



# *The* **GAZETTE**

**The official newsletter produced by the Town of Starksboro**

**APRIL 2015**

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

File your Homestead !	p 1
TOWN MEETING RESULTS	p 2
WORSHIP SERVICES	p 2
TWEEN SCENE, SUNDAY'S COOL	p 3
DOG LICENSES	p 3
LIBRARY NEWS	p 4
FRIENDS OF JERUSALEM SCHOOLHOUSE	p 5
LIFE'S HELPERS SALE	p 5
CONTACT PAGE	p 6
GREEN UP VERMONT AD	p 7

## **FILE YOUR HOMESTEAD DECLARATION BY APRIL 15**

**April 15th is the last opportunity you have to file your homestead without penalty. It is the law of the State of Vermont that you must declare your Homestead if you own property. It is extremely important if you hope to get any adjustment of your Education Property Tax. An adjustment to your education tax can be made based on your income only if you declare your homestead on HS - 122 and then declare your household income using HI-144. These forms are NOT available at the Town Offices but available at: [www.state.vt.us/tax/propertyadj.shtml](http://www.state.vt.us/tax/propertyadj.shtml)**

**If you file after April 15th there will be a penalty, a % of your education tax. If you file for an extension on your Federal Income Tax return, so you do not know your income for HI-144, you must still file your HS-122 on time. You can file the income statement later. If you have no income, other than Social Security and do not file a tax return, you just need to fill out the HI - 144. There are still quite a few people in Starksboro who do not file, and they are only hurting themselves. Some residents, who have very limited or no income get their entire Property Tax bill paid by the State. And as the Tax Department continues to remind us, it is the Law. If you have any questions about this call the Town Office at 453-2639.**

# TOWN MEETING RESULTS

One hundred seventy-six voters turned out for Town Meeting. The town budget passed, as well as all of the In-Town and Out-of-Town requests. The voters also voted to purchase the six solar trackers that the town has on Parsonage Road.

The Robinson School budget passed in the amount of \$3,005,169, after adding \$58,954 to correct an error, and an additional \$136,506 from the floor. The Mt. Abe budget was defeated 1241 – 1088. The Hannaford Career Center budget passed.

All of the town officers were elected. The school board race results were: Bonita Bedard – 99, Nancy Cornell – 248.

348 voters turned out for the Tuesday Australian Ballot voting

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### The FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF STARKSBORO:

The First Baptist Church of Starksboro, 2806 VT Route 116. Church phone 453.5577. Pastor Larry Detweiler, 802.434.6715 (home), [revdets@gmail.com](mailto:revdets@gmail.com). In emergency situations, phone 802-989-2679.

<http://www.starksborobaptistchurch.org/>

Sunday's Schedule:

10:00 a.m. Chat, Chew & Renew, bible study and adult fellowship

11:00 – 1:00 Sunday's Cool youth bible study and fellowship (grades K-7)

11:00 a.m. Worship service with communion every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

Roberta McKinney, Associate for Youth Ministries [Kidsrme7316@gmail.com](mailto:Kidsrme7316@gmail.com). Phone: 802.922.1766.

**JERUSALEM GATHERING:** a congregation in the Episcopal tradition that has services on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month at 9:30 am. We meet in the Jerusalem Schoolhouse, 397 Jerusalem Rd, in South Starksboro.

Everyone is welcome. Contact: Vickie Backus - 434-6488.

**SOUTH STARKSBORO FRIENDS MEETING:** Singing every Sunday at 9 am, meeting for worship at 9:30 am at the Meeting House located at 430 Dan Sargent Rd. Call 453-4927 for details

**2015 DOG LICENSES:** All dogs have to be licensed with the town by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. A valid up-to-date rabies certificate is required. Puppies do not need to be licensed until they are 6 months old. Fees are the same: \$8 for a spayed or neutered dog, and \$12 if they are not.

**“SUNDAY’S COOL”:** If you are looking for an opportunity for your children to learn great stories from the Bible, then come join us at “Sunday’s Cool”. Our program starts at 11:00 a.m. with up-beat music, crafts and lively conversation. As we learn healthy and helpful principles that can be applied to our lives today, we do so by engaging in dramatic play, music, memorization, reading and interactive instruction. Lunch is served around noon, then it’s activity time, which may include cooperative games, outdoor recreation and relevant videos. Occasionally we venture out to enjoy a seasonal fieldtrip. Kids of all ages are invited and encouraged to be part of something “Cool” happening on Sunday’s at First Baptist Church of Starksboro.

Contact Roberta: [kidsrme7316@gmail.com](mailto:kidsrme7316@gmail.com)

---

## Starksboro Public Library

Hours: Mon. 10-6, Thurs. 10-5, Sat. 9-1

Lisa Daudon, Librarian - 453-3732 - [starksboropl@comcast.net](mailto:starksboropl@comcast.net) - [starksborolibrary.wordpress.com](http://starksborolibrary.wordpress.com)

### **Searching our Catalog:**

<http://starksboropl.bywatersolutions.com>

You must have a new library card that is entered into our system.

If you have already signed up at town meeting or the library:

USER NAME: Your first initial and last name.

PASSWORD: Call your local librarian if you have forgotten it.

Once logged on you can change your password.

### **Preschool Story Time: Monday, April 6 & 30 and Thursday, April 2 & 16 @ 11:00:**

All children of preschool age are welcome to join us. We would welcome Vermonters to read to the little ones. No experience necessary.

### **Story Time for Infants & Toddlers: Thursday, April 9 & 23 @ 10:30:**

This story time is geared toward the under pre-preschool crowd. Read, sing and visit with other toddlers at the library.

**Knit/Fiber Arts:** We will meet on **Saturdays, April 11 and 25, @ 10:00 a.m.** Enjoy visiting with others as you work on your portable projects. The skill of our group is considerable and help is available if you have questions.

**Book Group:** Join us at the library on **Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** We will be reading The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd. Inspired by the true story of early-nineteenth-century abolitionist and suffragist Sarah Grimke, Kidd paints a moving portrait of two women inextricably linked by the horrors of slavery.

**Mother-Daughter Book Group:** **Moved to the first Monday in MAY.** This month's book is Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnet. A classic to share with your daughter.

**Art Display:** *Jill Paul has generously shared her collection of PYSANKY. These are her beautiful handmade Ukranian Easter Eggs. Also, adorning our walls, are watercolors by Judith Bryant. Fall in love with one and it could be yours, they are for sale.*

**Bone Builders:** **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 – 6:30.** Enjoy the company of others while you keep your bones strong and healthy at any age. We have all the equipment you need at the library and trained leaders. You will be glad you did!

**FRIENDS OF JERUSALEM SCHOOLHOUSE:** Signs of spring are everywhere...the sugar houses are bustling with activity as lots of maple syrup is being made and the robins are making their appearance once again.

This month we are featuring Jerusalem Schoolhouse memories from Cookie (Norris) Jennings. Cookie attended the one room schoolhouse in South Starksboro for 8 years and then went to Mt. Abraham for her high school years. Here goes:

"Memories of spending 8 years at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse (and being taught by the same teacher) are many and varied. However my first one was realizing that my name wasn't Cookie but really Corinne. Imagine my surprise as a 5 year old when Mrs. Wyman explained that now that I was in school I needed to use my "real" name on things. I remember going to the front of the class and sitting in the little chairs to read out loud in a group when it was my turn. Learning cursive writing in 3rd grade. The excitement (I think in 3rd grade) when the indoor plumbing was installed and the oil furnace replaced the wood stoves. I also remember the plays and concerts we did at the holidays. All of us kids in the kitchen "trying" to be quiet while the performances were happening!"

Cookie shared other memories that will be in a gazette later this year. Stay tuned for memories from another student of the Jerusalem Schoolhouse next month!

Life's Helpers Inc. is having a **Rummage Sale / Food Drive** on **Sat., April 18th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hinesburg Fire Station.**

Sale benefits Hinesburg Fire Dept. and Food Shelf.

Please come check it out and bring a non-perishable food item for the food shelf. To donate items for the sale or for more information call:

Penny [802-434-6053](tel:802-434-6053) or Phyllis [802-434-2559](tel:802-434-2559)

The GAZETTE is published monthly and mailed to all Starksboro residents. Articles and advertisements must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to the Town Clerk. If the 15<sup>th</sup> falls on Fri, Sat, or Sun, than it is due the following Monday by noon.

COMMUNITY EMAIL GROUP: [WWW.FRONTPORCHFORUM.COM](http://WWW.FRONTPORCHFORUM.COM)

TOWN WEBSITE: [www.starksborovt.org](http://www.starksborovt.org)

**TOWN OFFICE:** 453-2639

Open Mon – Thu 8:30 – 4:30

**Town Clerk:** Cheryl Estey [starksboro@madriver.com](mailto:starksboro@madriver.com)

**Treasurer:** Celine Coon [starksborotowntreasurer@gmavt.net](mailto:starksborotowntreasurer@gmavt.net)

**Zoning Administrator:** Dave Wetmore [starksborozoning@gmavt.net](mailto:starksborozoning@gmavt.net)

(office hours - Mon & Wed 9-4; Thu 1:00 – 4:30)

**Del. Tax Collector:** Amy McCormick-Tues & Wed @ 453-2639  
[starksborotaxes@gmail.com](mailto:starksborotaxes@gmail.com)

#### SELECT BOARD

Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 5:30 at Town Office.

Please call at least one week in advance to get on the agenda.

Susan Jefferies – 453-3611

Peter Marsh – 453-3478

Mathew Norris – 453-3273

#### SCHOOL BOARD

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 5:30 pm at Robinson Library.

Bonita Bedard – 453-4305

Louis duPont – 453-5538

Dennis Hysko – 453-5960

**Mt. Abe:** Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 at Mt. Abe Library.

Bonita Bedard – 453-4305

Jodi Bachand – 434-5336

**LIBRARY:** 453-3732

Open Mon 10-6; Thurs 10-5, Sat 9-1

Library Board meetings 2nd Monday @ 7 pm at Library

**STARSBORO VILLAGE WATER COOPERATIVE:** 453-5200

Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of March, June, Sept, and Dec at 7:30 pm  
at the Starksboro Public Library

#### REPRESENTATIVES

Fred Baser – 453-4391

David Sharpe – 453-2754 / [dsharpe@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:dsharpe@leg.state.vt.us)

#### NEW POST OFFICE HOURS:

Mon – Fri 7:30 – 4:30

Closed each day 11:30 – 2:30

Saturday – 7:30 – 11:00

#### ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:

Wayne Marcelle – 233-9534

#### CONSTABLES:

Eric Cota – 453-5239

2<sup>nd</sup> Constable – George Wyckoff – 989-4538

#### FIRE WARDENS:

 Please call ahead for burn permits

Tom Estey – 453-4511 or Tony Porter – 989-5096

#### PLANNING COMMISSION:

 453-4054

Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at the Town Office

Development Review Board meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

 Matt Witten (434-3236 or

[mwitten@gmavt.net](mailto:mwitten@gmavt.net)) or Jan McCleery (453-3755 or

[mccleery@norwich.edu](mailto:mccleery@norwich.edu)). Meetings: 4th Monday @ 7 pm at the  
Starksboro Public Library

**HEALTH OFFICER:** Peter Ryersbach – 453-3597

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:

 Charlene Phelps

453-3461

#### RECYCLING:

 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> Saturdays from 8-11 am at Town Garage,

1686 VT Route 116. Trash fees: \$5.00/bag. Recycling fees by quantity.

#### HUB TEEN CENTER & SKATEPARK:

[www.bristolskatepark.com](http://www.bristolskatepark.com)

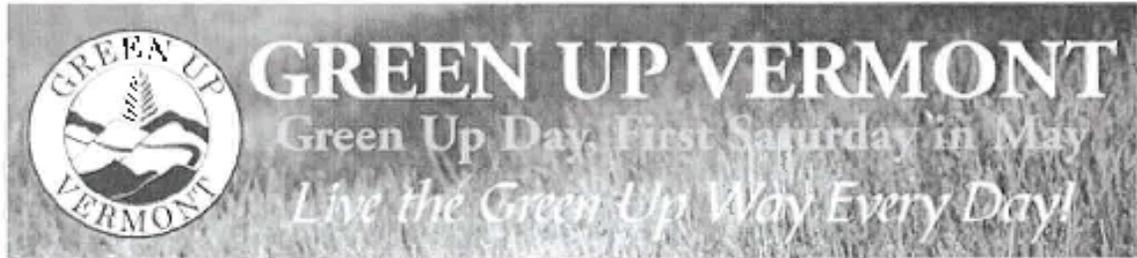
Ryan Krushenick – 453-3678 / [thehub@gmavt.net](mailto:thehub@gmavt.net)

#### SENATORS

Claire Ayer – 545-2142 / [cayer@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:cayer@leg.state.vt.us)

Chris Bray – 453-3444 / [cbray@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:cbray@leg.state.vt.us)

Food Shelf Hours: 10:30 am – 6:00 pm every Wednesday  
(except the first Wed of each month).



*Green Up's mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the benefits of a litter-free environment.*

**GREEN UP DAY 2015– SATURDAY, MAY 2nd**

**Dear Starksboro Residents,**

This year marks our 45<sup>th</sup> year for Vermont's Green up Day, a tradition begun in 1970, and an annual event representing the largest citizen's effort ever organized in Vermont. **Please help to continue this tradition May 2nd in Starksboro.**

**Green Up Bags and Gloves** will again be available at the following sites by Mid April:

- Starksboro Town Offices.
- Starksboro Town Garage.
- Jerusalem Corners Store.

The **Green Up drop off site** is the **Town Garage**. All trash collected along **town roads** must be dropped off at this location **between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Important:** Do not leave your green up bags on town roads. They must be dropped off at the town garage. If you cannot drop your green up bags at the town garage please contact Marcia Perry to arrange a pick up.

**Trash collected along state roads will be collected by state trucks.**

If you would like more information or if you would like to volunteer for a **particular** section of roadway, you can contact Marcia Perry, Green Up Coordinator, 802-434-2462 or [mimperry@gmail.com](mailto:mimperry@gmail.com).



# SUMMER CSA

## Subscribe to a Full Season of Fresh Vegetables

### How it works:

#### Sign up and pay

In the spring, you sign up and pay for a full season of fresh vegetables. The summer you sign up and pay in fall, the less it costs. See Sign Up Form (other side) for prices.

#### Weekly vegetable pickup

Each week, starting the week of June 11th, through the week of October 22nd, (20 weeks), you get a share of the harvest. We will provide you with a selection from the over 50 varieties of vegetables that we grow. Pickup days & times vary by pickup site. See below.

#### Two Share sizes

To accommodate different household sizes and eating preferences, we offer two share sizes.

**The Standard Share** is suitable for a family of four eating a serving of vegetables every night.

**The Small Share** is suitable for a couple eating a serving of vegetables every night.

These are only rough guides. For example, we have plenty of couples who are very happy with the standard share.

#### Convenient Pickup Sites

**Starksboro** - Wednesdays, at the farm 3-7 PM

**Middlebury** - Wednesdays at MNFC 5-6 PM

**South Burlington Farmers' Market** - Sundays at

S. Burlington High School, 10AM-2PM

**Burlington Farmers' Market** - Saturdays 8:30AM -2:00PM

We charge an additional \$30 for off-farm pickup sites, to cover our cost of making the share available to you. However, \$3.50 per pickup is less than it would cost you to drive to the farm. Even so, it is not ideal, and you'll find it is all over the best CSA values around.

**Questions: Call Hank at (802) 453-4591**

**Online: [LewisCreekFarm.com](http://LewisCreekFarm.com)**

**Email: [LCFarm@gmail.com](mailto:LCFarm@gmail.com)**



*"It's like having your own garden,  
...just a whole lot easier"*

#### **Sample Standard Share, early summer:**

1 Qt Strawberries	1 Head Green Leaf Lettuce
1 Head Red Leaf Lettuce	1lb Sugar Snap Peas
1 lb. Spinach	

#### **Sample Standard Share, late summer:**

1 lb Tomatoes	6 ears Sweet Corn
3 Cucumbers	2 Green Peppers
1 lb Green Beans	1 bush Basil

#### **Sample Standard Share, fall:**

1 hd Broccoli	1 bush Swiss Chard
4 lbs Winter Squash	2 lbs Carrots
2 lbs Potatoes	1 lb Spinach

*Plus pick-your-own and running specials*

# Lewis Creek Farm CSA

Community Supported Agriculture

## Subscribe to a Full Season of Fresh Vegetables SIGN UP NOW

Sign up early and Save!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people in household:

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

Share size: Standard or Small  
(Circle one)

Pickup Site: Lewis Creek Farm Middlebury  
(Circle one) South Burlington Farmers' Market  
Burlington Farmers' Market

CSA SHARE PRICES				
Pay in full	Pick-up at: Lewis Creek Farm		Off-Farm Pickup Middlebury Huntington Farmers' Mkt. Burlington Farmers' Mkt.	
	Standard Share	Small Share	Standard Share	Small Share
Before April 1, 2015	\$350	\$200	\$400	\$250
April 1 - April 30, 2015	\$360	\$205	\$410	\$255
May 1 - May 31, 2015	\$370	\$210	\$420	\$260
After May 31, 2015	\$380	\$215	\$430	\$265

Please make checks payable to: Lewis Creek Farm

### Farm Share Agreement

I understand that I am buying a share of the harvest at Lewis Creek Farm for the 2015 growing season, subject to availability and weather conditions. I understand that I am sharing the risks inherent in agriculture which includes but are not limited to drought, flooding, hail and frost. In a normal year, participants in the program will receive 20 weekly deliveries of fresh vegetables. The specific vegetables, titles will be set by Lewis Creek Farm and not all vegetables listed or grown may be available necessarily be available through this program. I understand that each week's share is seasonal and variable and that it may be no value this can be minimal amounts a time due to short 2 mile a week delivery system.

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_

### Economical

Our standard share is only \$350 picked up at the farm, and we have a small share for only \$200. That's one of the best CSA values around.

### Nutritious

Eating plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables is key to good health. Most CSA members find they eat more vegetables because they have a CSA.

### Convenient

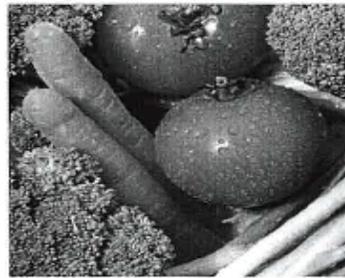
Our off-farm pickup sites allow you to pick up your CSA share closer to home or work, for only an additional \$50. And it's still a great value!

### Delicious

We grow over 50 different vegetables, and you'll enjoy most of them in your CSA. Among the favorites: Sweet corn, tomatoes, strawberries and watermelon.

### Local

Buying locally helps keep farmland open, and is an integral part of Vermont's resilient economy.



Return the form at the left, with full payment  
in check or money order payable to:

Lewis Creek Farm  
PO Box 123  
Starksboro, VT 05487

