



Caledonia Food Co-op Newsletter

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WELCOME!

This is the first of our newsletters. We plan to keep you updated on all the latest news and development of the new Co-op.

We have had great response from the community. So far we have more than 120 founding members!

Special thanks to **Bread & Butter** and **Joe's Brook Farm** for each hosting a great event last month. More than 40 people attended, had great recommendations, energy and enthusiasm for this project.

Keep up with Co-op news at our Facebook page!

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Upcoming Events

Meet and Greet
Cafe Lotti
East Burke
Saturday, Nov. 16, 9-10 a.m.

Drop by Cafe Lotti (603 Vermont 114 in East Burke) for a cuppa and hear about the Caledonia Food Co-op's plans. Become a founding member and get all your questions answered!

[Go to our website](#)



Caledonia Food Co-op at the Kingdom Taproom
Wednesday, Nov. 20, 5-6 p.m.

Come to the Taproom (397 Railroad Street, St. Johnsbury) for a drink and meet some of the Caledonia Food Co-op's board members. This is your opportunity to voice your opinions about building a food co-op in the Kingdom.

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Introducing the Caledonia Food Co-op

by Eric Skovsted



Last fall I received a note from St. Johnsbury resident Ed Behr inquiring if I would be interested in helping start a new food co-op in the St. Johnsbury area. As a farmer—my wife and I own Joe's Brook Farm and grow organic vegetables and strawberries—I had sold to co-ops on a weekly basis and had enjoyed shopping at them. I also thought they added value and wealth to their host communities. So I agreed to learn more, and quickly became part of a small group that met through the fall of 2018 to discuss need, research the start-up process, vision, develop a mission, and eventually select a name. On March 20, 2019, the Caledonia Food Co-op, Inc. was incorporated as a co-op in the State of Vermont.

Doing the spring of 2019, we partnered with the Town of St. Johnsbury to apply for a USDA RD grant to fund a market feasibility study and evaluate potential sites. We received the grant and will begin the study in early 2020.

This summer president of the co-op board Ed Behr resigned. During his time on the board, Ed moved the project forward, sometimes single handedly, with his energetic research and leadership, and is owed a sincere thank you for his efforts. Please visit our website, Caledoniafood.coop, for a list of current board members.

We are sponsoring several events during the months of October and November. Anyone who wants to learn more, meet board members, or become a member is welcome to attend.

[Go to our website](http://Caledoniafood.coop)

[Become a Founding Member HERE](#)

Help us build a Food Co-op in St. Jay!

Your founding membership shows that you want to bring high-quality locally-produced food and beverages to St. Johnsbury and contribute to the economic development of the Northeast Kingdom.

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