

The South Orange Gaslight



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2014**

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It's parking permit renewal time

About 2,000 South Orange residents hold parking permits obtained through the South Orange Parking Authority. Permit renewals for 2015 will be accepted by the South Orange Parking Authority starting Monday, Dec. 1. Look for your mailed renewal letter and application in November.

You may renew in person at the SOPA office on the second floor of The Baird (#5 Mead Street), Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Or, if renewing by mail, be sure to include the completed application and photocopies of all required documentation, your check, and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

SOPA accepts payment by credit card (in-office swipe only), cash or check.

For more information, call (973) 378-7715, x2037, or send e-mail to nrodriguez@southorange.org. ▲

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Welcome to two new businesses

• **The Dancing Blender Smoothie Company**, 121 South Orange Avenue, offers smoothies, juices, wraps, custom-made salads, and healthy snacks, all with the highest quality nutritional ingredients. Owner Manny Adeleye, a Village resident, opened the shop after years in corporate America. He hopes to "raise the customer experience above expectations at all times."

• **2 for 1 Cleaners** opened in September at 125 South Orange Avenue (sister store in Chatham). 2 for 1 will clean any two items of the same type (such as two shirts

Get engaged!

Village government is going social

Interaction with your local government is no longer limited to public statements made at trustee meetings. Now you can engage in municipal forums, take polls and surveys, and help solve problems using a new online tool called "South Orange Virtual Village Hall," a software platform provided by the civic engagement company, Peak Democracy.

Use the software to stay aware of issues currently under review by municipal staff and elected officials. Engage in polls, surveys, forums, and moderated discussions. By doing so, you'll help set goals and solve problems.

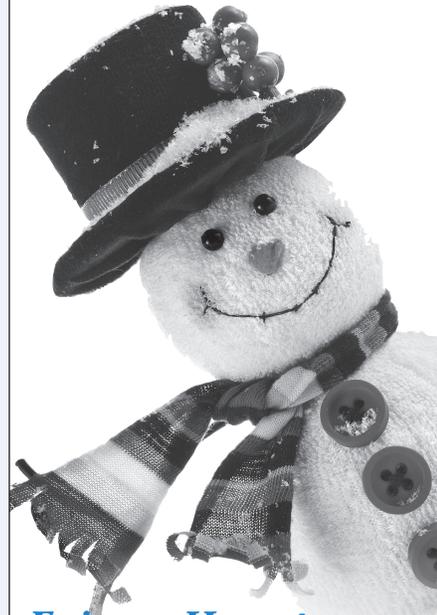
Village Trustees believe a wider range of public sentiment will help inform local officials about community priorities while increasing public trust in local government.

To use Virtual Village Hall, register online with your name and home address. Once authenticated, you can access the site via personal computer, smartphone or tablet. A direct link to the platform is available on the Township website, www.southorange.org.

If you don't have a computer or smart phone, apply for a free library card at the South Orange Public Library and use their computers. ▲

Register for Virtual Village Hall at www.southorange.org

or two coats) for the price of one. The shop is open six days a week and offers environmentally desirable organic cleaning. ▲



Enjoy a Hometown Holiday

A fun-packed Hometown Holiday is planned for Saturday, Dec. 13. The South Orange Village Center Alliance and the Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs invite residents to an all-day celebration including:

- Holiday shopping in the Village Center.
- A New Jersey 350" pop-up shop featuring local merchandise and memorabilia.
- Music and caroling throughout Village Center, noon to 5 p.m.
- Free photos with Santa at the firehouse, 2 to 5 p.m.
- Journey with Santa from the fire house to the tree lighting at 5 p.m.
- Annual Tree Lighting ceremony, 76 South Orange Ave., 5:15 p.m.
- Holiday concert, 5:15 to 6 p.m., near the tree lighting.

Details will be posted on the SOVCA website at www.sovillagecenter.org. ▲

NJ350 pop-up store coming to South Orange

New Jersey is celebrating its 350th birthday this year. To commemorate the milestone locally, South Orange Village Center Alliance is hosting a holiday pop-up store called NJ350.

Open Thursday, Dec. 11 through Sunday, Dec. 14, the store will be located at the old Love and Yogurt space at 65 South Orange Avenue. Shoppers will be able to buy South Orange and New Jersey themed merchandise and collectibles, crafts made by local artisans, and goods from some of South Orange's most

popular stores.

Any local craftsperson who would like to sell products at the NJ350 pop-up store can contact SOVCA Executive Director Bob Zuckerman at bob@sovillagecenter.org or (973) 763-6899. ▲



Shop, dine and be served on Small Business Saturday

South Orange Village Center Alliance will hold Small Business Saturday on Nov. 29. Though residents are encouraged to shop locally every day, Small Business Saturday is an opportunity to show your support.

Every Villager has a stake in the success of our beautiful downtown. South Orange's local shops, services and

restaurants together create a distinctive character that links neighbors socially and economically. By supporting downtown businesses, we keep dollars circulating locally and contribute to Village causes.

Help sustain a thriving Village Center by spending right here in South Orange, especially on Nov. 29. ▲

Join SOVCA's board

The South Orange Village Center Alliance is accepting applications for two open slots on its board of directors: one property owner and one resident. The volunteer job descriptions are online at www.sovillagecenter.org/pub/gen/news/544/fulltext. E-mail your bio or resume to melissa@sovillagecenter.org. ▲



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Buy bricks and tiles to support your rescue squad

They come to our homes on a moment's notice (no pay expected) to tend to our emergencies. Now, the South Orange Rescue Squad is asking a return favor:

Buy an engraved paving brick or wall tile and help the squad raise \$100,000 to replace their former headquarters.

After 43 years on Third Street, the squad building was bulldozed earlier this year to make room for the new Third and Valley residential/retail development.

Squad members plan to rebuild on Sloan Street next to the South Orange Fire Department, "but we need the public's help," said squad Captain Dan Cohen.

Jonathan Rose, the developer at Third and Valley, made a contribution to the squad as partial payment for the old building, but Cohen estimated, "We need to raise another \$100,000 to complete the project."

Engraved bricks and tiles purchased by members of the

community will become permanent features of the new facility. The bricks will be laid in two pathways leading to the building, and the tiles will line the walls of the front entrance.

Laser engraved inscriptions can recognize the generosity of a family or business, or they could honor a precious memory or a deceased loved one. Tiles start at \$125 and bricks at \$150.

In addition to brick and tile donations, the squad also needs businesses or individuals to become major sponsors, pledging \$5,000 or more.

To order a brick or tile online, go to: www.polaren-graving.com/SORescueSquad.

To transfer desired text, logos or clip art, send e-mail to sorescue@verizon.net. Or use the e-mail address to request more information about the fundraising project.

There's also a newly developed crowd-funding site with other giving options. Ask for details. ▲



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Happenings

Community Coalition on Race

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■ **Two Towns – One Book** - The Coalition's community read-and-discuss event will take place Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at The Woodland (previously the Woman's Club), 60 Woodland Road, in Maplewood. Law professor and author David Troutt will discuss his book, "The Price of Paradise: The Cost of Inequality and a Vision for a More Equitable America." Small- and large-group discussions will follow. Event co-sponsors are the South Orange and Maplewood public libraries, both of which will have advance copies of Troutt's book, print or digital. [words] Bookstore in Maplewood will be selling discounted hard copies.

■ **Civic Engagement Institute** - It's not too late to sharpen your skills and boost your confidence for volunteering. The Civic Engagement

workshop includes a free personality profile and analysis, time management and productivity tips, group dynamics training and exercises, and presentations on local volunteer opportunities.

Saturday morning sessions run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at South Orange Public Library. Remaining dates are Nov. 1, 8 and 15. Register at www.twotowns.org/contact/ or call (973) 761-6116.

■ **Pre-school Open House** - Parents can get tips on selecting a preschool at the annual open house to be held the second week of November. The event begins with a 7 p.m. overview, followed by visits with more than 20 pre-school and childcare agencies from 8 to 9 p.m. Check the website for the exact date, time and location.

Registration is not required but is helpful for providing adequate materials. To register, use the comments section at www.twotowns.org/contact/.

Host a meal during Night of 100 Dinners

The Achieve Foundation is seeking hosts for this year's Night of 100 Dinners on March 7, 2015. How about your house?

Every year, friends of the foundation open their homes to host simultaneous dinner parties, often co-hosting with friends. Hosts create their own guest lists (small or large) and determine their own style: candlelit dinners, theme parties, sushi or subs. Achieve makes it easy by sending and tracking invitations.

Attending guests make gifts to Achieve of \$50 per person or more. The donations support teacher grants, a volunteer tutor program, academic programs in science, technology, engineering, and math, plus new tech for the humanities.

With hosts to help, Achieve can entertain 800 to 1,000 guests in South Orange and Maplewood on one night. To host or learn more, e-mail 100dinners@achievefoundation.org.

Hear world affairs lectures at the Adult School

www.somadultschool.org
(973) 378-7620

Two special lectures are among the many classes and events offered in the current semester by the South Orange-Maplewood Adult School. For details and registration, contact SOMA.

• **New Wars – Cold** (U.S., Russia, China) and **Hot** (Middle East) - Ralph Buultjens, a leading analyst of world affairs, examines critical issues in international politics. Buultjens is a professor at New York University and the former Nehru Professor/Professorial Fellow at the University of Cambridge. He was awarded the Toynbee Prize for Social Sciences and is the author of ten books on world affairs.

The lecture takes place Thursday, Nov. 6, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Columbia High School.

• **Amy Goodman**, host and executive producer of the award-winning national news program Democracy Now! will present "The Silenced Majority: Stories of Uprisings, Occupations, Resistance, and Hope" on Thursday, Nov. 13, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Columbia High School auditorium.

Democracy Now! airs on more than 1,200 public television and radio stations worldwide. Goodman is the first journalist to receive the Right Livelihood Award, known as the Alternative Nobel Prize, for "developing an innovative model of truly independent grassroots political journalism that brings to millions of people the alternative voices that are often excluded by the mainstream media."

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Winter athletic programs are highlighted below. Complete details and registration information are available in person at The Baird or online at www.thebaird.org.

- Lacrosse Clinics for Girls, grades 4 to 12, Wednesday nights beginning Dec. 3.
- Sunday Indoor Soccer for adults, and for children grades 3 to 8, beginning Dec. 7.
- SOM Baseball Off-Season Drills & Skills, grades 3 to 6. The six-week program takes place at batting cages at The Baird. See website for specific session dates.
- "Learn to Ski" at Mt. Peter, NY, grades 3 to 8. Takes place on five Wednesdays beginning Jan. 7.
- Jaguar Indoor Track, ages 7 to 16. Register in person at The Baird on Wednesday, Nov. 6, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. or Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. to noon.
- MSO Youth Wrestling Team, grades 2 to 8. Sign up at the Columbia High School wrestling room, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., any Wednesday through Nov. 12. For more information, contact Coach Fleming at JJFleming81@hotmail.com.

Three Recreation Basketball Leagues

- **Grades 2-5.** Maplewood Recreation sponsors the Saturday morning program for South Orange and Maplewood children. Enrollment is limited. Players must register online at <https://register.communitypass.net/maplewood>. For details, call (973) 763-4202.
- **Grades 6-8.** South Orange Recreation sponsors the league for South Orange and Maplewood players starting Saturday, Dec. 6. No tryouts are required but evaluations will be held to create evenly matched teams. Enrollment is limited.
- **Grades 9-12.** South Orange Recreation sponsors a Saturday pick-up basketball program for South Orange and Maplewood high school players. Have fun and stay fit in a safe, supervised environment.

Cultural Arts Winter Registration

(973) 378-7754, x1 • www.thebaird.org



Spend your winter learning! An array of visual and performing arts courses awaits learners from infant through adult. Registration begins Nov. 1 for classes beginning in January 2015. Visit the Baird website, www.thebaird.org or call for information. ▲

Pierro Gallery

(973) 378-7754, ext 3 • www.pierrogallery.org
Gallery Hours: Monday-Thursday 11-4, Sat 1-4

■ TABLEau

On display through Nov. 26

In every generation, the dining table has been a silent observer of changing ideals and beliefs. We eat, play, work, think, organize, gather, and converse around this icon of American life. Guest co-curators Brittany Venturella and Annmarie Ventura, from the Seton Hall Graduate Program in Museum Professions, explore past and present perspectives on what it means to come to the table.

Participating artists are Sandra Bloodworth, A.J. Bocchino, Amy Charnatz, Molly Heron, Jen Hitchings, Eileen Hoffman, Robert Knight, Megan Maloy, Julie McHargue, Joe Moore, Mollie Murphy, and Susan Napak.

Check out the exhibit blog at www.tableuexhibition.wix.com/tableau.



■ TABLEau Food Drive

Pierro Gallery is holding a food drive for the Community Food Bank of New Jersey as part of the educational programming related to TABLEau. The drive ends with a Nov. 20 celebration at 7 p.m. in the gallery. Please bring nonperishable food items to the gallery Monday to Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., now through Nov. 20.

Please note: No glass, cellophane, bottled water, soda or baby food will be accepted.

■ Pages and Explorations: New work by the BAR

On display Dec. 10-18, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Book Arts Roundtable members regularly explore themes, techniques and structures in their unique art form. Now you can examine some of the work at mid-stage. Individual pages will be mounted on walls and stories will be told with collage, fabric and fiber.

Exhibitors: Amelia Panico, Patricia Tolft, Nancy Boney, Sylvia Taylor, Benita Wolffe, Shari Seltzer, Barbara Scharf Lehrhoff, Randy Keenan, Ellen Hess, Lynn Keffer, Lois Shapiro, Lynn Layman, Elaine Gongora, Elisa Kessler Caporale, Melabee Miller, Karen McDermott, Chris Schorr, and Leslie Nobler.

For more information, visit www.bookartsroundtable.com.

■ Book Arts Roundtable Holiday Show & Sale

Dec. 10-13, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

BAR members and invited artists will host a holiday gift shop at Pierro Gallery. Admission will be free. Crafty treasures will include handmade books, prints, paper art, hand-painted scarves, cards, glass beads and more. Come meet the artists, finish your holiday shopping, and participate in a mini workshop, offered daily with instructors Lynne Buschman, Liz Demaree and Karen McDermott. Workshop registration is required and starts Nov. 1. More details at www.bookartsroundtable.com. ▲

South Orange Library Events

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Library Discussions

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

- Nov. 6 – “Diversity in Suburbia,” with Carlos Decena, professor of women’s studies at Rutgers University.

- Nov. 13 – “How to Understand Modern Economies,” with Frank Popper, professor of civil and environmental engineering at Rutgers and Princeton.

- Nov. 20 – “Two-Faith Experience of Thanksgiving,” with Father Lawrence E. Frizzel, director and associate professor of the Jewish-Christian studies at Seton Hall, and Rabbi Mark Cooper of Oheb Shalom Congregation.

- Nov. 27 - Closed for Thanksgiving.

- Dec. 4 – “Irish Playwrights and their Muses,” with Seton Hall English professor Elizabeth Redwine.

- Dec. 11 – “Fun with Kelly and Lee.” Radio and television personality Lee Leonard and actress/dancer Kelly Bishop will entertain.

- Dec. 18 - annual holiday party featuring entertainment by Jim and Christie Harrington and family.

- Dec. 25 - Closed for Christmas.

Recurring Events

- Knitting Workshop with Nan Samons. Mondays, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15, at noon.

- Creative Writing Workshop – Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 3 and 17 at 1 p.m. No experience necessary.

- Wednesdays at the Movies. All shows at 1 p.m.

Nov. 12, “Chef”

Nov. 26, “Jersey Boys”

Dec. 10, “National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation”

Winter Foreign Film Series

The French film “Forbidden Games” will be screened Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. Educator, artist, and filmmaker Gerard Amsellem will open the program and lead an audience discussion after the film. The series is sponsored by the

Friends of the South Orange Public Library.

Children’s Room

- LEGOs (age 5 and up with adult) – 3:45 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 3, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, Dec. 15.

- Minecraft (age 7 and up with adult) – 3:30 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 10, Nov. 24, Dec. 8, Dec. 22.

- Toddler Storytime (age 2-½ and up with adult) – Stories and craft with Ms. Keisha, 11 a.m. every Tuesday from Nov. 4 through Dec. 16.

- Homeschool Social – Nov. 18 and Dec. 16, noon to 2 p.m.

- Books and Babies (newborn to 2½ with adult) – 10 a.m. every Wednesday from Nov. 5 through Dec. 17.

- Good Tymes String Band – 11 a.m. Thursdays, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11.

- Seton Stories, all ages – 10:30 a.m., Fridays, Nov. 7, 14, and 21.

- Friday Drop-In Craft, all ages – Nov. 21 and Dec. 19, 3:45 p.m. ▲

Happenings

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interACT Theatre to mount School House Rock

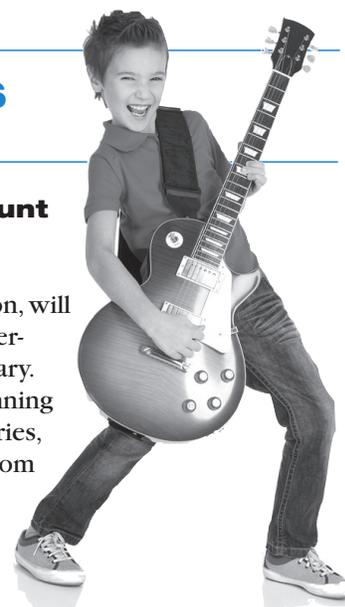
“School House Rock Live! Jr.,” interACT Theatre’s next production, will feature children in grades 3 to 8 performing on two weekends in January.

Based on the Emmy Award-winning 1970s educational animated TV series, Schoolhouse uses familiar songs from the TV show to teach grammar, math, science, history, social studies and political science.

Performances will be Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 16, 17, 23 and 24, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sundays, Jan. 18 and 25, at 4 p.m., at The Baird Theatre.

For audition dates and ways to volunteer with the production, visit the interACT website, www.interactproductions.org or call for information at (917) 334-3015.

Other mainstage productions in 2015 will include, “Almost, Maine” in March, and “9 to 5 The Musical” in May. ▲



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November

• Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m. - Arlo Guthrie, The Solo Reunion Tour (pictured below), folk, \$40-\$78.



- Nov. 5, 7 p.m. - I Pagliacci, choral/orchestra, \$25.
- Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. - Jefferson Starship, classic rock, \$34-\$65.
- Nov. 7, 8 p.m. - Ralphie May, comedy, \$24-\$49.
- Nov. 8, 8 p.m. - David Bromberg Big Band, folk/bluegrass/big band, \$43-\$70.
- Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m. - Ana Moura, world music, Portuguese Fado, \$30-\$50.
- Nov. 9, 2 p.m. - "The Sacrifice, (Russian film). Film club membership \$68.
- Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. - Carolyn Dorfman Dance Co., \$20-\$30.
- Nov. 14, 8 p.m. - Get The Led Out, the American Led Zeppelin Tribute, \$30-\$50.
- Nov. 15, 8 p.m. - Neil Berg's 100 Years of Broadway, theatre/musical, \$35-\$55.
- Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m. - Rachele Ferrell, singer-songwriter, jazz/pop/R&B, \$54-\$75.
- Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m. - Count Basie Orchestra, \$25.
- Nov. 21, 8 p.m. - The Weight, music of Levon Helm and The Band, classic rock, \$22-\$38.

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- Nov. 22, 2 p.m. - The Monster Who Ate My Peas, family/theatre/musical, \$13-\$18.
- Nov. 23, 7 p.m. - Blind Boys of Alabama, gospel, \$40-\$65.
- Nov. 29, 8 p.m. - Giants of Jazz, honoring McCoy Tyner, \$40-\$60.

December

- Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. - Seton Hall University Choir and Orchestra, winter concert, free.
- Dec. 6, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. - Graham Lustig's, "A Jazzy Nutcracker," dance/theatre, \$10-\$30.
- Dec. 7, 3 p.m. - Seasonal Swing from Juilliard Jazz, featuring vocalist Alicia Olatuja, \$20-25.
- Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m. - Atlantic Brass Quintet, classical/holiday, \$25.
- Dec. 12, 8 p.m. - The Glenn Miller Orchestra, "In the Christmas Mood," \$25-\$45.
- Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m. - Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr., "Solid Gold Christmas," \$43-\$75.
- Dec. 19, 8 p.m. - Cherish The Ladies, "A Celtic Christmas," \$25-\$40.
- Dec. 26, 8 p.m. - Matisyahu, "Festival of Light," reggae/rap/alternative rock, \$33-\$48.
- Dec. 27, 8 p.m. - Jay And The Americans, oldies, \$34-\$59.
- Dec. 31, Average White Band, blues/soul/funk, \$58-\$78. ▲

Nine muralists selected for Gateway project

Winners of the Gateway mural contest have been announced by the South Orange Village Center Alliance. They are Mary Jean Canziani, Bill Bilec, Kathleen Hong, Franc Palaia, Julie Healy, Oksana Berzins, Larry Ciarallo, Santiago Cohen and Kevin O'Connell.

SOVCA received more than 30 entries from artists interested in painting South Orange-themed murals on the NJ Transit retaining wall, which faces the parking lot of the new Gateway residential and retail complex.

The murals will be painted on canvases, then mounted on the wall in late fall. For now, they can be viewed at www.SOVillageCenter.org.

The first display will remain on the walls for at least six months. New murals will be mounted on a rotating basis, adding to Village charm while providing viable opportunities for working artists. ▲

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Honor someone deserving

Do you know a selfless Villager whose volunteerism deserves community-wide recognition? The Villager of the Month Award is given to individuals (and sometimes groups) who live or work in South Orange and make significant contributions to the community quality of life. (Current Village employees and committee members are eligible for other recognition, but not Villager of the Month.) All nominations are reviewed by the South Orange Community Relations Committee. To learn how to submit a nomination, e-mail ktjdz@aol.com. ▲