



**TOWN OF ST. GEORGE
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
MAY / JUNE 2024**

The Town of St. George is creating and 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 GREEN UP DAY
REPORT

We had great weather and lots of volunteers this year! Thirty-four (34) community members participated. They filled 62 bags and collected a lot of other scrap metal, building materials, 2 tires, and other garbage. Thank you to those volunteers who put us over our 2023 numbers when we had 27 participants fill 51 bags. The most interesting find was the engine and front grille Ram head badge of a Dodge Ram truck! Codian Colf kept the front badge, not the engine.

Of note, Indi Colf was a Green Up Day Ambassador and collected signatures for VT's attempt at a Guinness Book of World Record for "MOST PLEDGES RECEIVED FOR TRASH CLEAN UP IN 24 HOURS." She also spread the word about Green Up Day at school. Thank you, Indi! FREE ICE CREAM was donated by Simons Store in St. George for all volunteers. Thank you, Michelle Bullis and staff, for making that happen. Amanda Vincent, our Town Clerk, brought us into this century and made it possible for online sign up and spread the word on social media. Thank you, Amanda! **Special thanks** to Jeffrey Wells and Lorri Terrier who surmounted all hurdles to collect all the bags and garbage for us.

Please come out next year. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and clean up our community. Remember: Green Up Day is to collect roadside trash, not your personal trash!

Mark your calendars:

Green Up Day 2025 Saturday, May 3, 2025, at Town Hall

8:30am-12:00pm

Mary Alice Favro, Green Up Day Coordinator

If you have ideas or suggestions for Green Up Day, contact me at bfieldsgoshen@gmail.com



ST. GEORGE DRAGON DAY

RECAP

“Where and when can you find an afternoon open to the whole town, where you get free access to:

- ~ world-class juggling
- ~ a fantastic band
- ~ an everyone-can-march parade led by enormous stilt-walkers and a huge Red Dragon
- ~ crafts, games, and piñatas for kids
- ~ games and camaraderie for grown-ups
- ~ a play that tells how St. George got its name
- ~ all our legislators ready to hear your concerns and answer questions
- ~ a vote on how you think the town land should be used
- ~ a baby calf
- ~ free kids’ books
- ~ delicious food from Good Times Café
- ~ free creemees from Simon’s
- ???

Yes! It’s in St. George on Dragon Day!

The weather was perfect as neighbors gathered to enjoy the music, marvel at the juggling, laugh at the play, and get to know each other a little bit better.

Thanks to the Dragon Day Planning Crew:

Diana Burritt
Geoff Rivard
Judy Scott
Missy Kelson
Sarah Tischler
Tim Dartt
Tom Bursey
With cleanup crew Nancy Brennan and Anne Hunt

And to the entertainers:

Rob Crites and Jenn Berry
Hokum Bros

And to the actors:

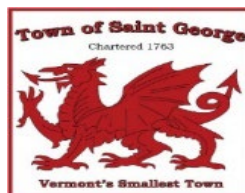
Obi Scott-Russ
Joel Colf
Marc Tischler
Tim Hunt
Abel Russ
Judy Scott

And to the Guillemette Farm

Good Times Café
Simon’s

And most especially to all the St. George townspeople who came out to enjoy the day together!!”

Submitted by: Judy Scott



CARPENTER CARSE LIBRARY

Hinesburg Welcome Baby Picnic: Join us for refreshments, a raffle, and an opportunity to meet others with kids the same age. We will also offer tours of the Food Shelf and library. Library books are dedicated to each baby from Hinesburg and are circulated at the library for all to enjoy. You will get the chance to pick out the library book that will be dedicated to your baby at the event. Older siblings are encouraged to attend and can take part in activities and a story time. If it rains we'll move the event to the library's Community Room. We hope you can join us! Please RSVP to Alexandra Koncewicz at koncewicz@hinesburgresource.org or 482-4649

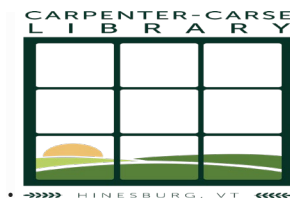
Baby and Me, Fridays from 10:00am – 11:00am: A place to be with coffee and tea, in our community. You are welcome to attend a social gathering where parents or caregivers and their babies can come and meet other caregivers and connect, share and be together. The room is yours for an hour every Friday!

Weekly Story Time, 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 1:00pm – 2:30pm: Do you remember rotary phones? Cigarette smoke in diners? 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.

Summer Reading Club: The Carpenter-Carse Library is happy to announce our 2024 Summer Reading Club lineup! We have a fun and exciting summer of programming ahead. Registration opens June 3, 2024. Please visit <https://www.carpentercarse.org/summer-reading-club> for more information.

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 Kick-Off Party Saturday, June 15, 10:00am – 12:00pm: 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.



ST. GEORGE ROADS

Road Discussion Update: The Selectboard and Planning Commission have been discussing Ayer Road and Willow Brook Lane due to public request and inquiry. The Selectboard and Planning Commission have not made any decisions regarding the roads, are gaging public interest and needs, and publicly warn meetings with agenda items posted. The Meeting Minutes can be found at stgeorgevt.com with relevant conversation from each board meeting. The Town Road Commissioner Position is currently vacant, and the Selectboard has hired a Road Consultant to discuss roads and grants in St. George and to seek third party and professional perspective.

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



ANIMAL REGISTRATION & ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Registration Update and Reminder: There were 49 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 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. Please contact Jeffrey Wells, ACO, with any questions at fixedright777@gmail.com



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ST. GEORGE TOWN BOARDS AND OFFICIALS – RECAP – APRIL & MAY 2024

The Town of St. George Selectboard **discussed** Ayer Road, Pierson Concrete Bridge Evaluation Discussion, Green Up Day Report, Dragon Day Update, Community Assistance, Town Financials Update, Town Financial Policies, Grants Update, Digitizing Land Records, Assessor Interlocal Agreement, Assessor Upcoming Dates, Technology Upgrades, Planning Commission Meeting, and Open Mic. **Action taken** includes Emergency Management Plan, Road Consultant Hire, Childcare Tax Credit, TCA Representative, Planning Commission Quorum, Development Review Board Quorum, Planning Commission Alternate Appointment, MTAP Public Hearing, Consent Agenda, Dragon Day Allocation, Town Hall Water Cooler, Town Investments, Townwide Reappraisal, Annual Reappointment of Town Officers, Selectboard meeting time to 6:00pm, Executive Session for Personnel. **There is (1) vacancy on the Selectboard.**

The Town of St. George Planning Commission **discussed** Ayer Road, Planning Commission Member Count, Rules of Procedures, Email Connections, 12 survey topics for Dragon Day, St. George Survey Results, Resident Voting Process, CCRPC Selectboard Meeting Minutes, Planning Commission Meeting Date. **Action taken** includes Chair Election, Vice-Chair Election, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. **There is (1) vacancy on the Planning Commission.**

The Town of St. George Cemetery Commission **discussed** Cemetery Clean Up and Boundary Lines at the May 20, 2024, Cemetery Commission Meeting. The Cemetery Commission is rescheduling the June 22, 2024, Clean Up to Fall 2024.

The Town Clerk focused on Grants, Dog Licensing, and Road Grants in May 2024.

The Town Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector focused on creating Town Financial Policies, Town Investments, and Sorting Delinquent Taxes in May 2024.

The Assistant to the Town Boards focused on updating the St. George Monthly Newsletter, scheduling and assisting with board meetings, and E911 assignments in May 2024.

The Assessor focused on Homestead Declarations, Current Use Allocations, Updating the Agreement for Townwide Reappraisal, and lodged the 2024 Abstract Grand List in May 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

The Assessor Hours: By Appointment. Grievance June 7, 9:00am – 12:00pm - 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: Monthly, as scheduled and warned

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 (2nd payment):** Due April 1, 2024 – 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.
- **Vermont Income Taxes:** Due April 15, 2024 – Please note: Failure to file income taxes or homestead declarations may result in increased tax rates and/or penalties.
- **Veterans Exemptions:** Due May 1, 2024
- **Next Regular Selectboard Meeting:** Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 6:00pm
- **Next Planning Commission Meeting:** Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 6:00pm
- **Cemetery Spring Cleanup:** June 22, 2024, from 9:00am – 1:00pm
- **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 2027 for 2028 and a photo for the town property card is requested. The Assessor will be taking photos of properties now through 2027. If you would like to submit a photo of your property, please email assessor@stgeorgevt.com with your name and address (or parcel ID).

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please visit the notices and board pages on the Town of St. George website at https://stgeorgevt.com/notices/posted_notices.php & 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.



Comments and inquiries can be emailed to: boards@stgeorgevt.com

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

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