

Village Parking Matters

South Orange Parking Authority

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South Orange SMART CARD

All Pay-by-Space parking machines and electronic meters accept the new South Orange Smart Card, a fast, easy way to pay for parking. You may continue to pay with coins but why not make it easier? Purchase a card for any amount from \$10 to \$200.

PAY-BY-SPACE MACHINES

NJ Transit Lot 11, Mtn. Sta. Lot 14

Enter your space number. Insert card, gold chip up. Your balance will flash on screen.

- NJ Transit Lot 11 - Press yellow button once for \$4 daily fee.
- Mountain Station Lot 14 - Press yellow button once for \$3 daily fee. Your card will be debited. Press green button to complete the transaction. Remove card and take receipt.

Firehouse Lot 3, S.O. Ave. Lot 5, Sloan St. Lot 9

Enter your space number. Insert card, gold chip up. Your balance will appear on screen. Press blue button once and your card will be debited 25¢ per 30 minutes. Continue pressing blue button until desired amount of time appears.

Or, press yellow button once and your card will be debited \$1 for two hours.

Press green button to complete the transaction. Remove card and receipt.

SINGLE-SPACE ELECTRONIC METERS

Insert card, gold chip up. Your balance will flash on screen four times. The card will be debited in 25¢ increments up to the desired or maximum amount of time. Remove card. (Time values vary at different meters.)

RECHARGING YOUR CARD

At NJ Transit Lot 11 (only), press green button. Insert card, gold chip up. Your balance will appear on screen. Insert bills (\$1, \$5, \$10, \$20) according to the value you want on the card. Press green button to complete the transaction. Take card and receipt.

Or go to the Parking Authority office to recharge using credit, debit, cash or check.

New Parking Pay Machines at NJ Transit Stations

In collaboration with NJ Transit, the Parking Authority offers two new parking payment machines at the NJ Transit main station and one new machine at the Mountain Train Station. Pay-by-Space machines accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express, plus debit cards, the South Orange Smart Card, cash, coins and tokens.

Commuter Parking Options

Parking spaces at Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel are now offered to South Orange residents on the Mountain Station waiting list at half price for 2011.

The Parking Authority and the Board of Trustees have created more than 130 resident commuter permit parking spaces at the Mews, Our Lady of Sorrows, Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel, Waterlands, West Third Street and North Ridgewood Road.

Currently, resident permits are available, on a first-come first-served basis, for the remaining spaces at Our Lady of Sorrows and Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel.

Scooter Permits

The Village has installed 15 sheltered parking spaces for motorized scooters across from the main train station in Firehouse Lot 3 on lower First Street. Effective immediately, Resident Commuter Scooter Permits are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The permits are \$20 per year. Call or stop by the office for an application or information.

Coming Soon: New additional scooter spaces in the NJ Transit lot. Call or stop by the office for information.

Jitney Service

SOPA runs early morning and late-evening jitney service to and from the South Orange Train Station. All morning

arrival schedules are in sync with Midtown Direct departure times to reduce platform waiting.

Late-evening jitneys operate Village-wide after every Midtown Direct arrival until 11:30 p.m. – a great solution when working late or enjoying an evening in NYC.

Jitney route schedules are available on the bus, in the SOPA office or on the Village website, www.southorange.org/parking.asp. Annual jitney bus passes are \$150, or pay on the bus - \$1 each way.



SOPA Hours & Location

The South Orange Parking Authority office is located at Village Hall (101 South Orange Avenue) on the second floor. Hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Spring/Summer 2011

Public Works SERVICES

South Orange Public Works, 300 Walton Avenue, (973) 378-7741

Saturday Container Days

**May 21, June 25, July 23,
Aug. 27, Sept. 24**

8 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. (no arrivals after 1:30)

Special disposal containers are provided on site. To enter, two proofs of residency are required. The program is not open to commercial or industrial companies.

Permitted - Furniture, mattresses, appliances*, branches under 4 inches in diameter, toys, small household items, tools, strollers, playpens, metal items.**

* *Drop off metal during regular DPW hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 to 4.; Saturdays, 8 to noon.*

** *Separate metals and appliances from other household items and remove doors on refrigerators and freezers.*

Not Permitted - Paint cans (empty or not), propane bottles, hazardous chemicals or their containers, construction materials (such as tiles, plaster, sheetrock, paneling, wood with nails), roof shingles, grass clippings, household food items, car/truck parts, batteries of any size, stumps, root sections, branches measuring more than four inches in diameter, railroad ties, pressure-treated or painted wood, doors/windows with glass or hardware, or any electronic hardware.

Note: DPW staff reserves the right to prohibit other items as necessary. Call in advance to ask about a specific item.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING in South Orange or Maplewood

Proof of Residency Required

Saturday Drop-Offs, 8 a.m. to noon

May 7	Maplewood
June 18	South Orange
July 16	Maplewood
Sept. 17	South Orange
Oct. 22	Maplewood
Dec. 17	South Orange

Drop-Off Locations

- South Orange Recycling, 300 Walton Avenue, 973-378-7741.
- Maplewood Public Works, 359 Boyden Avenue, 973-762-1175.

Permitted - Computer monitors, CPUs, keyboards, printers, mainframes, fax machines, scanners, telecommunications equipment, speakers, televisions, VCRs, stereos, DVD players, toasters, irons and old cell phones.

Not Permitted

- Commercial and large-quantity electronics users.
- Electronics pickup appointments.

Alternatives to Saturday Drop-Offs

If circumstances prevent your drop-off on a normal electronic recycling day, you may drop off the Thursday before in South Orange. Call first at (973) 378-7741. In Maplewood, drop off the Friday before, between 2 and 4 p.m. Call (973) 762-1175.

Spring Clean-Up, Branches & Leaves

May 16 is the last day to put out bagged leaves and bundled branches. Pickup appointments are available June 1 to Sept. 1.

Branch Pick-Up Appointments

Pickups extend June 1 through Sept. 1. Residents may call the DPW office to schedule, (973) 378-7741.

When Your Sewer Backs Up

If you experience a sewer back-up in your home, you may not need a plumber. During regular business hours call the South Orange Public Works Department at (973) 378-7741. On weekends or after business hours, call the police non-emergency number, (973) 378-7772.

Sewer backups are often caused by misuse of the sewer system. Don't flush disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons or paper towels. And don't discard coffee grinds or grease down the sink.

Electronics Disposal Day

Saturday, May 21 - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Computer CPUs and monitors, printers, keyboards, mainframes, fax machines, scanners, telecommunications equipment, speakers, TVs, VCRs, stereos, DVD players, toasters, toaster ovens, irons, cell phones and fluorescent light bulbs.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

Saturday, May 7 • 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Free to all Essex County residents with proof of residency. Not open to commercial or industrial companies. Watch for flyers and news articles from the county.

ESSEX COUNTY DISPOSAL PROGRAMS

For County Programs, go to
Fleet Maintenance Garage
99 West Bradford Ave., Cedar Grove
(973) 226-8500, x222

South Orange Public Library requests your thoughts

Whether you use the library frequently, occasionally, or not at all, the Library Board of Trustees asks for your help in looking to the future and making the library a better resource for all residents. Please donate a few minutes of your time to participate in the library survey. If you complete the survey on paper (available below and at the library), please mail back to the library at 65 Scotland Road or drop it into a survey box at the library by June 1, 2011. To complete the survey online go to www.soplsurvey.com or access it through the library website, www.sopl.org. Questions can be addressed to Roberta Baltin, Tracy Carroll, or Karen Hartshorn Hilton by emailing survey@sopl.org or to any library staff, in person or at 973-762-0230. Survey results will be posted on the library website and published in a future edition of The Gaslight.

1. How often do you visit the South Orange Public Library?

- Every day
- At least once a week
- At least once a month
- At least once a year
- Not at all

2. What is your age group?

- 0- 18
- 19-34
- 35-59
- 60+

3. Which adult services do you use when visiting the library? Please check all that apply.

- Borrow items (books, music, films, audiobooks, kits, magazines)
- Use computer card catalog
- Get what-to-read-next suggestions from staff
- Use local history resources
- Read and/or research (newspapers, magazines, books, databases, consumer, business, stock market, or health info)
- Work with reference librarian on research or finding specific information

- Use public computers
- Use wireless Internet access
- Printing/photocopying
- Get help with computers (word processing, finding things online, email, etc.)
- Access government information (print or online: local, state, federal, tax info, etc.)
- Attend programs or special events (lectures, computer classes, book or writing group, concerts, films, gaming, etc.)
- Meet with friends, students or colleagues (for school projects, tutoring, etc.)
- Attend community group meetings
- Use proctoring services
- Use notary service
- Use assistive technology available in the library (scan-to-speech, JAWS software, etc.)
- Request books that are not available locally to be delivered from another library

4. Do you take advantage of reciprocal borrowing (ReBL and student stickers) at other libraries?

- Yes No

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South Orange Public Library Survey cont'd

5. Which children's services do you use when in the Children's Room?

Please check all that apply for child and/or adult.

- Borrow items (books, music, movies, audiobooks, subject kits, magazines, etc.)
- Get help choosing books
- Get help finding information on specific topics
- Get homework help
- Find books or information using a computer
- Come to storytimes, afterschool or special programs
- Play games on a computer
- Find a comfortable cozy place to read
- Explore/ discuss displays, games, special materials, décor
- Participate in summer reading programs, track your reading, and/or use summer reading booklists

6. If you are a teacher, do you...

Please check all that apply.

- have a teachers' library card?
- borrow materials for your class?
- bring your class to the library?

7. When using the SOPL website

(www.sopl.org) do you... Please check all that apply for adult and/or child.

- Check the availability of books or material you want to check out (including other libraries' catalogs)?
- Use online resources (RefUSA business info, Ebsco articles /research materials, Encyclopedia Britannica, science, bios, etc.)?
- Renew or reserve materials, find upcoming events, access job resources (Job&Career Accelerator and more), etc.?
- Download audiobooks and/or ebooks (many available for children as well as adults)?

8. What additional services/programs would you like the library to offer?

9. Of the types of library spaces that are available, please check those you think should be expanded:

- Children's area
- Program space/ meeting room
- Comfortable reading space
- Study tables
- Local history workspace
- Friends of SOPL book sale
- Outdoor work spaces

10. What kinds of new spaces would you like to have available at the library?

Please indicate your preference by ranking 1 – 12; 1 for the space you would most like to have available, and so on.

- _____ Quiet study spaces
- _____ Teen space
- _____ Large meeting space
- _____ Film screening space
- _____ Museum/local history
- _____ Volunteer room
- _____ Small group meeting spaces
- _____ Study space / food allowed
- _____ Storage space (for backpacks etc. while in library)
- _____ Innovation space (specialized software, hardware, etc)
- _____ Collaborative workspace (messy projects: art, etc.)
- _____ Comfortable reading/social spaces

11. What other spaces would you like to see?

12. What do you think can be done to improve/expand library services?

13. What do you enjoy most about your visits (online or in person) to SOPL?

14. If you were to associate the library with a color, what color would it be? *This is a question included just for fun - with the intention of creating a visual representation of our library.*

Thank you for your time!