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News From the South Village Stewardship Board



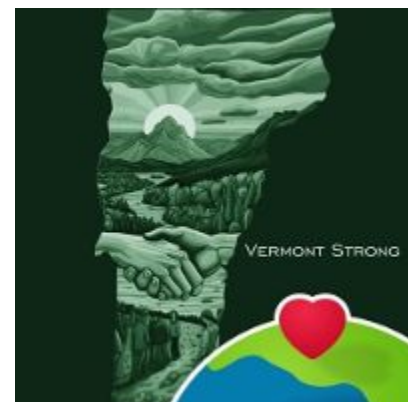
The South Village Stewardship Board works to protect, support, and enhance the South Village Common Lands, including the Open Space and the Farm.

Seeking South Village Stewardship Board 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 and agriculture to join our board, committee, or task forces. Let's be in touch and talk about how you could contribute. For more information, please contact [Susan Darnell](#).

Our hearts are heavy with the news of damage and losses from recent flooding.

Vermonters have risen in a tremendous wave of support, neighbors helping neighbors. While the Farm at South Village was not affected, many area farms were. Farmers from the Intervale have been invited to harvest excess produce from the Farm at South Village twice a week, in order to help defray their retail sales losses. If you would like to help farmers, the Vermont Agency of Agriculture has published [Recovery Donation Opportunities](#).



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We want to hear from you! The Stewardship Board is considering installing waist-high garden beds at the farm next year. Would you be interested in leasing a waist-high bed at the farm in 2024? Click here to let us know and give feedback.

Introducing... South Village's New (Old) Trail!

At the suggestion of a South Village resident, a neighborly crew of able volunteers opened up the path behind the common space on the south side of Midland. The trail was being reclaimed by nature. To find the trail, head over the bridge to Midland, and bear to the right. Enter the forest by the sign, and head east to a grassy area (you'll see stakes and pink tape marking the path). Then, take the trail to the far right (south). You'll end up looping behind Dorset Farms, and emerging by the Red Schoolhouse Learning Center on Catkin Drive. From there, you can take Midland back to South Village, explore the Dorset Farms neighborhood, or connect to the recreation path on Dorset Sreet. We look forward to enjoying this path in all four seasons!



In Memory: Richard Horn

The Stewardship Board and the entire South Village Community lost one of their earliest and greatest supporters earlier this month, when Richard Horn passed away at the age of 94. Richard and his life partner, Ann Patterson, moved to South Village in 2009. Their home was the third built in the development, and they chose our community because of its mission and values. Richard had a special interest in the farm; Ann is a keen gardener and



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Richard took on the farm as his special challenge. Much of the Farm at South Village infrastructure exists today because of Ann and Richard's financial support. Richard bought things great and small; he donated three high tunnel greenhouses, and the materials to construct the Farm Stand. He established a challenge grant of \$10,000, which the



neighborhood matched for a total of \$20,000. Richard gave us the mobile chicken coop with its elegant windows for collecting eggs, and his art work decorates the picnic tables that now stand near the garden. He and Ann provided a bench on Dewey Green for weary walkers or readers. In his retirement Richard also concentrated on painting, furniture making, and creating stained glass. Always the adventurer, he celebrated his 90th birthday by jumping out of an

airplane.

Richard was an accomplished and unusually versatile man. He and Ann have contributed so much to our community and his dedication and wisdom will be sorely missed.



Sweet, Sweet Summertime at the South Village Farmstand

The Farmstand at South Village is stocked with summer's bounty. The recent weather has made farming a challenge, but Farmer Colin and his staff are harvesting cucumbers, peas, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, beets, salad turnips, fresh herbs, tomatoes, summer squash, zucchini, and so much more. Enjoy many other prepared products, and find something ready for dinner. While in the farmstand, you may be able to say hello to the volunteer attendant - they're probably a neighbor!

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Photo Gallery: South Village Green Up Day, 2023
Seventeen volunteers gathered 38 bags of trash!



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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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