

**TOWN OF ST. GEORGE
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
April 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

ST. GEORGE GREEN UP DAY
REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, RELAX

Green Up Day Event: Saturday, May 4, 2024, from 8:30am – 11:30am (signup at the Town Hall). Town of St. George Community Members are encouraged to bring a Full Green Up Bag to the St. George Town Hall, located at 21 Barber Road, St. George, Vermont, to receive 1 ticket per person for a complimentary soft serve ice cream at Simons Store, located at 2 Barber Rd, St. George, Vermont. Tickets will be available at the Town Hall Saturday morning – Please contact Mary Alice Favro through the Town Hall or by email through townclerk@stgeorgevt.com or boards@stgeorgevt.com



Thank you, Simons Store and Community Members, for your effort and contribution!

ST. GEORGE DRAGON DAY
THE SLEEPING DRAGON IS AWAKENING!

St. George's Dragon Day is coming right up in a few weeks, date to be decided very soon! With a visit from Chomp the enormous red dragon, games, pinatas, baby calves (we hope!), treats, delicious food, a parade and a play, it'll be fun for all. The best part will be seeing and talking with our unparalleled neighbors on a lovely spring day. The Dragon Day Planners are already at work and would love to have you join us as we re-imagine and organize this spectacular event.

If you're interested in joining the preparations, please email Judy Scott at jscottvermont@gmail.com.



FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Town of St. George uses the Hinesburg Fire Department for Emergency Services. Please contact Ed Waite, Fire Warden, regarding Burn Permits, at hfdk20@gmail.com

- It is recommended to have chimneys cleaned and inspected at least once per year by a professional.
- Ensure there is no debris and clutter around or on your wood stove and heaters. Wrapping paper and cardboard should not be burned in a wood stove.
- Ensure all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly.
- Dispose of wood ashes in a metal container and do not set them on the porch or near the house .



ST. GEORGE ROADS: NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Mud Season Notice: The Town of St. George is advising Town Residents and Community Members to be cautious as the early mud season is upon us. If you encounter a St. George Town Highway that is impassable, please contact Justin Mason, Assistant to the Town Boards, at boards@stgeorgevt.com or Sarah Tischler, Selectboard member, at sbchair@stgeorgevt.com . It is not recommended to drive through deep ruts and mud as it can cause further damage to the road or your vehicle. Please note the Town of St. George is not responsible for private roads and driveways.



ANIMAL REGISTRATION & ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Registration Update and Reminder: There are currently 49 dogs registered in the Town of St. George. 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



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

The Town of St. George Selectboard **discussed** CVU Vote and Community Loss, Ayer Road, Town Financials, Grants, Dog Update, St. George Policies, St. George Newsletter, Assessor Interlocal Agreement Meeting, Road Consultant, Green Up Day, and Next Planning Commission Meeting. **Action taken** includes Consent Agenda, Town Financial Policies, Declaration of Inclusivity, CSWD Budget, and Planning Commission Member Appointment at the April 18, 2024, Regular Meeting. The St. George Selectboard discussed VCDP Grant Presentation **Action taken** includes Resolution Vote and ADA Assessment Proposal at the April 4, 2024, Special Meeting. **There is (1) vacancy on the Selectboard.**

The Town of St. George Planning Commission discussed the Organization of the Planning Commission, Rules of Procedure, Ayer Road and Willow Brook Lane, Town Board Meeting Minutes, Town Plan Updates, and the Next Planning Commission Meeting Date at the April 24, 2024, Planning Commission Meeting. **Planning Commission members are needed.**

The Town of St. George Cemetery Commission **discussed** Fence Repair Update, Stonework Update, Spring Cleanup (volunteers needed), VLCT Open Meeting Law Training Report, and Cemetery Boundary Lines. **Action taken** includes setting the date for Spring Cleanup of June 22, 2024, from 9:00am – 1:00pm at the April 22, 2024, Cemetery Commission Meeting.

The Town Clerk focused on Grants, Dog Licensing, CVSD Voting, and Road Grants in April 2024.

The Town Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector focused on creating Town Financial Policies and preparing Delinquent Tax Notices in April 2024.

The Assistant to the Town Boards focused on updating the St. George Monthly Newsletter, organizing current policies, scheduling board meetings, and communicating year goals and expectations with the Town Boards.

The Assessor focused on downloading Homestead Declarations, Property Inspections for the 2024 Grand List, and finalizing the agreement for the Townwide Reappraisal.



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 (3 vacancies)

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 (4 vacancies - 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: Bi-weekly Wednesdays resuming on April 17, 2024

The Planning and Zoning Hours: By appointment only

Selectboard Meeting: 3rd Thursdays at 7:00pm – Town Hall, 21 Barber Rd & via Zoom

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

Cemetery Commission Meeting: Monthly, as scheduled and warned (May 20, 2024, at 6:00pm)

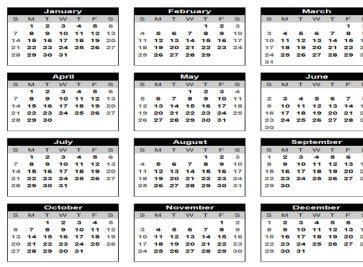
Development Review Board: As scheduled and warned



UPCOMING 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.
- **Tentative Special Selectboard Meeting:** Monday, April 29, 2024 – Time to be announced 24-hours prior to the meeting.
- **Next Regular Selectboard Meeting:** Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 7:00pm
- **Next Planning Commission Meeting:** Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 6:00pm
- **Veterans Exemptions:** Due May 1, 2024
- **Green Up Day Event:** Saturday, May 4, 2024, from 8:30am – 11:30am (signup at the Town Hall). Town of St. George Community Members are encouraged to bring a Full Green Up Bag to the St. George Town Hall to receive 1 ticket per person for a complimentary soft serve ice cream at Simons Store in St. George. Tickets will be available at the Town Hall Saturday morning – Please contact Mary Alice Favro through the Town Hall or by email through townclerk@stgeorgevt.com or boards@stgeorgevt.com
- **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.
- **Community Project title: Dorothy Alling Memorial Library Weatherization, Electrical, Internet Access & Future Planning Project.** This is a multi-faceted renovation project which includes a weatherization initiative to replace windows, exterior insulation and siding, electrical upgrades to replace current fluorescent lighting with LED lighting and, installation of a new electrical service. The project includes plans for improving internet access and privacy for patrons to use the internet, by installing a privacy pod and upgrading the Wi-Fi network used to support internet access. Looking to the future, schematic design work for an addition on the current site is also part of the project. The Town of St. George Selectboard wrote a Letter of Support for this project. For more information, please contact Jane Kearns at director@damlvt.org
- **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