

# The South Orange Gaslight



## Understanding your 2012 tax bill

### 2012 Tax Bills and Due Date

- Fourth-quarter taxes are due Nov. 1, 2012 with a 10-day grace period.
- Recently mailed bills are true bills, not estimates as in the past. No further bills will be sent.

### Tax Levy Increase

- The total tax levy increased 1.83%. The total includes: Village 27.7% + Schools 56.6% + County 15.7%.
- The Village tax levy increased 1.46%.
- The municipal tax increase on the average home is \$83.
- South Orange's budgeted spending has been reduced by more than \$1,000,000.

### Reassessment and Tax Impact

- The reassessment has equalized Village-wide property values after the decline in the real estate

market sparked tax appeals by more than 12% of all households.

- The reassessment was performed by independent licensed real estate appraisers.
- The overall property value decline in the Village was 19.2%.
- If your value went down more than 19.2% your taxes will decrease.
- If your value went down less than 19.2% your taxes will increase.
- The reassessment impact is in addition to the 1.83% tax levy increase.

For full explanation of each bullet point, go to <http://southorange.org/2012taxes>.

To automatically calculate the impact of the tax levy and reassessment on your tax bill, plug your 2011 and 2012 assessed values into the calculator at the bottom of the page. ▲



## Take it Slow 'n Soulful S.O. Blues Fest returns Sept. 9

“People who think they don't know the style will instantly love the blues when they hear it and recognize that much of their favorite music — from Led Zeppelin to Clapton to the Stones — has roots in the blues.”

So says Mike Griot, founder of the South Orange International Blues Festival. The third annual fest returns to South Mountain Reservation on Sunday, Sept. 9 with a diversity of live blues, from its gritty roots to modern electric and crossover styles.

The nine-hour, cost-free event will be headlined by Grammy-

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**September  
October  
2012**

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## BiZ BUZZ

Three new Village businesses opened their doors this summer.

### • Guanaticos Restaurant, at 261

Irvington Avenue, offers Costa Rican cuisine for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Hours are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Dishes include empanadas, milkshakes and platos tipicos.

• **Indulgence Day Spa** at 61 South Orange Avenue opened in July at the site of a former art gallery. Owners Joye Foust and Patrice Hairston offer massages, manicures, pedicures and more for women, men and children. Get pampered in a beautiful, relaxing setting.

• **Love & Yogurt** opened in July at 65 South Orange Avenue. The self-serve choices include seasonal and stand-by flavors of frozen yogurt and many toppings. Samples are available before buying. ▲

## Pay-by-cell parking is under way

The signs are up and commuters are using the new pay-by-cell parking payment system from the South Orange Parking Authority.

Through September, SOPA will continue testing a new convenience called ParkNOW that lets drivers pay for parking by calling on their cell phones from inside their cars, on the train platform, or even on the train.

The trial program is limited to train commuters and people who use the 12-hour metered spaces around the library. In all, 330 spaces are designated with pay-by-cell signs, but the spaces are available to all drivers, whether or not they use pay-by-cell.

After establishing an account, a driver using a 12-hour meter calls in the space number and desired length of parking time. The appropriate fee is deducted from the driver's credit or debit card account.

Commuters pay a flat daily fee and call in only their space number. SOPA enforcement officers use hand-held devices to validate ParkNOW payments. Nonpayment could result in a \$40 ticket.

ParkNOW goes Village-wide on Oct. 1. ▲

## What Sundays should be: Art, Community and Frisbee too!

### 100th birthday of S.O. artist Tony Smith set for Sept. 23

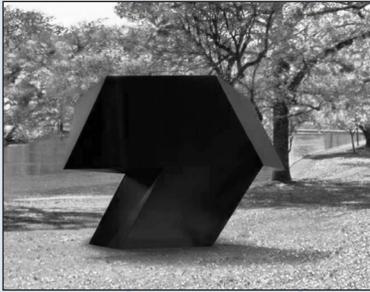
Sept. 23 would be the 100th birthday of world-renowned sculptor Tony Smith, a native of South Orange, who died in 1980. For many Villagers, he's known as the creator of the "Tau" sculpture in Meadowland Park.

In tribute to the great artist, the Lennie Pierro Memorial Arts Foundation and the Village of South Orange are planning a celebration of Smith's centennial with a community art "happening" in Meadowland Park. The free public event will include a one-day exhibit by local artists, and the unveiling of a plaque highlighting the life of Tony Smith, Tau and its 2008 installation. A lighting design plan will be presented.

The event also will launch the new [www.tonymsmithsouthorange.org](http://www.tonymsmithsouthorange.org) website. ▲

#### Calling All Artists!

Artists from South Orange and beyond are invited to present works (perhaps inspired by Tau and the work of Tony Smith) in any medium, including performance, site-specific, or conceptual. Works will be exhibited in the park, under tents if it rains. Sept. 14 is the entry deadline in this non-juried event. Send images or descriptions to [info@pierrofoundation.org](mailto:info@pierrofoundation.org). ▲



### Mix, mingle and laugh at Newcomers Day, Sept. 23

Are you new to our fair Village? Are you a long-term resident who likes meeting new people? If so, you'll want to know about this . . .

Newcomers/All Comers Day on Sunday, Sept. 23 is our annual way of welcoming new residents and mixing with old friends. We want to show that we're pleased and proud you have moved to our town by offering an afternoon of live music, special exhibits, children's activities, and of course(!) great snacks.

Join us at the South Orange Public Library (Scotland Road at Taylor Place) from 2 to 4 p.m. Come meet your neighbors from around the corner and across town. Learn how to contribute your talents through local community groups. Meet Village officials and get answers to your municipal questions, or find out how you could be part of a vital town committee.

You'll find a map to guide you on a walk in the footsteps of our founders, see restoration plans for our Village Hall, and architectural plans for the library expansion.

Even if you've lived here forever, come out to get your questions answered, gather information vital to your family, see old friends and make new ones. ▲

#### Are you a past Villager of the Month?

The Community Relations Committee, Village President and Board of Trustees invite all past Villagers of the Month to gather for a group photo during Newcomers Day. Short videos also will be taken to capture the reasons the honorees love South Orange. For more information send e-mail to [CRC2012@SOPL.org](mailto:CRC2012@SOPL.org).

### Committee volunteers needed

Want a great way to meet neighbors while making a difference in Village life? Sign up to serve on a Village committee.

Right now, notable vacancies include the Historic Preservation Commission, the Parking Authority and the Public Information Committee. Others need help as well; the key is to find the best fit for you.

To volunteer, fill out the online form at [www.southorange.org/volunteerApply/volunteerApplication.asp](http://www.southorange.org/volunteerApply/volunteerApplication.asp).

To learn more about committees, go to [www.southorange.org/forms/misc/VolunteeringDirectory.pdf](http://www.southorange.org/forms/misc/VolunteeringDirectory.pdf). ▲

### Ultimate Frisbee Tournament Sept. 22, 23

Ultimate Frisbee is non-contact team sport, played the world over and started, believe it or not, right here in South Orange. It mixes the best features of

sports such as soccer, basketball, American football and netball.

On, Sept. 22 and 23, a six-team tournament, including Rutgers, Seton Hall, NJIT and others will take place in Orange Park on Center Street in Orange. Hours will be 9 to 5 Saturday and 10 to 4 Sunday. Watch for details on South Orange Patch. ▲

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### Low-cost animal services considered



Interested in low-cost animal vaccinations or spay/neuter procedures for your cat or dog? The South Orange Health Department is surveying Villagers for the Associated Humane Society to determine whether there's enough interest among Villagers to set up a fall date for the society's mobile clinic. For information on services offered, vaccinations and fees, call Animal Control Officer Dick Ash at (973) 378-7715, x7711. ▲

# At The Baird

## SPORTS & FITNESS

(973) 378-7754  
www.thebaird.org

### BAIRD ARTS FALL OPEN HOUSE

(973) 378-7754, ext 1 • www.pierrogallery.org

Come to the Baird Sept 15, noon to 3 p.m., for a cost-free taste of classes to be offered this fall. Meet the teaching artists, enjoy mini classes and demos, and register for fall. New offerings include yoga, life drawing, and children's illustration. Returning favorites encompass art, music, dance and fitness. Call or visit our website for open house details.

### CULTURAL ARTS CLASSES

(973) 378-7754, ext 1 • www.pierrogallery.org

Access the arts through hands-on experience. There's something for everyone, infant to adult, in fall classes starting Sept. 22. Full descriptions and registration online.

#### VISUAL ARTS

Clay Time, ages 3-4  
Our Time for Art, ages 3-4 with caregiver  
Earth, Wind and Fire, grades K-5  
Comic Book Capers I and II, grades 1-3 and 4-7  
From Magical to Mysterious (illustration), grades 1-3 and 4-7  
Cereal Box and Cardboard Rolls, grades 4-7  
Eyes Through the Lens: Photography, grades 5-8  
Cardboard Sculpture, adults  
Art With A Master, adults  
Life Drawing, high school and adults  
Mixed Media Landscape, high school and adults  
Medieval Manuscript Illumination, adults  
Compartment Box with Flip Top Lid, adults  
Gel Transfer Prints, Adults

#### DANCE and FITNESS

Pre-Ballet I with guardian, ages 2-3  
Pre-Ballet II with guardian, ages 2-3  
Pre-Ballet II with guardian, age 3+  
Ballet I, age 5  
Ballet II, ages 6-9  
Beginning Ballet, high school and adults  
Line Dancing, high school and adults  
Middle Eastern Dance: Beginning, high school and adults  
Middle Eastern Dance: Intermediate, high school and adults  
Middle Eastern Dance: Choreography, high school and adults  
Flamenco Dancing, Beginner, high school and adults  
Flamenco Dancing, Intermediate, high school and adults  
Yoga: Finding Your Center, Adults

#### MUSIC

Our Time for Music, Infant-5 years, with caregiver  
Play Guitar! Beginners, grades 2-5  
Play Guitar! Continuing, grades 5-9

Registration is underway for all programs unless otherwise specified. Call or visit the website for details.

**Fall Baseball**  
Grades 1-8

**Learn to Ski**  
South Orange and  
Maplewood students  
grades 3 to 8  
(Registration starts Oct. 1)

**Senior Fitness**

**Adult Soccer**

**Tae Kwon Do**  
All ages, beginner to  
advanced

**Tae Kwon Do  
for Special Needs**  
For children with autism  
and their parents

**Basketball at The Baird**

- Skills and Drills - grades 1 to 4 (Recreation Dept.)
- Open Court Play (YMCA staff supervision)
- Pre-Season Skills and Conditioning (YMCA program) - grades 5 to 8

**Travel Basketball Teams**  
Grades 6 to 8 (tryouts in October)

**U.S. Sports Inst. Programs in S.O.** (866) 345-BALL  
www.ussportsinstitute.com

- Tennis - classes for children and adults
- Sports Squirts - ages 3 to 5
- Sports Mini Camp - Sept. 17 and 18 (when school's out)

### La Cinémathèque Film Club

(973) 378-7754, ext 1 • www.pierrogallery.org

This winter, catch six Italian films focused on personal development, social issues, and philosophical messages. Educator, artist and filmmaker Gerard Amsellem will lead discussions. The films will be shown on Sundays at 2 p.m. at The Baird Theatre. Seating is limited; register starting Sept. 14 for the club (all 6 films) for \$65. Individual screenings will be \$12.

The six films are:

- Sept. 23 - Rome, Open City
- Dec. 16 - 8 ½
- Oct. 21 - Umberto D
- Jan. 13 - L'avventura
- Nov. 18 - Death In Venice
- Feb. 10 - Seven Beauties

### Pierro Gallery

(973) 378-7754, ext 1 • www.pierrogallery.org

**On Display: Sept. 15 - Oct. 27**

*"Extrapolate: Suggestions of Tony Smith"*

Pierro is honoring the 100th birthday of South Orange native son Tony Smith, the world-renowned sculptor, visual artist and architect (Sept. 23, 1912 - Dec. 26, 1980). "Extrapolate" features nine artists directly influenced by Smith: Sarah Bednarek, Frank Gavere, Ethan Greenbaum, Michael Clyde Johnson, Karen A Margolis, Tom McGlynn, Gary Petersen, Kim Schoenstadt, and Kati Vilim. Co-curators are Sandy Martiny and Judy Wukitsch.

A closing celebration and artist talk will be held Thursday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.

## Library Events

(973) 762-0230 • [www.sopl.org](http://www.sopl.org)

### Special Events

- Author Harlan Coben talks about mysteries, thrillers and his new books for teens, Friday, Sept. 21.
- Newcomers Day will be at the library this year, Sept. 23, 1 to 4 p.m.

### Library Discussions

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

- Sept. 13 - Essex County College lecturer Eugene Lieber.
- Sept. 20 - Filmmaker and producer Seth Kramer.
- Sept. 27 - "Secrets of the Municipal Court Revealed," lawyer/actor Prosper Bellizia.
- Oct. 11 - "The Titanic: A Case of Murder," attorney Stephen Schoeman.

- Oct. 18 - "Springtime in Paris," a talk and slides, presented by Library Director Melissa Kopecky and Children's Services head Beth Halliday.
- Oct. 25 - "Sleep Dealer: Immigration and Globalization," a talk and film, presented by Carlos Decena, Rutgers professor of Women's Studies.

### Recurring Events

- Book Review Group - Sept. 24, "Long Drive Home," by South Orange author Will Allison; Oct. 22, "Elegance of the Hedgehog," by Muriel Barbery. Both sessions at 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays at the Movies - Sept. 12 "The Artist"; Sept. 26, "The Vow"; Oct. 3, 17 and 31, to be announced.

All shows at 1 p.m.

- Knitting Workshop - Sept. 17 and Oct. 15, at noon, led by Nan Samons.
- Creative Writing Workshop - Sept. 12, 26, Oct. 10, 24, at 1 p.m. No experience necessary. Bring pen and paper.

### Winter Foreign Film Series

All films will be introduced by educator, artist, and filmmaker Gerard Amsellem, with commentary to follow. Coming up Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. is the film "M," directed by Fritz Lang.

### SCORE Workshop

A workshop on "Internet Marketing and Social Media" will be hosted by the Service Corps of Retired Executives on Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.

### Children's Programs

- Toddler stories - Tuesdays, 11 a.m., starting Sept. 18.
- Baby stories - newborns to 2-1/2 with adult, Wednesdays, 10 a.m., starting Sept. 19.
- LEGO Club - ages 5 and up, Oct. 1 and 22, at 3:45 p.m.
- Seton Stories - toddlers and pre-schoolers, Fridays, 10:30 a.m., starting Sept. 14
- Book Bunch Club - age 8 and older, Sept. 19, 4 p.m., meets monthly
- Fabulous Friday Storytime - kindergarten and older, Sept. 21, at 3:30 p.m. ▲

## Creative S.O. minds needed

The Village is seeking volunteers with ideas on how the Board of Trustees and Village staff can best improve communications within the community.

The Public Information Committee will be re-formed soon. Tasks will include assisting with the redesign of the Village website, and advising or participating in social media efforts.

Anyone interested in joining the committee can fill out a volunteer form on the Township website: [www.southorange.org/volunteerApply/volunteerApplication.asp](http://www.southorange.org/volunteerApply/volunteerApplication.asp). ▲

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## Saxman George Coleman

### to be feted at Giants of Jazz 2012

Giants of Jazz is the one-night jazz fest that puts dozens of world-class performers on one stage for a single night. This year's rendering will take place at the South Orange Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 8 p.m.

Saxophonist George Coleman will be honored as the 2012 Jazz Masters Award honoree. Coleman has worked with Miles Davis, Slide Hampton, Herbie Hancock, Lionel Hampton, Max Roach, and Ahmad Jamal to name a few. He has made multiple appearances on television and other media and has received countless awards for his talents.

Giants of Jazz is co-sponsored by the Village and SOPAC. Tickets range from \$40 to \$60. Details at [www.sopacnow.org](http://www.sopacnow.org) or (973) 275-1114. ▲



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## CHSSF & SOCO award scholarships

The South Orange Civic Organization presented seven scholarships to Columbia High graduates on June 7: Taylor Dow, Maya Hackett, Ni'mah Ismail, Alexander M. Julian, Jennifer Okorie, James Reid and Tuere Chisholm-Thomas.

Each received \$400, part of the approximate \$100,000 in scholarships given by SOCO in the last 40 years. The number of recipients varies each year. Students are recognized for their community and school work, and often for overcoming personal challenges.

The Columbia High School Scholarship Fund awarded 87 graduates with a total \$92,500 in scholarships. The 2012/2013 awards will be applied toward college and professional schools.

CHSSF has been in existence since 1923. Applicants must demonstrate financial need, a probability of success at the chosen school, and willingness to help pay for their education.

Scholarships may be used for two- and four-year colleges, business and trade schools, or graduate studies. To learn how to apply, visit [www.chssf.org](http://www.chssf.org). ▲

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# Residential

## Public Works Programs

### Branches & Shrubs

Between Sept. 14, 2012 and early April 2013, trimmings and branches cannot be left at curbside for pickup. They may be brought to the Public Works Recycling Depot at 300 Walton Avenue.

Branch pickup ends in September. An appointment is required. Call DPW on or before Sept. 14. Branches must be under four inches in diameter for pickup or drop-off. No roots or stumps are accepted. The last branch pickup appointment (no charge) will be Sept. 25, 2012.

For information or an appointment call (973) 378-7741, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Grass Clippings

South Orange Disposal Company will pick up grass clippings placed in plastic bags and left between the curb and sidewalk. Two bags per week are permitted on the second day of your regular garbage collection. For information, call (973) 762-3880.

### Leaf removal starts Nov. 5

The 2012 leaf removal season is Nov. 5 through Dec. 10. Pickup cycles are estimated at 11 days. Any rake-out after Dec. 10 will be a violation of municipal ordinances. For more information, check the leaf collection web page, [www.southorange.org/leafcollection](http://www.southorange.org/leafcollection), or call the leaf removal hotline, (973) 378-7501. Information is updated daily.

If you live on a county road, call (973) 239-3366.

### Leaf Collection Rules

1. Pile leaves no more than four feet from the curb and not in traffic lanes.
2. Leaves left in plastic bags will not be picked up.
3. No debris other than leaves is permitted in the streets. Improper placement could prevent pickup.
4. Avoid creating leaf mounds. They attract children and subject them to traffic dangers. They also create potential fire and traffic hazards.
5. Do not place leaves within 10 feet of storm catch basins.

### Final Container Day – Saturday, Sept. 29

Drop-off hours are 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Public Works Garage, 300 Walton Avenue. Bring two proofs of residency. No commercial vehicles allowed.

• **Permitted:** Furniture, mattresses, appliances, toys, carpets and strollers. Also, leaves packed in brown biodegradable paper bags, and branches measuring four inches or less in diameter.

• **Not Permitted:** Propane bottles, hazardous chemicals/materials, construction materials, grass clippings, household garbage, car/truck parts, batteries, railroad ties or any electronic items. To check on questionable items, call Public Works.

### Year-Round Recycling Depot

**Permitted:** Glass food and beverage containers, aluminum and ferrous cans, #1 and #2 plastic containers (such as some soda and water bottles, milk and detergent containers), empty paint cans, newspapers, high-grade paper, branches no larger than four inches in diameter, crushed corrugated boxes, leaves (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, 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.

### Electronics Recycling

South Orange and Maplewood co-sponsor a free electronics recycling program, with alternating drop-off locations. Residents of either town must show proof of residency on site. Commercial and large-quantity users are not allowed.

Remaining dates for 2012 are:

- Sept. 15 - South Orange Recycling Center, 300 Walton Avenue.
- Oct. 20 - Maplewood Recycling Center, 359 Boyden Avenue.
- Dec. 15 - South Orange Recycling Center, 300 Walton Avenue.

# In Touch

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Village  
Government

**General Info.**  
(973) 378-7715  
**Emergency, 911**  
**Clerk's Office, x1**  
**Administrator, x2**  
**Construction, x3**  
**Tax Collector, x4**  
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**Finance, x6**  
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**Police Dept.**  
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378-7741  
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378-7754  
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762-3410  
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378-7741  
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# Happenings

## Golf tourney to benefit S.O. Rescue Squad

Keep those rescuers rescuing! The annual golf outing and 60th anniversary dinner of the South Orange Rescue Squad will take place Monday, Oct. 15 at Maplewood Country Club. All proceeds go to the squad.

Nongolfers can join the fun at the post-tournament dinner at Cryan's Beef and Ale House to celebrate the milestone anniversary. The cost is \$175 per golfer or \$75 for dinner only.

To register or to become a tournament sponsor, visit [www.socpsc.org/charity-golf-tournament.html](http://www.socpsc.org/charity-golf-tournament.html). For information, e-mail Citizens Public Safety Committee Chair Sheena Collum, [scollum@mac.com](mailto:scollum@mac.com).

## Coalition to honor Bibbins and Richardson

Two prominent citizens will be honored during the 16th annual dinner of the Community Coalition on Race: Charlie Bibbins, a long-time volunteer for the Coalition, the Adult School and Maplewood Township; and Rev. Terry L. Richardson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of South Orange.

The honors will be bestowed on Saturday, Oct. 13 during a dinner and ceremony entitled, "Celebrating Integration: Embracing Diversity, Inclusion and Opportunity."

For tickets or to place a journal ad, visit [www.twotowns.org](http://www.twotowns.org) or call (973) 761-6116.

More Coalition Events - The 2012 Two Towns Sing Along and the next Conversation on Race will take place

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in October. See the website for updated details.

## Newstead 5K, 10 years old and growing

Local residents will be running on Sept. 22 to raise money for The Achieve Foundation of South Orange and Maplewood.

The 10th annual Newstead 5K will begin with registration at 8 a.m., followed by three race-day events: the 5K and a 2-mile walk at 9 a.m., followed by the kids' fun run at 9:45 a.m. All start at the South Mountain Annex, 112 Glenview Road in South Orange.

Last year, more than 350 runners transformed quiet Newstead into a bustling neighborhood, raising more than \$14,000 for educational excellence and innovation in the local district's nine schools.

Race founder Helen Dubowy said, "I am so proud to witness the growth of this endeavor. Nothing is more important than educating our children, and the community genuinely rallies together and shows its true colors."

The pre-registration entry fee is \$20; \$25 on race day. The kids' fun run is free. For information or pre-registration, visit [www.achievefoundation.org](http://www.achievefoundation.org).

## On Stage at SOPAC

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- Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m. - Los Lonely Boys, (Latin, rock, blues), \$25-\$50.
- Oct. 1, 8 p.m. - Midtown Direct Rep presents "Broadway's Night Off," \$20-\$75.
- Oct. 6, 8 p.m. - Giants of Jazz, \$40-\$60 (see page 4).
- Oct. 13, 8 p.m. - Norbert Leo Butz (Broadway, cabaret), \$25-\$50.

## S.O. Blues Fest

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winning guitarist Vernon Reid (of the rock band Living Colour) with Michael Hill's Blues Mob.

First up at 11 a.m. will be keyboardist/vocalist Dave Keyes with guitarist Bob Devos. Other highlights include West Orange's Al Gold & SRK, Detroit sensation Eliza

Neals, songwriter/guitarist Michael Packer and songstress Rosalyn McClore.

South Mountain Reservation in West Orange will comfortably accommodate the expected crowd of thousands. Come early and bring chairs or blankets. Celebrity chef and blues aficionado Johnny Ciao will emcee the day's events.

For scheduling details, visit <http://southorangebluesfestival.com>.

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## Main Street Farmers' Market continues

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