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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.

Lease a Garden Bed at the Farm for the 2023 Season

Meet neighbors, get outside, and grow your own food! Just to the east of the farmstand you will see a set of 4 x 8 garden beds, made available by the South Village Stewardship Board for a minimal fee. Now is the time to reserve a bed for the 2023 growing season. Tools and hoses to water your garden are provided, and your bed will be weeded, raked, and prepared with compost at the start of the season. As with all South Village growing practices, gardeners should use organic products, and minimize pests using natural practices.



Registration is on a first come, first served, basis. While it may be possible for one person or family to maintain two beds, we will fill all requests for single beds before we can allow folks to double up. [Learn more and download the registration form here](#). Let's Get Growing!

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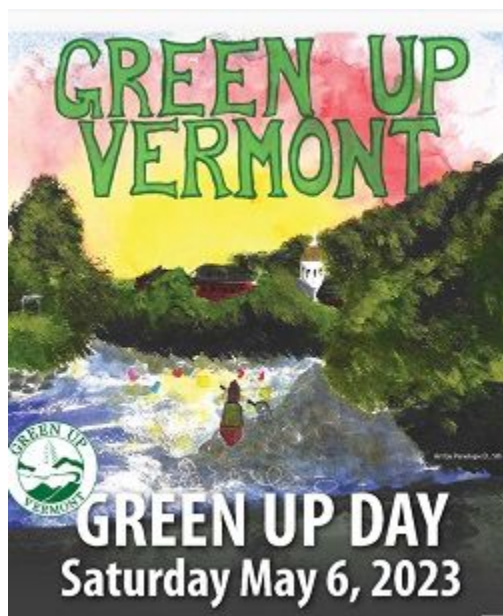
Chickens!

Calling all South Village Kids! Our community chicken coop is vacant. As an alternative to our previous volunteer program the Stewardship Board is seeking a family or self-organized group to raise layers for fun and profit. Free rent. You'll need to buy your chicks or young layers, all feed/supplies, and take on full responsibility. You'll collect the eggs to eat, share or sell to neighbors! Interested? Questions? Contact Stewardship Board member, [John Bakewell](#).



Green Up South Village, May 6

On Saturday, May 6, South Village neighbors will join together to "Green Up" our slice of Vermont. Our community effort is part of the statewide momentum to pick up litter from our land, roadways, and rivers on the first Saturday morning in May. Here in South Village, volunteers are invited to meet at the Farmstand at 8 AM on May 6th. Please bring gloves, wear proper footwear, and dress for a morning outside (rain or shine); we will provide signature green Green Up bags that will be collected from a central location for removal. (If you can't make it at 8 AM, bags will be available at the Farmstand throughout the morning. All full bags need to be back at the Farmstand by noon on May 6.)



Originally conceived in 1969 by Governor Deane Davis, Green Up Day has become synonymous with a Vermont-wide stewardship movement. [Learn more about the statewide Green Up Day initiative](#). Questions about South Village Green Up Day? Contact Stewardship Board Member, [Vicky Tebbetts](#). Thanks

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Welcome
to the
South Village Preserve

South Village is a Conservation Community. The Preserve is conservation land. It is part of an active stewardship program administered under the laws of the State of Vermont.

To maximize everyone's enjoyment and comply with the laws of our conservation program, please abide by the following rules:

- Dogs on leash only
- No bicycles or other wheeled vehicles
- Stay on the trail
- Observe seasonal trail closures

Thank you and enjoy this shared resource!
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Coming Soon to a Trail Near You

The South Village Stewardship Board has taken on an ongoing project to provide signage to enhance enjoyment of the Preserve and make the trails easier to navigate. As part of this effort, you will soon see new signs at certain entry points around the land. The Preserve is conservation land, part of an active stewardship program administered under the laws of the State of Vermont. To maximize everyone's enjoyment of our shared resource, please abide by the rules of use. Thank you and we hope you enjoy exploring our conservation community!

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In March, members of the Stewardship Board and residents installed five bluebird boxes around the farm and preserved land. South Village offers extraordinary bluebird habitat - even in the winter! The group also installed a box for a kestrel (a member of the falcon family) on the edge of the preserved area behind Midland. The Stewardship Board welcomes donations and creative ideas to improve our collective enjoyment of our resources. If you would like to take the lead on a project, please contact one of the board members listed below.



The South Village Farmstand Opens April 28! *Consider Becoming a Member*

Farmer Colin and his team are preparing for the best year ever, supplying certified organic produce and delicious local products to our community. Anyone can shop at the farmstand, but prepaid members receive bonus dollars and access to the pick-your-own flower patch! Learn more and sign up for membership on the [Common Roots website](#).

Common Roots is also seeking volunteers to help in the farmstand. Donate your time for a minimum of four hours/week. Occasional weeks off are possible, and volunteers receive a 25% discount on the day they work. Training will be provided. For more information, please contact [Kayli O'Donnell](#), Farmstand Manager.

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Farmstand at South Village
2023 Membership

Membership is easy as 1,2,3

- 1 Choose an amount for your Membership level and Earn Bonus Dollars.
- 2 Spend it whenever you want, on whatever you want at the Farmstand.
- 3 Includes access to a Pick-Your-Own Flower Patch and an invitation to our summer feast!

Membership Levels + Bonus Dollars

\$300 Get \$10 extra Total value of \$310	\$500 Get \$35 extra Total value of \$535	\$650 Get \$50 extra Total value of \$700	\$1000 Get \$100 extra Total value of \$1100
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To become a member mail your check to
Common Roots, 55 Allen Road East, South Burlington, VT 05405
or visit us online at commonroots.org

Every purchase supports 5 food education programs

Our Farmstand will operate just like a small grocery store, offering our fresh organic vegetables and flowers, with a variety of local products including meats, cheeses, milk and bread.

Located at the intersection of Spear St. and Allen Road East in South Burlington.

Search to Flower!
Open Tuesday - Sunday 10am - 6pm. More info: farmstand.commonroots.org

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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.

Current members of the Board include (in alphabetical order):

- Nick Andrews, Member (nandrews66@gmail.com)
 - John Bakewell, Member (johnbakewell@comcast.net)
 - Dana Basiliere, Member (dana@vermontishome.com)
 - Susan Darnell, Chair (susandarnell@comcast.net)
 - John Owen, Secretary (jrowen18@gmail.com)
 - Vicky Tebbetts, Member (vtebbetts@gmail.com)
 - George Zipf, Treasurer (georgezipf@gmail.com)
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