGE NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR



St. George Neighbor to Neighbor provides free rides to residents.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR IS GROWING!!! AND DRIVERS ARE NEEDED



BE A NEIGHBOR. MEET A NEIGHBOR. HELP A NEIGHBOR.

Remember

- You can choose when you drive
- Most rides are no more than 2 - 3 hours
- You will meet neighbors you never knew
- There are driver coordinators who will orient you and support you



HELP US KEEP ST GEORGE MOVING

If you are a resident of St. George, please call
207-691-7069 to get all the details.
You'll be glad you did.



Is your heating oil tank at risk of causing a spill?

Inspect your tank and answer the following questions to find out.

Look, don't touch! A rusty or oily patch on the tank could indicate a leak or weak spot.



Numbered questions correspond to diagram

1. Is the tank leaning, unstable, or on an unstable base?

☐ YES ☐ NO

2. Is the piping buried underground, in concrete, or installed under a basement floor without continuous sleeving? *Continuous sleeving leaves a gap between the line and the inside of the sleeve.*

☐ YES ☐ NO

3. Is the tank patched or showing signs of corrosion? *Do you see rust, weeps, wet spots, or excessive dents on the tank surface?*

☐ YES ☐ NO

4. Is the tank a crimped end tank? *Crimped end tanks are usually weaker than tanks with modern capped ends. Look for an obvious rim or edge (crimped), rather than a round/smooth end (capped).*

☐ YES ☐ NO

5. Does the oil exit through a fitting from the side or top of the tank rather than from the bottom? *A bottom oil outlet minimizes trapped water and reduces rust inside your tank. NOTE: This does not apply to Roth Tanks.*

☐ YES ☐ NO

6. Are there any visible drips or signs of leakage around the filter, valves, or other fittings?

☐ YES ☐ NO

7. Could the tank's vent be clogged or blocked? *Check for ice, snow, or insect nests. A blocked vent can cause a silent overflow whistle when the tank is being filled. If you're not sure, ask your oil delivery driver.*

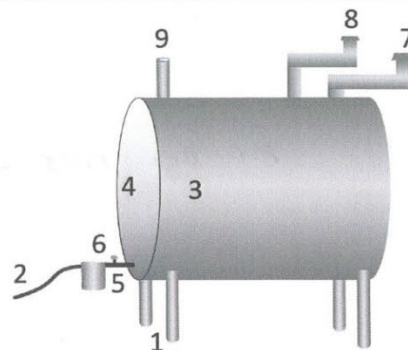
☐ YES ☐ NO

8. Are there any signs of spills around the fill pipe?

☐ YES ☐ NO

9. Is the tank's gauge cracked, stuck, or frozen? *Do you see oil or staining around it?*

☐ YES ☐ NO



Additional Questions

Is the tank made of steel and more than 25 years old?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Can snow or ice fall on the tank, filter, or piping? *A filter protector can help avoid this threat.*

☐ YES ☐ NO

Is the tank a 55-gallon drum or other container not listed for supplying oil to heating appliances?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Is the tank no longer in use but still containing oil? Or is there a fill pipe in place for an old tank that is no longer there?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Is your heating oil supply system not in compliance with the standards of the Maine Fuel Board? *Consult a service technician as needed.*

☐ YES ☐ NO

If you answered YES to any of these questions, your tank may be in danger of leaking or causing a spill.

Call your licensed oil heat technician or local fuel supplier to schedule a checkup. Contact the Maine Fuel Board at (207) 624-8627 for help finding a licensed oil heat technician.

I have a spill or leak! What should I do?

Call DEP's 24-hour spill reporting hotline: **(800) 482-0777** Help is available to all owners of aboveground oil storage tanks with spills or leaks that affect the environment through the Ground and Surface Waters Clean-Up and Response Fund.

www.maine.gov/dep/waste/abovegroundtanks/spill-prevention.html

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Home Heating Oil Equipment Replacement Project

This project is being implemented to cover 100% of the costs (including parts and labor) for up to \$800 to repair or replace deficient ancillary home heating oil tank equipment that may pose an “imminent” threat of a spill.

If you have any questions about this program or eligibility, please contact Racheal French at the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, by phone (207-481-6860) or email (Racheal.French@maine.gov).

To apply for funds please follow the instructions below.

1. Complete the form on page 2.
2. Submit the form with any additional information and pictures of the deficient part(s) to the contact provided above.
3. Approval must be received from the Department *before* moving forward with the work. If approval is not granted before the work is performed, your project will likely not be eligible.
4. Once approval is received, schedule the work with a Maine licensed Oil Burner Technician of your choice. Before work is started, the technician should call or email Racheal French.
5. All deficiencies identified on this form or by your technician must be corrected and meet current Maine Fuel Board code to be eligible for program coverage. This form may be shared with the technician.
6. The technician then submits images of the completed work and the total invoice, indicating what the Department owes up to \$800, to Racheal French by email. Any amount over \$800 is charged by the technician to the homeowner.



Tara's Tips

- Do you own a federally documented boat? Have you paid the excise tax yet? If not, this is the month the “nasty letters” go out; we would appreciate your payment.
- Do you own a state registered boat? Does it need to be renewed? It's super helpful if you bring the old registration with you.

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