

TOWN OF ST. GEORGE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JULY / AUGUST 2024

The Town of St. George has created and is issuing monthly newsletters to notify the residents and property owners of St. George of happenings and updates throughout the Town. Please contact Justin Mason, Assistant to the Town Boards, with questions regarding the announcements and updates listed below or with a suggestion for future newsletters at boards@stgeorgevt.com

COMMUNITY GARDEN SPACE

The St. George Community Garden has garden space available in the Town Center on Barber Road for St. George Residents. The Garden Members are looking for additional members and volunteers and St. George Residents are encouraged to share and use this space. Please contact Lisa Hodgkins at lhodgkins60@gmail.com with any interest.



ST. GEORGE ROADS

Road Maintenance Update: Ayer Rd & Willow Brook Ln: We are pleased to announce that Ayer Rd & Willow Brook Ln have recently been graded and received new gravel, significantly improving road conditions, and eliminating potholes. However, the heavy rainfall on July 10th and 11th caused minor damage to Ayer Rd and Willow Brook Ln. To address these issues, the road will be re-graded, with work expected to be completed by mid-August, pending contractor availability. In the meantime, we kindly ask all residents to exercise caution while driving on Ayer Rd and Willow Brook Ln. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to ensure the safety and quality of our town's roads.

Road Issues, please contact: Sarah Tischler, Selectboard Chair, at sbchair@stgeorgevt.com

Road Grants, please contact: Amanda Vincent, Town Clerk, at townclerk@stgeorgevt.com

Agenda, please contact: Justin Mason, Assistant to the Town Boards, at boards@stgeorgevt.com



ELECTION DAY FOR THE STATE PRIMARY: AUGUST 13TH

Mark your calendars! Election Day for the State Primary is coming up on August 13th, and the polls will be open at the Town Office from 7 AM to 7 PM.

For those unable to vote in person on Election Day, absentee ballots are available. We mailed out the first round of absentee ballots yesterday, and you can still request yours using one of the following methods:

1. **Vote In Office:** You can visit the Town Clerk's office to fill out a request and vote in person. Simply complete your ballot, place it in the certificate envelope, sign it, and return it before leaving the office. Our office hours are Wednesdays from 12 PM to 4 PM or by appointment.
2. **Take From Office:** You may fill out a request and take the absentee ballot from the Town Clerk's office yourself. Once completed, the ballot can be returned in the same manner as if it had been received by mail. Office hours are Wednesdays from 12 PM to 4 PM or by appointment.
3. **Mail:** Request your absentee ballot online through the My Voter Page or submit a paper request. The clerk will then mail the absentee ballot, along with the necessary envelopes, to your registered address.

Make sure your voice is heard in this important election! If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Town Clerk's office.

Voter Registration Update: With the State Primary approaching, it's important to ensure that you're registered to vote. Here are a few convenient ways to register:

1. **Online:** Visit the My Voter Page to register online quickly and easily.
2. **In-Person:** You can register to vote at the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours, Wednesdays from 12 PM to 4 PM or by appointment. Our town clerk will be happy to assist you.
3. **DMV:** Register to vote when renewing or updating your driver's license at the DMV. This option allows you to handle both your driving and voting needs in one place.

Remember, Vermont residents can register to vote even on Election Day. Don't miss the opportunity to make your voice heard in the upcoming State Primary on August 13th.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the registration process, please feel free to contact the Town Clerk's office.

Volunteers needed: Running a smooth election process requires the help of dedicated volunteers. We are seeking individuals to cover shifts throughout the day to assist with various tasks such as managing voter check-ins and providing general assistance. We will need at least three election workers, including myself, at all times.

Volunteer Shift Schedule:

- Shift 1: 6:30 AM - 11:15 AM
- Shift 2: 11:00 AM - 3:15 PM
- Shift 3: 3:00 PM - 7:15 PM
- Shift 4: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Please consider volunteering for at least one shift to ensure a successful election day. You can sign up for a shift by clicking [here](#), or respond to this email with the shift(s) you are available to cover.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our community's democratic process. Your help is invaluable, and we look forward to seeing you at the polls!

Thank you, Amanda Vincent – Town Clerk, St. George, Vermont

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LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

Exciting News for St. George: Two New Little Free Libraries! We are thrilled to announce that St. George will soon have two new Little Free Libraries, thanks to the generous support of the Williston Richmond Rotary Club and the St. George Community Co-op.

The Williston Richmond Rotary Club will be installing a Little Free Library near the historic schoolhouse, while the St. George Community Co-op will be placing another one off their information board. These libraries are a wonderful resource for our community, providing free access to books for readers of all ages.

We encourage everyone to take advantage of these new additions by borrowing and sharing books. To kick things off, we will be stocking the libraries with a selection of children's books. We hope that these Little Free Libraries will inspire a love of reading and help bring our community closer together.

Thank you to the Williston Richmond Rotary Club and the St. George Community Co-op for their support in bringing this project to life. Happy reading!



CARPENTER CARSE LIBRARY

Storytime, Tuesdays at 9:30am: Join the fun and learning on Tuesdays at 9:30am for picture books, songs, movement, and rhymes that are designed to promote early language, fine motor, and pre-literacy skills in a friendly environment! Each week we will finish up Storytime with snacks, coffee for the adults, a simple craft or sensory activity, and book browsing. Storytime is designed for babies, toddlers, and preschool/kindergarten aged children and their caregivers, and no registration is required.

Senior Meet-Up, Mondays from 1– 2:30pm: Do you remember rotary phones? Bike riding without helmets? The Ed Sullivan Show? 8-Track Tapes? Then this meetup is for you. Come gather and talk, schmooze and kvetch, share and laugh with other seniors. Coffee and tea and games will be provided.

Location and Contact: The library is located at 69 Ballards Corner Road, Hinesburg, Vermont.

For more information regarding events, visit: <https://www.carpentercarse.org/calendar>

For contact information, visit: <https://www.carpentercarse.org/contact>



DOROTHY ALLING LIBRARY

Summer Reading Challenge: It's that time of year again -- Gear up for this year's "Adventure Begins At Your library" summer reading challenge with a party on the Williston Town Green (rain or shine)! Take a spin on Big Blue Trunk's twirly-whirly ride, enjoy some cotton candy and games, and register for this summer's challenge. Williston and St. George residents of all ages are invited to join the challenge which runs from June 15 - August 11. Additional information can be found at: <https://damlvt.org/index.php/this-weeks-events/youth/summer-reading-kick-off-party>

Visit the Bookmobile June 18 - August 22: Dottie the Bookmobile hits the road starting June 18th. She'll be at the Isham Family Market on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:00pm, Allen Brook School, Wednesdays, 10-11am (June 26 – August 14), and at St. George Villa on Thursdays at 6:50pm. Visit www.damlvt.org for the full neighborhood schedule.

Location and Contact: The library is located at 21 Library Lane, Williston, Vermont, 05495. Please contact Jane Kearns, Library Director, at director@damlvt.org for additional information.



ANIMAL REGISTRATION & ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Registration Update and Reminder: There were 53 dogs registered in the Town of St. George as last reported. Registration is due annually on April 1 and current rabies vaccination is required. Please note registration after April 1 will result in increased registration fees. Please contact Amanda Vincent, Town Clerk, at townclerk@stgeorgevt.com with any questions.

Dog Ordinance: Jeffrey Wells, Animal Control Officer; Justin Mason, Assistant to the Town Boards; Amanda Vincent, Town Clerk; and the Selectboard will be working on the dog ordinances and policies for the Town of St. George with assistance from Vermont League of Cities and Towns. The Animal Control Ordinance adopted in 2017 can be found at

<https://webgen1.revize.com/revize/stgeorgevt/STG%20Animal%20Ordinance%2020171214.pdf>

The ACO and Selectboard advise keeping your animals on your property, with either a leash or contained inside of a fence and always having your animals up to date on rabies vaccinations.

Contact: Please contact Jeffrey Wells, ACO, with any questions at fixedright777@gmail.com



ST. GEORGE TOWN BOARDS AND OFFICIALS – RECAP – JUNE 2024

The Town of St. George Selectboard discussed Newsletter Update, Town Financials, Grants, Office Hours, Little Free Library, Technology Upgrade, VEC Electric Line Distribution, PACIF Risk Management Survey, Upcoming Planning Commission & DRB Meeting, Progress Flag and Flag Policy. **Action taken** includes consent agenda, Assessor's Errors and Omissions, Municipal and Local Agreement Rate, Petty Cash, etc., Policy, Stone Shore Municipal Consultant Agreement, and Executive Session. **There is (1) vacancy on the Selectboard.**

The Town of St. George Planning Commission discussed Dragon Day Presentation Results and Prepare for CCRPC. **Action taken** includes May 22, 2024, Meeting Minutes Approval. **There is (1) vacancy on the Planning Commission.**

The Town of St. George Cemetery Commission cancelled the June 2024 Cemetery Commission Meeting and restoration due to lack of volunteers. The Cemetery Commission will hold restoration in the Fall of 2024.

The Town Clerk focused on Grants, Little Free Libraries, Elections, and Town Office Organization in July 2024.

The Town Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector focused on FYE24, Investments, Issuing BOA Decisions and Delinquent Notices, and updating financial policies in July 2024.

The Assistant to the Town Boards focused on updating the St. George Monthly Newsletter, E911 updates, coordinating updating the Personnel Policy, and Open Meeting Law Requirements in July 2024.

The Assessor focused on Homestead Declarations, Multi-Town Properties, BOA Meeting, and submitting an E&O in July 2024.



ST. GEORGE TOWN OFFICIALS

Selectboard Members: Sarah Tischler, Joel Colf, Rob Crites, and Sarah Potter. (1 vacancy)

Planning Commission Members: Connie Kendall, Abel Russ, Chantal Beliveau, Sue Duell, Justin Mason - Alternate (1 vacancy)

Development Review Board Members: Abel Russ, Tom Juiffre, Ken Pinkham, Chantal Beliveau (1 vacancy)

Cemetery Commission: Mary Alice Favro, Adam Dantzschler, Terri Hallenbeck

Town Auditors: Lisa Hodgkins, Sandy Jarvis, Caroline Jalbert

Town Clerk: Amanda Vincent

Town Treasurer & Delinquent Tax Collector: Adam Beach

Ass't to the Town Boards, Assessor, E911 Coordinator, Ass't Town Clerk: Justin Mason

Zoning Administrator: Wayne Ring

Animal Control Officer: Jeffrey Wells

Please visit https://stgeorgevt.com/contact_us/index.php for the Town of St. George full contact list and information for the Town of St. George Officials.



TOWN VACANCIES

- Selectboard (1 vacancy - stipend)
- St. George Planning Commission (1 vacancy - volunteer)
- Development Review Board (1 vacancy - volunteer)

Please contact Justin Mason at boards@stgeorgevt.com with any interest.



HOURS & SCHEDULES:

Town Clerk Hours: Wednesdays, 12:00pm – 4:00pm, and by appointment.

Town Treasurer Hours: Fridays 8:00am – 4:00pm by appointment – treasurer@stgeorgevt.com

The Assessor Hours: Fridays 8:00am – 12:00pm by appointment - assessor@stgeorgevt.com

The Planning and Zoning Hours: By appointment only

Selectboard Meeting: 3rd Thursdays at 6:00pm – Town Hall, 21 Barber Rd & via Zoom

Planning Commission Meeting: 4th Wednesdays at 6:00pm, Town Hall, 21 Barber Rd & via Zoom

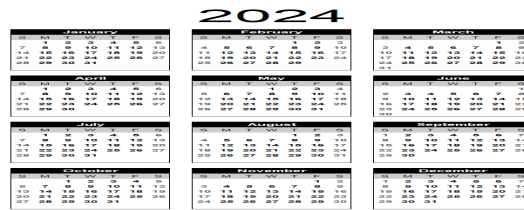
Cemetery Commission Meeting: As warned – August 19, 2024, at 6:00pm, 21 Barber Rd & via Zoom

Development Review Board: As scheduled and warned



UPCOMING AND PREVIOUS DEADLINES, EVENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Dog Registration:** Due April 1, 2024 (April 30, 2024) – Please contact Amanda Vincent, Town Clerk, to register your dog if they are not currently registered with the Town. Current rabies vaccination is required.
- **Property Taxes:** Due October 1, 2024, and April 1, 2025 – Please contact Adam Beach, Town Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector, if you have not already paid your property taxes or to find out if there are delinquent taxes owed on your property at treasurer@stgeorgevt.com or dtc@stgeorgevt.com
- **Homestead Declarations:** Homestead Declarations may be filed until October 15, 2024. Please contact the Vermont Department of Taxes for clarification and additional information.
- **Next Regular Selectboard Meeting:** Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 6:00pm
- **Next Planning Commission Meeting:** Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at 6:00pm
- **Community Assistance Requested:** The Town of St. George is seeking volunteers to help complete the risk management survey as determined by VLCT. Please contact Amanda Vincent, Town Clerk at townclerk@stgeorgevt.com or Justin Mason, Assistant to the Town Boards, at boards@stgeorgevt.com for more information.
- **Garden Space and Volunteer Availability:** St. George Community Garden has garden space available and is looking for additional members and volunteers. Please contact Lisa Hodgkins at lhodgkins60@gmail.com with any interest.
- **Property Photos:** The Town of St. George will be performing a Townwide Reappraisal starting in 2025 and a photo for the town property card is requested. The Assessor will be taking photos of properties now through 2026. If you would like to submit a photo of your property, please email assessor@stgeorgevt.com with your name and address (or parcel ID).
- **Schoolhouse Roof:** The new roof on the Schoolhouse looks very nice and has prevented leakage through the recent rain events!



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please visit the notices and board pages on the Town of St. George website at

<https://stgeorgevt.com/> & email boards@stgeorgevt.com

for the Town of St. George Board Meeting dates, agendas, and schedules, or to be added to the monthly newsletter distribution list.



Thank you for your time and involvement! Your suggestions are greatly appreciated!

Sincerely, Town of St. George Officials, Staff, and Community Members

