



**Events by, for and of interest to older residents. Open to residents of both towns, and free unless otherwise noted.**

## **December 2017**

**Go to our website for detailed and up-to-date information:  
[www.SOMATwotownsforallages.org](http://www.SOMATwotownsforallages.org)**

### **Holiday Events:**

There are several events this month to celebrate the holidays. Look at the specific dates for details on:

- Dickens Village opens December 2.
- SOPL Holiday Sale and Bizarre Bazaar on December 3
- South Orange Hometown Holiday on December 9
- Gingerbread House Contest, December 10
- Holiday tree, menorah and kinarra lighting, December 10
- Holiday parties on December 15 and 21
- Langston Hughes' Black Nativity, December 15-17
- Menorah Lightings December 17 & 18
- And a Cookie Swap, December 19

### **Medicare Open Enrollment**

The deadline for Medicare Open Enrollment is **December 7th**. If you need help with Medicare enrolment or want to change your coverage, call the NJ Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program at (973) 637-1717.

### **Adopt a Senior-Adopt a Classroom at Morrow Memorial Preschool**

Morrow Preschool is seeking to have seniors work with a class at least one day a week. It may be reading, gardening, art, music or cooking, but it's a very fun time to share. A meeting to visit the school will be set up in late December and hopefully work can begin in January. For details contact Irene at [irenedun@gmail.com](mailto:irenedun@gmail.com)

### **Part-time Jobs**

Maplewood Police Dept. is looking for part-time crossing guards. Interested? Pick up application at 1618 Springfield Ave. or call (973) 762-3400.

### **Olde News**

Issue 2 is on its way to your mailbox! It can also be seen on the website under the "publications" tab. To receive home delivery, please call (973) 762-8120 x 4005 or email [Crowe@twp.Maplewood.NJ.US](mailto:Crowe@twp.Maplewood.NJ.US)

### **Saturday, December 2**

**Aging as a Spiritual Experience**, Maplewood Main Library, 10:30 am

- Aging well can be the climax of a life well lived. Discover some depths of this goal with E. Betty Levin, psychotherapist, psychoanalyst, lecturer, author, clinical philosopher and peace educator.

### **Dickens Village, December Saturdays - 12/2, 12/9 and 12/16 from 1 to 4pm.**

- Santa arrives just before 1pm on 12/2 and the tree lighting takes place at dusk (approximately 4:45pm) on 12/2.

### **Sunday, December 3**

**GIANT HOLIDAY SALE!** South Orange Library, 1-5pm

- The Friends of the South Orange Public Library invite you to the fourth annual Giant Holiday Sale. Not only will you be able to select truly beautiful, unusual gifts--many one of a kind--at reasonable prices, but you will also have the opportunity to meet their creators. You will have a painless shopping experience, important, by avoiding the malls keep the community's hard-earned dollars in South Orange.

**Bizarre Bazaar,** The Woodland, 10am - 4pm

- Back for the 5th year, shop for jewelry, textiles, paintings, woodcraft, pottery, vintage wonderments, and other ephemera by local artists.

### **Monday, December 4**

**Maplewood Garden Club Presents "Celebrating the Winter Holidays,"** Maplewood Main Library, 7:30pm

- Peggy Excell, owner and principal designer of Lotus Petals Floral Design in Maplewood, will demonstrate some of her inventive designs and show how to create beautiful floral arrangements for the winter holidays.

### **Tuesday, December 5**

**Holiday Rocks,** Maplewood Senior Center, 1pm

- Looking for a new way to spread good will and holiday cheer? We've got just the thing - a little paint and an inspirational word or two can turn an ordinary rock into a wonderful surprise to brighten someone's day. Join in for a fun and uplifting afternoon.

### **Wednesday, December 6**

**Creative Writing Workshop,** South Orange Library, 1pm

**Holiday Rocks,** Maplewood Senior Center, 1pm

### **Thursday, December 7**

**South Orange Lecture Series,** South Orange Library, 1pm

- Speaker: Kenneth Bain, author, historian, educator, President of Best Teachers Institute.
- Topic: Roosevelt and Pearl Harbor

**Thursday Night Book Club,** Maplewood Main Library, 7pm

- "Nine Stories" by J.D. Salinger.

**Book Arts Roundtable Gallery talk,** Pierro Gallery, 7:30pm

**Pop & Shop,** 55 S.Orange Ave, noon - 8pm

- Holiday pop-up store featuring artisan-made collectibles and jewelry. Dec 7 - 10, 14 - 17 and 22-23.

## **Friday, December 8**

**Emergency Preparedness**, Maplewood Senior Center, 10 - 11am

- Public Health Nurse/ Educator Candice Davenport will help you prepare for emergencies, storms, and teach you how to stay safe this winter.

## **Saturday, December 9**

**Hometown Holiday in Village Center**, South Orange Village

- All day music, caroling, pop-up store and annual tree lighting.

**Art & Music Reception**, Maplewood Main Library, 1pm

- Nancy Jackson's art includes western modernist art, surrealism, natural history, dreams & folk art.
- Live music by Adam Rudolph on the Moroccan gimbri.

**Yarn and Fiber Arts Group**, Maplewood Main, 10 am - noon

- A gathering for people who knit, crochet, quilt, sew, embroider or do other creative things with yarn or fabric. Get feedback & advice.
- Bring your own supplies.
- All skill levels are welcome!

## **Sunday, December 10**

**Gingerbread House Contest & Holiday Shopping**, Durrand Hedden House, 1 - 4pm

- Durrand Hedden House & Garden, 523 Ridgewood Rd, Maplewood. (973) 763-7712 for details

**Holiday Tree Lighting**, Springfield Ave Gazebo, 3 - 5pm

- A multi-cultural holiday celebration with live music, refreshments, crafts, storytelling, a visit with Santa and his helpers
- Tree, Menora and Kinara lighting.

## **Monday, December 11**

**The Meaning of Names with Neala Shane**, Maplewood Main, 7pm

- Are you curious about your name, or those of your family members? Neala Shane, a name expert with 15 years research, will discuss the meaning of names, naming customs and trends.

## **Wednesday, December 13**

**Building a Better Breakfast**, Maplewood Senior Center, 10 am - Noon

- Seasonal recipes for healthy breakfasts.

**Wednesdays at The Movies**, South Orange Library, 1pm

- "The Dinner"

**Concert Band and Annual Winter Concert**, Burgdorff Center for Performing Arts, 7:30 pm

- Maplewood Community Music, under the direction of Steve Kimmons

**Computer Explorations – Drop in, Hilton Branch, 10 -11am**

- Get the help YOU need! For beginner and intermediate computer users.
- The instructor will help with YOUR specific needs.

**Free Adult Health Screenings, Maplewood Main Library, 10:30 am - noon**

- Blood pressure and carotid bruit screening, medication, weight & health counseling, Open to residents 18 and older. Staffed by Health Dept. nurses.
- Drop-ins welcome, for an appointment call (973) 762-8120 x 4300

**Thursday, December 14**

**South Orange Lecture Series, South Orange Library, 1pm**

- Speaker: Lisa Jordan, Director of Environmental Studies and Sustainability Program at Drew University.  
Topic: Hurricane Disaster Response; Environmental and Social Perspectives

**Read Around the World: Kenya, Maplewood Main Library, 7pm**

- The December title is “Dust” by Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor.

**Community Blood Drive, Maplewood Main Library, 10:30am - 2:30pm**

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**Friday, December 15**

**Maplewood Senior Center Holiday Party, Maplewood Senior Center, 11am -2pm**

- Lunch, music & festivities
- Call (973) 763-0750 to rsvp

**Friday - Sunday, December 15-17**

**Interact Theatre Presents Langston Hughes' Black Nativity, The Baird**

- The Christmas story in dialogue, narrative, pantomime, gospel song and folk spirituals. Your attendance supports two community nonprofits!
- For tickets, visit the Interact Theatre website <http://www.interactproductions.org>.

**Saturday, December 16**

**Chef Jesse Author Book Launch, Tasting & Author Talk, Maplewood Main Library, 3:30 pm**

- *Pow! My Life in 40 Feasts* is a cookbook-memoir which offers 40 of Chef Jesse’s favorite feasts, along with the story of his life.
- Special guest appearance by award-winning cookbook author Linda Eckhardt.

**Sunday, December 17**

**South Orange Village Menorah Lighting, 4:45**

## **Monday, December 18**

**Knitting Workshop**, South Orange Library, 1pm

**Menorah Lighting**, Ricalton Square/Dickens Village, 6:15 pm

**Socially Responsible Investing**, Maplewood Main Library, 7pm

- Learn how to make your investment approach reflect your personal values.
- Socially responsible investing (SRI) is a strategy which seeks to consider both financial return and social good to bring about social change.

## **Tuesday, December 19**

**Cookie Swap**, Maplewood Senior Center, 1pm

- Bake 4 dozen of your favorite cookies and swap with others.
- Rsvp to (983) 763-0750 by Monday, Dec 18

## **Wednesday, December 20**

**Creative Writing Workshop**, South Orange Library, 1pm

## **Thursday, December 21**

**Blood Pressure Clinic**, The Baird, 11am

**South Orange Senior Circle Christmas Party**

- Annual lunch at Bella Italia Restaurant, 535 Central Ave, Orange NJ
- Member \$18.00, non-member \$22.00
- Reservations required. Contact Jeanne Laracy at (973) 762- 8534

**South Orange Lecture Series**, South Orange Library, 1pm

- Annual Holiday Party featuring the musical entertainment of Christie and Jim Harrington and family

## **Wednesday, December 27**

**Wednesdays at The Movies**, South Orange Library, 1pm

- "The Holiday"

**Upcoming:**

**Seton Hall Women's Basketball offers Seniors free admission to home games**

We are happy to announce that SHU has offered free admission to South Orange and Maplewood seniors for the women's basketball home games. The Seton Hall women's team is one of the top contenders in the sport and started off strong this season. Games are held in the Walsh auditorium on the South Orange Campus. For schedule, please see [www.shupirates.com](http://www.shupirates.com) and click on the women's schedule. To reserve a seat, leave a message at (973) 762-8120 x4005 and tickets will be waiting for you at the gym.

**January 16 – Bus trip to Sands Casino.**

- \$20 includes transportation, lunch and casino cash
- Call (973) 763-0750 by January 3 to reserve space

## **THE 2017-2018 HEATING SEASON IS HERE - From Marian Roffman**

The temperature outside has turned cooler and the seasonal weather changes are upon us. Whether you pay directly for your utilities and/or heat or it is included in your rent, there are some programs that may provide assistance for eligible applicants:

1. THE LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) can provide assistance to a household with total gross income of:

- \$2,010 for a household consisting of 1 person,
- \$2,707 for a household consisting of 2 people,
- \$3,404 for a household consisting of 3 people.

2. UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (USF) uses the same application as LIHEAP, has slightly lower income limits & requires that a specific percentage of income be paid for heating costs.

**Call (800) 510-3102 or go to [www.energyassistancenj.gov](http://www.energyassistancenj.gov) for both LIHEAP and USF**

3. NJ SHARES provides assistance to households that need temporary help paying their energy bills due to a financial crisis and not eligible for other programs. Call 866-657-4273 or go to [www.njshares.org](http://www.njshares.org).

4. LIFELINE PROGRAM (& Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled or PAAD) assists NJ residents age 65 or older or receiving Social Security Disability Benefits with some utility costs and some of the costs of prescription medication. Call: 1-800-792-9745 for more info on these.

5. WINTER TERMINATION PROGRAM (WTP) protects eligible residential customers from service cut offs from November 15th – March 15th. Eligibility is participation in USF, LIHEAP, Lifeline Utility Assistance, PAAD and other NJ assistance programs. Customers may request the WTP by calling their utility company.

Dial 2-1-1: is a 24 hour service that assists callers in accessing many of the available resources, programs and benefits that are available. Dial 2-1-1 any day, any time for confidential referrals or go to: [www.nj211.org](http://www.nj211.org).

### **Location Guide:**

The Baird – 5 Mead St, S. Orange (973) 378-7754

Burgdorff Center – 10 Durand Rd, Maplewood

Dehart Community Center – 120 Burnett Ave, Maplewood (973) 763- 0750

Maplewood Main Library – 51 Baker St., Maplewood (973) 762-1622

Maplewood Hilton Library – 1688 Springfield Ave., Maplewood (973) 762-1688

Maplewood Senior Center – 106 Burnett Ave., Maplewood (973) 763- 0750

Maplewood Municipal Building – 574 Valley St., Maplewood, (973) 762-8120

The Pierro Gallery – inside the Baird, 5 Mead St., S. Orange (973) 378-7754

South Orange Library – 65 Scotland Rd., S. Orange (973) 762- 0230

South Orange Village Hall – 76 S. Orange Ave., (973) 378-7715

Winchester Gardens – 333 Elmwood Ave., Maplewood (973) 762-5050

If you would like to receive information, mailings and emails from SOMA Two towns for all ages, or post an event in our calendar, please email [Crowe@twp.maplewood.nj.us](mailto:Crowe@twp.maplewood.nj.us) or leave a message at (973) 762-8120 x 4005.