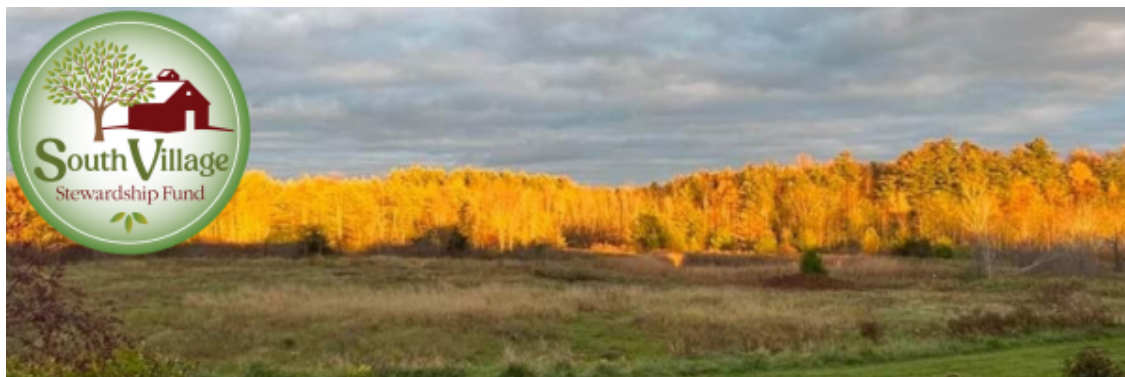


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News From the South Village Stewardship Board



The South Village Stewardship Board works to protect, support, and enhance the South Village Common Lands, including the Open Space and the Farm.

An Ecological Experiment in Real Time

You may have noticed the pocket park on Preserve Road, located adjacent to the bank of mailboxes, and just across from Farm Road. Just beyond the park you will discover a trail, recently rehabilitated by a crew of South Village volunteers. But before your get to the forest, you may see that the park is divided into two



distinct halves. The area is the outcome of a builder mistakenly seeding half of a conservation area into lawn. In early fall, one half of the park was ablaze with white and purple asters, goldenrod, and milkweed. The other half is simply long grass. Once you imagine that 96% of all terrestrial birds rear their young on insects, the "mistake" is even more serious, because lawns and non-native shrubs are a "dead zone" for birds and insects. On the other hand, goldenrod, sometimes blamed on seasonal allergies, supports 50 species of insects and up to 100 species of moth and butterfly larvae, earning it the title as the single most important pollinator plant in our region. Over time, wildflowers in the Preserve Road pocket park will spread deeper into the grass, increasing the pleasure of the view, the songs of nesting birds, and an ecosystem that supports them.

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Dogs at the Farm: Updates to South Village Policy

Our community continues to grow with the recent addition of The Cottages on Farm Way, and the Stewardship Board has updated its policy on the presence of dogs in the area of the farm. Please feel free to walk your dog on the Farm Way sidewalk, or on the gravel road that stretches from Allen Road East to Preserve Road. Please keep your dog out of the farmstand, farm fields, gardens, and community garden plot. As always, please keep your dog on a leash at all times.



Welcome New Board Members, Ron and Paula!

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Ron moved to South Village from Oregon and the West Coast in 2021. His career in nonprofit management led him to serve on many boards and committees, and develop skills in strategic planning. Ron looks forward to contributing to the South Village community through his new role on the Stewardship Board. Ron loves exploring Vermont and its diversity, and he can be found doing yoga, hiking, snowshoeing, and running on the local trails.

Paula Caron

Paula and her husband moved to South Village in 2022. They were drawn to the area by family, the beauty of the region, and the concept of an Agrihood. Paula is at home in South Village, and she feels privileged to live near an organic farm, preserved lands, and incredible neighbors. A retired nurse, Paula watches her granddaughter, works at the farmstand, coordinates the community gardens, walks her "very slow" Great Pyrenees named Ama, and paddles with Dragonheart Vermont.



Seeking South Village Stewardship Volunteers

If you're interested in the farm, open space, trails, or preservation of common land, we would love to hear from you! The South Village Stewardship Board seeks team players and independent workers with a love for nature, community, and agriculture to join committees or task forces. Let's be in touch and talk about how you could contribute. For more information, please contact [John Owen](#).

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Nov.18; Limited Hours

Members, don't forget to use your 2023 season credit!

The Farmstand at South Village has transitioned to limited hours for the first few weeks in November. Shop Fridays and Saturdays, 10 AM - 2 PM, through November 18 for late-season veggies, root vegetables and squash, local cheese, Chef Anthony's meals-to-go, frozen wood-fired pizza, Toni's Strombolis, honey, elderberry syrup and more! Memberships (plus bonus dollars) will be on sale in December for the 2024 season.



Did you know South Village has three Facebook pages?

[South Village Vermont](#) - An active resident-driven group featuring residents' news, photos and updates

[South Village Community \(Arrowhead Group\)](#) - Updates from our maintenance contractor, Arrowhead

[South Village Real Estate](#) - Posts about home closings within the community

The South Village Stewardship Board

The Stewardship Fund is governed by a Board composed of a maximum of nine individuals, elected by the residents of South Village. They are responsible for the strategic planning, budgeting, monitoring, and program development of the South Village Stewardship Board.

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