

The South Orange Gaslight



Ground broken on \$1 million JAC Animal Shelter near Public Works



Millburn architect Eliot Goldstein has designed this state-of-the-art animal shelter to blend with the surrounding neighborhood. Located off Walton Avenue,

above the Public Works Department, the shelter will contain all-indoor amenities in deference to its neighbors.

A 15-year saga of suffering and rescue has been playing in the background of South Orange-Maplewood civic life. Now, a great victory is being penned by members of the Jersey Animal Coalition (JAC), a compassionate group of 3,000 animal lovers.

Groundbreaking on a \$1 million, 5,300-square-foot animal shelter will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 4 at the site located on the Walton Avenue access road to the Public Works Department. Construction should take less than a year.

"It's been a long haul," said JAC President Ruth Perlmutter. "In all these years, we've been rescuing animals (about 6,000) without a shelter. It's been terribly expensive but we've put no animal down unless it suffered from a terminal illness or a dangerous disease."

Funding has always come from monthly adoption events, donations and fund-raisers. And no one in JAC receives administrative fees -- not even legal advisors.

Perlmutter recalls the days before the coalition when South

Orange maintained a pound at the bottom of the public works area in a flood plain. Animals picked up on the street were destroyed after five days, conditions in the pound were deplorable and no veterinarian was on call.

For years, Maplewood had been paying rent to use the facility, but eventually withdrew and began taking its strays to a local vet for boarding. The pound was shut down and South Orange started taking its animals to a Bloomfield vet.

Concerned citizens met with the vets where the animals were being dropped off and arranged to pay for extended boarding until the animals' owners could be identified or adoptions arranged. That was 1989, the year JAC was incorporated.

"An awful lot of animals are alive today, or lived long lives, because of that effort," said Perlmutter.

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Giants of Jazz VI set for Oct. 11

Up to two dozen jazz virtuosos will be jammin' the stage at South Orange Middle School on Oct. 11 for the sixth annual Village mini-festival known as Giants of Jazz.

The 8 p.m. event will feature Jon Faddis, Randy Brecker, Roy Hargrove, Terell Stafford, Frank Wess, Dave Glasser, Benny Powell, Sylvia Cuenca, Helen Sung, Billy Taylor, Don Friedman, Marcus McLaurine, Carrie Smith, Cecil Brooks III, and John Lee. Others are likely to be added.

Trumpeter Clark Terry will be the 2003 Jazz Master Award Honoree, an industry award bestowed each year at Giants of Jazz. Known as one of contemporary music's grand innovators, Terry is hailed as a musician of great technical virtuosity, swinging lyricism and impeccable good taste.

At last year's concert, Terry made a brief appearance and kept the audience spellbound and laughing with personal tales of the music industry. He has contributed impeccable talent to the bands of Charlie Barnet, Charlie Ventura and Count Basie and he was the first African-American musician on the NBC payroll, performing with the "Tonight Show" band.

Tickets go on sale Sept. 15 at the Baird Center, Mail Boxes, Etc, and Robin Hutchins Gallery in Maplewood. Prices are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door, or \$25 for seniors, students with IDs, and Friends of the Arts levels II and III. For more information, call (973) 378-7754. ▲



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Help a local child ACHIEVE

Want a volunteer opportunity that makes a real impact on a child's life? Then sign up for the ACHIEVE Volunteer Tutor Program to help South Orange and Maplewood students with their schoolwork.

For seven years, ACHIEVE has been training adults, high school and college students to work with K-12 students in one-on-one weekly sessions throughout the school year. Volunteers may choose the time of day and the age group they wish to tutor.

This year, volunteers are especially needed after school (3 to 6 p.m.) at all elementary and middle schools, but opportunities are also available during school, evenings and weekends.

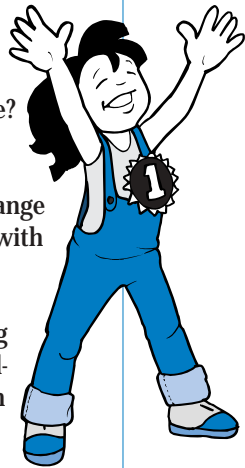
ACHIEVE is funded jointly by the South Orange Maplewood School District and the South Orange Maplewood Education Foundation. For further information, call Deborah Prinz at (973) 378-9637, or send e-mail to dprinz@somds.k12.nj.us. ▲

Take advantage of the local jitney service

Newcomers: Did you know that a jitney bus service is operating in the Tuxedo Park and Montrose neighborhoods, providing commuters with convenient transportation to and from the South Orange Train Station?

Two fare options are available: an annual pass for \$150 or a 10-trip ticket booklet for \$10.

Schedules, maps and applications are available at the South Orange Parking Authority office at Village Hall. For more information, call (973) 378-7715, x2037, or go online at www.southorange.org. ▲



Main Street survey

More than 200 people responded to Main Street South Orange's June survey on ideas for downtown promotion. To all who responded, Main Street extends a big thanks. Data is still being compiled and results will appear in next month's *Gaslight*.



Civic Savvy

Village awarded \$50,000 in Extraordinary Aid

For the first time ever, South Orange has been awarded \$50,000 in "Extraordinary Aid" from the State of New Jersey. The funds will be used exclusively for property tax reduction.

Extraordinary Aid grants are offered every year through the state's Division of Local Government Services. To qualify, a town must demonstrate a serious need for tax-relief.

This year, passage of the Village municipal budget was delayed for a determination on the aid request. Now, the budget has been amended accordingly.

Assemblymen Mims Hackett and John McKeon and Senator Richard Codey worked diligently on behalf of South Orange to ensure the Village's successful application.

Towing companies approved

Two towing companies have been approved by the S.O. Police Department to provide services in the Village. They are:

- All City Towing, 370 Lackawanna Place, (973) 763-4749.
- Essex County Towing, 164 Valley Street, (973) 763-4066.

Disposal bills not reaching customers

Some customers of South Orange Disposal have not received bills for as long as six months, creating concern about huge lumped bills down the road. The Village is working with the vendor and the post office to prevent further inconvenience to residents. If you have not been billed since June, call South Orange Disposal at (973) 762-3880.

Summonses being issued for dog violations

The South Orange Health Department has received complaints regarding dogs in Village parks and baseball fields. Village ordinance #69-20(C) prohibits dogs in Village parks and the animal control officer will issue summonses to violators. For information, call (973) 378-7772, x6.

Landlords and Tenants: Do You Know Your Rights?

Landlords and tenants have been protected since 1973 by a rent control ordinance that levels rents as a way of protecting the health, safety and general welfare of all Villagers. It also provides a vehicle for resolving rental disputes, which are heard by the South Orange Rent Leveling Board.

For more information or a copy of the ordinance, call the Village clerk at (973) 378-7715, x1, or visit Village Hall.

Tax abatements available for select properties

A home-improvement tax abatement for up to \$25,000 of assessed value is offered by the state to homeowners who meet specific requirements. Next spring, the Village tax assessor will send written notices to those who qualify for the abatement, known as Chapter 144. ▲

Happenings



Celebrate African Cultural Heritage

Come celebrate the rich cultural heritage of people of African descent from North and South America, the Caribbean and Africa. The second annual Maplewood Cultural Heritage Festival will feature food, music, dance, art, books, clothing, children's movies and games, community groups and vendors. Fun for all and free! Sept. 20, noon to 5 p.m., at Maplewood Memorial Park. Call (973) 275-0081.

Newcomers Event

Residents who moved into South Orange in the past 12 months are invited to the annual newcomers' welcome event, Sunday, Sept. 21, from 2 to 5 p.m., at Baird Center. Local government officials, the school superintendent, and representatives from clubs, civic groups and churches will be on hand. Newcomers can register to vote, sign up for recreation badges, obtain library cards and pick up a guide to municipal government. Call (973) 378-7726.

"Tales from the Belly of the Beast"

Writer, editor and journalist Jolie Solomon, a 1974 Columbia High graduate and Maplewood resident, will offer a Sept. 23 lecture on how news is covered and not covered. Sponsored by the South Orange/Maplewood Adult School, the event is this year's Don Hamington Literary Showcase. The program takes place at the CHS cafeteria from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Admission: \$5, including refreshments. Call (973) 378-7620.

Autumn Walking Tour through Montrose Park

The rich architectural collection of Montrose Park will be the focus of two walking tours on Saturday, Oct. 18. Janet Foster, preservation consultant and chair of the Madison Historic Preservation Commission will explain how the local architecture relates to national styles and local vernacular. The tours are offered by the Montrose Park Historic District Association and the South Orange Maplewood Adult School. The two-hour morning and afternoon tours are limited to 20 participants each. To register, call (973) 378-7620. ▲

PIERRO GALLERY OF SOUTH ORANGE

Four solo artists - thru Oct. 19



- (1.) **Bette Blank**, "By Heart," oil, watercolor, egg tempera paintings of everyday life executed in a folk art tradition.
- (2.) **Michael Metzger**, "Journey Images," oil paintings abstractly influenced by world travels.
- (3.) **Lisa Pressman**, "Time Will Tell," paintings and encaustics as visual meditations.
- (4.) **Ann Williams**, "Spiritual Jazz," unique

"Brighton Beach," an oil painting on canvas by Bette Blank, is part of the current four-artist Pierro Gallery exhibit.

woodblocks in response to jazz.

■ **Gallery Talk with the Artists:** Sunday, Oct. 12, 2 p.m.

Medieval Manuscript Illumination

October 10 and 11, 10-4 p.m.

A special ArtReach Workshop sponsored by Pierro Gallery will enrich participants' knowledge of medieval manuscript illumination with a hands-on approach.

The workshop will begin with a brief history of the art, particularly its development in medieval times. Students will transfer their own designs to calfskin vellum, ink in their designs, gild any desired areas, prepare pigments, and finally, paint an illumination.

Historical pigments will be mixed with traditional binding mediums such as glair (made with egg whites) and gum arabic. Actual preparation of one medieval recipe, such as oak gall ink, will be demonstrated.

Participants should come with a developed idea or sketch.

Liz Demaree, a professional artist will lead the class. The fee is \$100, plus a materials fee of \$30, due the first day of the workshop. ▲

SETON SCENE

■ **"People of Newark: A History of the Archdiocese of Newark on its 150th Anniversary,"** is a free exhibit at Walsh Library Gallery, including rare archival documents, historical photographs, news clippings, paintings, chalices and intricate vestments. Open now through Oct. 22. Call (973) 275-2033.

■ **"A Life of Spirit: African-American Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark"** is a free symposium sponsored by the New Jersey Catholic Historical Records Commission and the Office of Black Catholic Affairs. " Oct. 18, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (973) 275-2033.

■ **The Multicultural Film and Lecture Series** will be presented this fall at Walsh Library. All shows are free and begin at 6:30 p.m. Call (973) 275-2768.

• Sept 16, "Africa - A Voyage of Discovery: Different but Equal." Discussion led by Patrick Caulker.

• Sept. 29, "Global Conquest and Corporate Empire." Lecture by Michael Parenti, author of "Inventing Reality."

• Oct. 2, "Fear Eats the Soul." Discussion led by Jurgen Heinrichs.

• Oct. 6, "The German-American Confederacy." Lecture by Andrea Mehrlander.

• Oct. 9, "Black Magic: White Hollywood and African American Culture." Discussion led by Karin Gabbard of SUNY Stony Brook.

• Oct. 13, "Real Women Have Curves." Discussion led by Mary Balkun.

■ **Poetry-in-the-Round presents Paul Muldoon** at Walsh Library Gallery, Oct. 2, 2 p.m. No charge. Call (973) 761-9388

■ **International Music Festival presents I Musici de Montreal**, at Kozlowski Hall Auditorium, Oct. 14, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$18; \$12 for seniors. Call (973) 275-2450. ▲

Heart & Soul Catering

Catering for business and social events or even intimate candle-light dinners is now available through Heart & Soul Catering, which was scheduled to open the first week in September.

Located at 61 Academy Street, the business is owned by Jesse Jones, who previously worked for Aramark catering.

Jones offers dining in any cuisine and specializes in upscale options such as barbecued balsamic tenderloin, juniperberry cracked-mustard-crusted salmon and mushroom strudel. He also features a line of wholesome hearty soups such as turkey stew, seafood gumbo and minestrone.

Take-out food is available at the store from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., including salads, entrees, vegetables and desserts.

A dining sensation comes to South Orange

Get ready for a gastronomic phenom! Papillon 25 Restaurant & Martini Bar is coming to South Orange. Owners Yanick and Albert Ranieri are creating a feast for the palate and the eyes and will open in October at 25 Valley Street (previous site of Niecy's Restaurant, now relocating next to the Taylor Place parking lot).

Their upscale, Manhattanesque dining room is custom-crafted for a mood of calm, pleasing romance. The focal point is a butterfly-shaped bar of mahogany and cherry, topped with solid granite. Hovering above is an abstract butterfly sculpted in the same rich woods and lit to dramatic effect.

Specially made chandeliers and recessed lighting are combined with a black-granite floor, banquette-style seating in much of the 70-seat dining room and chrome stools at the bar.

The cuisine is a fusion of French, Italian, American and Caribbean, prepared to dazzle but moderately priced, say the owners. The wine list will include 500 selections, not to mention 51 varieties of martinis.

The restaurant will be open seven days a week for lunch and dinner, from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Bar hours will extend until 2 a.m.

The Ranieris are joined in their enterprise by Wine Emporium owners Marino and Debbie Pazzini, who will operate the bar. (The Wine Emporium is next door to Papillon.)

Yanick Ranieri was the owner/operator of Yanick Gourmet Catering at #8 Village Plaza for five years. Like its predecessor, Papillon will offer catering for parties of 150 or more.

Cold Stone Creamery officially opens

It was scheduled to open in June, but the pleasure of daily fresh-made ice cream has been worth the wait! Cold Stone Creamery officially opened in early September offering 20 flavors with 30 mix-ins. Store hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days a week. ▲



BEIFUS Development UPDATE

Candlewyck construction is on schedule. So says Drew Beifus, developer of the 12,000-square-foot luxury apartment and retail center located at the site of the former Beifus Mercedes dealership on West South Orange Avenue.

The old buildings were razed in May and Beifus submitted a developer's agreement to the Village. Pending trustee approval, construction will start in October.

A landscaping plan to separate Candlewyck parking from the Village pool also has been prepared. ▲

JAC Animal Shelter

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The new building site is on high ground, out of the flood plain. South Orange is leasing the property for \$1 a year and Maplewood and South Orange together have given \$240,000 toward the building.

Fund-raising for the remainder has been ongoing for the last eight years. Private donations, grants and a land sale have helped meet the goal.

The finished building will be a state-of-the-art animal shelter, all indoors because it's near a residential neighborhood, with 100% fresh, not recirculated, air. Double-decker runs and a dog-training room will be provided for up to 40 dogs. Cats, also up to 40, will have their own condominiums and a free-roaming room. No on-site surgical facility will be included, but the shelter is close to three veterinary hospitals, and vets will visit for weekly shots and exams.

JAC fund-raising is now focused on interior furnishings – stainless-steel cages, dog runs, examining-room equipment, desks, computers, and inside furnishings. All donations of materials or money are greatly appreciated.

"We want to bring the community in and have activities," said Perlmutter, who touts a lecture hall, humane education for children, doggy day care and obedience training – "but not all at once.

"What we hope for is to give the community a sorely needed facility and a place of enlightenment," she said. "There has been nothing in this entire area, even in Millburn and Short Hills."

Perlmutter said the JAC "will be obligated first to animals found in South Orange and Maplewood. Once we've provided for them we can take animals from elsewhere as long as the space is there." ▲

Leaf Removal & More

Oct. 6 - Dec. 15

This year's leaf removal season is Oct. 6 to Dec. 15. Leaves should be piled no more than four feet from the curb, and must not extend into traffic lanes. *Leaves left in plastic bags will not be picked up.*

Leaf Collection Rules and Regulations

1. Leaves can be raked into gutters Oct. 6 to Dec. 15 only. Any rake-out after Dec. 15 will be in violation of municipal ordinances and the leaves will not be picked up.
2. During leaf pick-up season, no debris other than leaves is permitted in the streets and will not be picked up. Improper placements could prevent leaf pick-ups.
3. Evenly distributed leaves are easier to pick up with the leaf vacuum collector. Residents are asked to avoid creating leaf mounds since they attract children who are then subjected to traffic dangers. Mounds also create potential fire hazards and may interfere with traffic. Leaf piles should not extend more than four feet from the curb. Please do not place leaves on top of storm catch basins.
4. Leaf pick-up cycles in South Orange are estimated at nine days, depending upon the rake-out volume. To reduce clutter between collections, residents are asked to approximate upcoming pick-up days and rake out accordingly.

Branches & Shrubs

From Sept. 30, 2003 through early April 2004, trimmings and branches cannot be left out for pick-up. Instead, they can be taken to the Public Works Yard at 300 Walton Avenue.

PLEASE NOTE: Sept. 30, 2003 is the last available date for branch pick-up. An appointment is required. For drop-off or pick-up, maximum accepted diameter is four inches (4"). No roots or stumps.

Grass Clippings

Grass clippings must be placed in plastic bags between the curb and sidewalk for removal by the South Orange Disposal Company. Two bags per week are permitted on the second day of a resident's regular garbage collections.

For more information

- ☐ Leaf and Branch Removal: (973) 378-7741, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ☐ Grass Clippings: (973) 762-3880

Final Container Day – Sept. 20

The last household drop-off day for 2003 is Saturday, Sept. 20, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Residents making drop-offs at the Public Works Garage, 300 Walton Avenue, must bring two proofs of residency. *No commercial vehicles are permitted.*

Permitted: furniture, mattresses, appliances, toys, radios, TVs and strollers. Also, leaves packed in brown biodegradable paper bags, and branches measuring four inches or less in diameter.

Not Permitted: Paint cans (full or empty), propane bottles, hazardous chemicals/materials, construction materials, grass clippings, household garbage, car/truck parts, batteries or railroad ties. To ask about questionable items, call Public Works.

Toter Schedules

The 2004 toter schedule will be an insert in the December 2003 Gaslight. Please remove and save for reference. The schedule is also available year-round at Baird Community Center, the library, the Department of Public Works office, and Village Hall.

Electronic Clean-Up

Take unwanted electronic items such as computer equipment to "Electronic Clean-Up Days" run by Essex County. For information, call (973) 857-2350.

- ☐ Oct. 11 - 99 West Bradford Ave., Cedar Grove.
- ☐ Oct. 18 - Essex County Hall of Records, West Market Street, Newark.

Recycling Depot Drop-Offs

Permitted: Glass food and beverage containers, aluminum cans, #1 plastic containers (such as some soda and water bottles, milk and detergent containers), newspaper, high-grade paper, branches no larger than four inches in diameter, crushed corrugated boxes, leaves (in spring and fall only), items made entirely of metal (not heavily rusted), kitchen appliances, tires (each affixed with a sticker purchased from Village Hall).

Not Permitted: Sheet or window glass, aluminum foil, propane bottles, full or empty paint cans, household debris, garbage, roof shingles, plastic bags, doors and windows with glass and/or hardware, railroad ties, pressure-treated wood, construction material (tiles, plaster, sheet rock, paneling, wood with nails, painted wood), furniture, tree stumps, brush larger than four inches in diameter, grass, plastic bags, styrofoam.



Library Events

Creative Writing Workshop

Ever wanted to try your hand at writing? Local poet and author Holly Scalera, author of *Crazy Live Rides* and *Painting the House Pink* will lead a free workshop on Sept. 23. No experience necessary. Registration required.

Library Discussions

◆ Sept. 18 – "Expansionism in American History, from the Colonial Era to the Present," with Eugene Lieber, history professor at Essex County College.

◆ Sept. 25 – "Biased Crime," with Newark Prosecutor Prosper Bellizia.

◆ Oct. 2 – "World Political Update," with Douglas Simon, professor of political science at Drew University.

◆ Oct. 9 – "History, Mystery: The Fascination with Historical Murder Mysteries," with Karen Gerwitz, English professor at Seton Hall University.

◆ Oct. 16 – "Justice and Racism," with lawyer and William Paterson University political science professor Rudolph Raines.

Book Groups

◆ S. O. Book Review Group (adults) – Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m. "Fall on Your Knees," by Ann MacDonald.

◆ Star Book Group (grades six and up) – Oct. 3., 4 p.m., "The Wanderer," by Sharon Creech.

◆ Open Stage Teen Poetry Reading – Oct. 15, 7 p.m. Enjoy a coffeehouse atmosphere while reading from your own work, or favorite poems of published authors.

For library information, call 762-0230.

Village Meetings

- Board of Adjustment, Oct. 2, 7 p.m.
- Board of Health, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.
- Board of Trustees: regular meetings, Sept. 22 and Oct. 27, 8 p.m.; conference agenda, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.
- Cable TV Advisory Committee, Sept. 17, 8 p.m.
- Community Relations Committee, Sept. 17, 8 p.m., Baird Center.
- Library Board, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m., at the library.
- Parking Authority, Sept. 15, 7:45 p.m.
- Planning Board, Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m.
- Rent Leveling Board, Oct. 8, 8 p.m.

All meetings are at Village Hall, unless otherwise indicated. Call (973) 378-7725. ▲



A little S. Orange weather history

This past June was not the only wet one in South Orange history. In June 1903, residents suffered more than nine inches of rain in 18 days. The continual downpour followed a two-year effort by the Village to eradicate the booming local mosquito population, which was not only annoying but also linked to the spread of malaria.

A campaign was mounted encouraging residents to drain standing water and install screen doors and windows, modern amenities that were just becoming popular. But people still slept under net canopies and buzzing pests created many sleepless nights.

In the spring of 1903, when the Mosquito Extermination Commission was about to celebrate its success, the record-setting rains foiled their plan. The Village stepped up its efforts but endured another 13 days of rain in August.

For more great stories about South Orange, read Naoma Welk's book, "Images of America: South Orange," published by Arcadia Press and available at the South Orange Public Library for purchase of \$20, or on library loan. ▲

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Click It or Ticket

South Orange police have begun strenuous enforcement of New Jersey's passenger safety belt and child seat laws. To avoid tickets, here are general guidelines:

■ All children 12 and under should be properly restrained in the back seat.

■ Infants must ride in rear-facing safety seats until at least 12 months old and 20 pounds.

■ Children over 1 year who weigh 20 to 40 pounds should ride in a forward-facing child safety seat with a five-point harness system.

■ Children who weigh more than 40 pounds must be secured in a booster seat with a lap-shoulder belt until age 8 or 80 pounds.

■ All passengers from age 8 to 18, regardless of weight, must wear a seat belt.

■ All drivers and front-seat passengers, regardless of age, must wear a seat belt.

For more information, call Sgt. Ed Heckel, (973) 763-3000, x7802. ▲

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