

# The South Orange Gaslight



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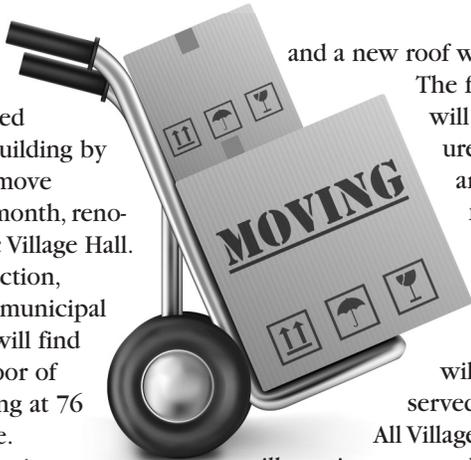
■ SOPAC wins its first grant from NJ Arts Council

## Village Hall transfer to be completed by Oct. 7

All Village Hall workers will be moved into the PNC Bank Building by Monday Oct. 7. The move makes way for a 30-month, renovation of the historic Village Hall.

During reconstruction, Villagers looking for municipal government offices will find them on the third floor of the PNC Bank building at 76 South Orange Avenue.

The renovation project will include tearing down walls, ceilings and floors in preparation for asbestos abatement – the most invasive part of the project. Then new walls, floors ceilings, windows



and a new roof will be added. The floor space will be reconfigured, but many architectural features that give the building its unique character will be preserved.

All Village operations will continue as usual during the reconstruction. All phone numbers and e-mail addresses will remain the same and office hours will be unchanged. Please stop by to visit us in our new location! ▲

## G'head! Find out how much that doggy in the shelter is

He's lived in the animal shelter for more than a year. Such a lovely dog and no one has adopted him. Well guess what? Given the pup's long tenure, the Jersey Animal Coalition will let you have him at a special rate.

On Sunday, Sept. 29, the JAC will hold its annual "Fall Festival and Adoption Day." Any dog or cat housed in the shelter for more than one year can be adopted for a negotiated fee.

While you're there, join the staff and volunteers for family and child-friendly activities, BBQ foods, an animal photographer, and a pet-supply flea market. The fun takes place from noon to 6 p.m. on shelter grounds at 280 Walton Avenue, next to the Village Recycling Center.

Jersey Animal Coalition is a no-kill shelter serving dogs and cats

rescued by animal control in South Orange and Maplewood, as well as animals from other facilities where euthanasia is allowed. Shelter services include adoptions, fostering, medical treatment, rehabilitation, daily care and pet-owner education.

JAC depends on contributions to support operations. As a true no-kill facility, JAC incurs expenses that most other facilities do not. If you adopt a dog or cat from JAC, be assured your pet has been spayed or neutered, has updated shots, and a micro-chip ID. Normal adoption fees are \$275 for dogs and \$100 for cats.

For details on the festival or adoptions, visit [www.jaconline.org](http://www.jaconline.org) or call (973) 763-7322. ▲



## Newcomers: Learn how to love life in South Orange

All things South Orange will be on display at the South Orange Public Library on Sunday, Sept. 22, when the Community Relations Committee hosts its annual Newcomers Day starting at 1 p.m.

Our newest Villagers, as well as those who've lived here for years, are invited to stop by and meet new friends. Or visit trade-show-style booths to learn about volunteering with Village and community groups. Or chat with local administrators about Village Hall renovation and plans for South Orange's future.

Several mini talks will be given during the event:

- Village President Alex Torpey will give a general welcome.
- Former Villager of the Month Sampson Davis, M.D., will speak about the connection between civic engagement and wellness.
- Nicole Nelson, a Vanderbilt doctoral student, will explain why South Orange and Maplewood are national role models of diversity and stable housing.
- Deputy Village Administrator Adam Loehner will preview South Orange's new website and forthcoming emergency communication system.
- Library Director Melissa Kopecky will preview the library's contributory online local history, and introduce a program that helps adults find local volunteer opportunities.

Former Villagers of the Month will be invited to participate in a library podcast project – an audio account of their volunteerism efforts. ▲

## Village to sell Old Stone House

Among the 20 known owners of the Old Stone House, the Village has held it the longest – since 1953. But that ownership is about to end.

On Sept. 23, at 8 p.m., during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting, the Old Stone House, located next to the police department, will be sold to the highest bidder – with lots of complications.

The successful bidder will acquire not only an unsound structure, but several encumbrances too: a historic preservation easement (since the house is on both state and federal registers of historic places), limited street access, limited utility access and legal constraints tied to the access issues.

The house is the oldest structure in town, regarded as treasure among historically minded Villagers. But restoration is out of the question for the Village, since the cost was estimated at \$2 million back in the late 1990s.

The Village will cooperate with the successful bidder to secure land-use approvals, street access and utility connections, but if the Village incurs costs, the bidder will be responsible for reimbursement.

For more details on the municipal sale, visit the township website, [southorange.org](http://southorange.org), under “Featured Articles.” ▲



# 911

The Village Board of Trustees has approved construction of a new South Orange Rescue Squad facility on Sloan Street next to the fire department.

The move comes about because the squad is being displaced by a multi-story, mixed-use building being developed

## Rescue Squad getting new HQ

by Jonathan Rose, LLC at the corner of 3rd Street and Valley Road.

As part of its agreement with the Village, the developer is funding the squad's relocation.

Two possible relocation sites were discussed by the Village Board of Trustees: one on Sloan Street, and another on 2nd Street. Both are owned by the Village.

The Rose company has

estimated the building project at no more than \$1.1 million. The Village is awaiting two alternative architectural plans from Rose, one with emergency shelter facilities and one without.

The South Orange Rescue Squad provides volunteer emergency medical services to residents of South Orange and nearby towns. It is a non-profit corporation funded by donations. ▲

## Lisa Hackett leaves SOVCA

A collective “Oh no!” arose from Village Hall in early August when Lisa Hackett, the new and instantly beloved executive director of the South Orange Village Center Alliance announced that she would be leaving for an irresistible opportunity.

Hackett, who started with SOVCA in January, is now leading the nonprofit Summit Medical Group Foundation. Her last day with SOVCA was Aug. 23.

Nancy Gould, a licensed professional planner, has taken over as interim executive director for six weeks, while the search for a new executive director is conducted. Gould was an intern in the SOVCA office before Hackett came on board. Until last May, she was also a Village trustee and served on SOVCA's board as

liaison to the Village Board of Trustees.

Hackett told South Orange Patch, “I wasn't actively looking for a new position, but this opportunity fell into my lap and after some soul-searching, I realized that I couldn't turn it down. I've truly enjoyed my time in South Orange and the opportunities and support this community gave me. I look forward to seeing South Orange Village Center continue to grow and thrive.” ▲

## Bring the farm home

The South Orange Farmers Market is open every Wednesday now through October, from 2 to 7 p.m., on Sloan Street. Fresh produce and many prepared foods are available straight from the farm. For details, call the S.O. Village Center Alliance at (973) 763-6899. ▲

## 'Encounters with Strangers'

Villager Nubia DuVall Wilson has published a compilation of humorous real-life interactions between herself and strangers -- incidents from the last eight years of her life.

The book's comical episodes are set as near as New York City, where she worked at “Real Simple” magazine, and as far as Taipei, Taiwan where she once lived. From commuting catfights to brushes with celebrities, “Encounters with Strangers” is for any reader who would rather laugh than rage at the human condition. The book is available on Amazon -- paperback \$9.36, Kindle \$7. ▲

## Tito's Burritos & Wings

The new and growing chain of casual eateries is about to expand into #2 West South Orange Avenue, with a tentative opening on Sept. 27. South Orange will be the chain's fourth location after Summit, Morristown and Ridgewood.

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# Happenings

## South Orange Maplewood Adult School

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### Three Broadway stars to appear in 'Celebrity Readings'

- Tony Award winners Norbert Leo Butz, Faith Prince, and Michelle Federer (from the original Broadway cast of "Wicked") will comprise the star line-up at Celebrity Readings, the Maplewood/South Orange Adult School event to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 4. Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$55 at the door. For advance purchase, visit the website and click on "Catalog Search," then scroll to "Celebrity Readings."

**"Out of the Pantry with Ruth Bourdain"** is a don't-miss event with Maplewood culinary writer Josh Friedland, the once-anonymous writer behind the Twitter handle @RuthBourdain. Friedland poked fun at the culinary elite for three years before finally revealing his identity to the world. Learn more when he speaks on Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. Cost: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door ▲

## Community Health Fair Sept. 7

Concerned about your health? The Village Department of Health is hosting its seventh annual free health fair on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sloan Street fire house.

Get your hearing, blood pressure, spine, prostate, bone density, lungs and pulse tested for free.

In addition, you can be tested for blood glucose and cholesterol (fasting required), or make a blood donations (non-fasting).

For the kids, there will be lead screenings and identification kits, and they can enjoy

face-painting and coloring books.

The South Orange Domestic Violence Response Team will man a booth and answer questions, as will a pediatrician, a physical therapist and a reiki practitioner.

Fair-goers can get information on Medicare updates, and a limited number of free radon test kits will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis

Participants will include: Total Hearing Screening Care, Blood Center of NJ, South Orange's Fire, Police and Rescue Squad, South Orange Chiropractic Center, Seton Hall

University, NJ CEED (St. Michael's Medical Center), Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Reiki, Livingston Masonic Lodge (Child I.D. Kit), South Orange Pharmacy, East Orange Department of Health, Aspiring Kindness, Watchung Pediatrics, and the Domestic Violence Response Team.

For more information, call (973) 378-7715, x7710. ▲

### Yes, it's a scary musical!

"Carrie," the musical based on a Stephen King horror novel about a disastrous prom

night, will be presented by interACT Theatre Productions. Performances at the Baird Theatre are scheduled for the second, third and fourth weekends in October. Friday and Saturday shows will start at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Carrie is the tale of a tormented girl with telekinetic powers who destroys her high school. Nicholas J. Clarey directs for interACT; Racheal Owens plays Carrie.

Learn more and buy tickets online at [www.interactproductions.org](http://www.interactproductions.org). ▲

## Increase your integration awareness

### Community Coalition on Race

(973) 761-6116 • [www.twotowns.org](http://www.twotowns.org)

■ **Freedom Riders.** A courageous band of civil rights activists is featured in this documentary to be screened on Sept. 28 at Maplewood Library (61 Baker Street). The Coalition and libraries in South Orange and Maplewood will host the event and Rutgers history professor Tom McCabe will lead a post-film discussion. Viewers will be invited to share related stories and reflections on the film. Admission is free.

■ **Annual Dinner Dance** - "Celebrating Integration: Forging New Paths to Inclusion" is a dinner dance and fundraising auction set for Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. at SOPAC. Dr. Phylis Peterman and Ellen Greenfield will be honored that night for decades of service to the community in support of integration. Tickets are \$100 each.

■ **Civic Engagement Institute.** Learn skills and strategies to volunteer in school, civic, governmental and business organizations. A six-session free workshop offers training applicable to many volunteer, professional and leadership roles. Slots are limited and applicants must commit to volunteer with a local organization at the end of the workshop. To apply, complete the contact form at [www.twotowns.org/contact](http://www.twotowns.org/contact) by Oct. 1. Workshop dates are Oct. 12, 19 and 26 at Dehart Center in Maplewood; and Nov. 2, 9 and 16 at The Baird in South Orange. ▲

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## South Orange Street Fair

Sept. 29, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., rain or shine

More than 70 vendors, including arts and crafters, will be on hand for the South Orange Street Fair. Enjoy live music, food and family fun in downtown South Orange.

## La Cinémathèque Film Club

Film enthusiasts from grade 10 to adult can get inside the heads of German filmmakers in this new \$45 series. Teaching artist Gérard Amsellem provides commentary and leads post-screening discussions. Four Sunday events run from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Baird Theater, third floor of the Baird Center.

- Sept. 22, "The Blue Angel," directed by Joseph Von Sternberg, 1930.
- Oct. 6, "Aguirre: The Wrath of God," directed by Werner Herzog, 1972.
- Nov. 17: "The Marriage of Maria Braun," directed by Rainer Fassbinder, 1979.
- Dec. 22: "The Wings of Desire," directed by Wim Wenders, 1987.

## Giants of Jazz

Saturday, Oct. 19, 8 p.m., at SOPAC

Come to New Jersey's premier jazz festival. The 2013 Jazz Master honoree will be Gary Bartz. Tickets: \$50, \$60, or \$100 (including post-show reception). Buy at the SOPAC box office or at [www.sopacnow.org/tickets](http://www.sopacnow.org/tickets). For information, call (973) 313-2787. Giants of Jazz is presented by SOPAC, The Baird and the Village of South Orange, and produced by John Lee & Jazz Legacy Productions.

## Pierro Gallery

(973) 378-7754, ext 3 • [www.pierrogallery.org](http://www.pierrogallery.org)

### Jazz Stories

On display Sept. 19 to Oct. 26

- Opening Reception, Sept. 26, 7-9 p.m.
- Panel Discussion, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.

Audio recordings, video presentations and visual arts will be used to explore the influence of jazz music in many contexts.



## SPORTS & FITNESS (973) 378-7754, ext 1 • [www.thebaird.org](http://www.thebaird.org)

Registration is underway for fall sports and activities sponsored by the South Orange Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs. Details and registration information for all programs can be found at The Baird or online.

### Fall Baseball

An instructional program

- Grades 1-2: six Mondays beginning Sept. 9, 4:5-15 p.m., or 5:30-6:45 p.m. Fee: \$60.
- Grades 3-4: meet twice a week for six weeks beginning the week of Sept. 9. Small group practices on Tuesdays or Wednesdays; instructional games on Saturdays at 9 or 11 a.m. Fee: \$75.
- Grades 5-6: as above.

**Learn to Ski** - South Orange and Maplewood students, grades 3 to 8, are bussed from The Baird to nearby Mount Peter ski area on five consecutive Wednesdays beginning in January. Sign-up starts Oct. 1.

**Senior Fitness** - Six weeks of Wednesday and Friday classes begin Oct. 9 and Oct. 11. Hours are 10:15 to 11 a.m. Drop in to try one class without obligation. Fee: \$36.

**Adult Soccer** - South Orange and Maplewood adults meet for informal games at New Waterlands Park on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. A range of fitness, age and skill levels will be accommodated. Registration is required. Fee: \$35.

**Tae Kwon Do** - Steve Safran teaches this beginner class for children on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 11.

**Tae Kwon Do for Special Needs** - Parents of children with autism learn how to work more effectively with their children, and everyone benefits from exercising. Teacher: Jeff Jacobs. Fee: \$125. Saturday classes. Ages 6 to 10, 1-2 p.m.; ages 11 to 25, 2-3 p.m.

**Tennis** - Clinics and instruction are offered by the US Sports Institute on the Baird courts for children and adults, with multiple sessions in each age/skill category. Register directly with USSI at [www.USSportsInstitute.com](http://www.USSportsInstitute.com) or by phone at (866) 345-BALL.

**Sports Squirts** - South Orange will host the US Sports Institute's Sports Squirts program. Children ages 2 to 5 learn a variety of sports in a safe, structured environment.

- Ages 3-5: Wednesdays 3:30-4:30, or 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Parent and Me, ages 2-3: Wednesdays 3:30-4:15 p.m., or 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Details and registration information at [www.USSportsInstitute.com](http://www.USSportsInstitute.com) or (866) 345-BALL.

### Baird Basketball

The Village and the South Mountain YMCA provide supervision, programming and fun

on outdoor basketball courts at The Baird.

• **Supervised Open Court Play** - YMCA basketball coaches will program and monitor activities for various age groups through October. Open court times are Thursdays and Fridays, 4 p.m. until dark and Saturdays and Sundays, noon until dark.

• **Skills & Drills** - For boys and girls, six Saturdays starting Sept. 7. Grades 1-2, 9:45-10:45 a.m. Grades 3-4, 11 a.m.-noon. Fee: \$60.

• **Grades 5 through 8** - For details and registration information, contact the YMCA: (973) 762-4145 or [www.smountainymca.org](http://www.smountainymca.org).

• **Travel Basketball Teams** - South Orange boys and girls, grades 6 to 8, can participate in the Suburban Essex League. Practices and games are on weeknights and Saturdays, November through February. Tryouts are in October. Details online.

## CULTURAL ARTS CLASSES

All classes are taught by professional teaching artists. Registration begins Aug. 1 and most classes start the week of Sept. 22. For class descriptions and registration details, visit [www.thebaird.org](http://www.thebaird.org).

### Art for Kids

- Little Artists, ages 3-4, \$110. Teacher Ann Vollum. Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- Clay Time, ages 3-6. Get tactile experience with clay. Teacher Joan Tomasco. Saturdays, 9:15 -10 a.m. \$110 plus \$50 materials fee.
- Paint and Paper - ages 3-6, \$110. A new experience each week. Teacher Russell Christian. Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Art Studio - grades 1- 6, \$110. Explore painting, drawing, collage, paste paper and book binding. Teacher Ann Vollum. Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m.
- Comic Book Capers I and II - design and write your own comic books. Grades 1- 3, \$110 plus \$20 materials fee. Grades 4 - 7, \$138 plus \$20 materials fee.
- gARTbage: Transforming Garbage into ART - grades 3 - 5,

\$165 plus \$15 materials fee. Use items you already have to create new artistic ones. Teacher Alana Amaya. Saturdays, 9:30 - 11 a.m.

- Drawing for Kids - grade 6 to adult, \$165 plus \$30 materials fee. Learn to draw what you see and feel. Teacher Larry McKim. Thursdays, 4 - 5:30 pm.

### Kids' Photography

- Eyes through the Lens: Children's Photography - grades 4 - 8, \$110. Teacher Jeremy Moss. Wednesdays, 45 p.m.
- Intermediate Photography - grades 6 -10, \$110. Camera with full-manual control required. Teacher Jeremy Moss. Wednesdays, 5 - 6 p.m.

### Kids' Dance & Music

Classes taught by Shona Roebuck. \$110.

- Pre-Ballet Creative Movement, age 2 with guardian. An intro to the world of dance. Two Saturday morning options: 9:15 - 10 or 10 - 10:45.

• Pre-Ballet - ages 3 - 4, a drop-off class with two time options: 11 - 11:45 a.m., or noon - 12:45 p.m.

• Funky Freestyle - ages 3-5, for little movers not interested in the discipline of ballet but eager to dance. Thursdays 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

• Ballet I - ages 5 - 6,

Thursdays, 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.

- Music Preludes - infant to age 4 with caregiver. Singing, jiggling, laughing and dancing. Teacher Maria Sargentelli. Wednesdays, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

### The Good Times Math Gang

Grades 3 - 8, \$10 plus \$15 materials fee. Explore math in an inquiry-oriented club that makes study fun. Teachers Tori O'Connell and Dr. Greenstein. Mondays, 4 - 5p.m.

## Celebrating Tony Smith

### ■ Extrapolation and Influence: Tony Smith

A panel discussion, Thursday, Sept. 19, 7 - 9 p.m. at Seton Hall's Walsh Library.

### ■ Art Party in the Park 2

A community party to honor Tony Smith, the South Orange and Essex County native. Sunday, Sept. 22, 1 - 6 p.m. at the TAU sculpture site in Meadowland Park. For more information, go to [www.tonymsmithsouthorange.org](http://www.tonymsmithsouthorange.org).

### ■ Art Party in the Park 2, Call for Artists

*Deadline Sept. 13*

Artists and arts organizations are invited to display in a nonjuried, free event at Meadowland Park. Use any medium, including painting, sculpture, performance, site-specific, and participatory work. Send images or descriptions to [mail@pierrofoundation.org](mailto:mail@pierrofoundation.org). Details at [www.tonymsmithsouthorange.org](http://www.tonymsmithsouthorange.org).

## Teen/Adult Classes

### Art

- Art with a Master - \$275 plus model fee. Students in all levels and mediums work with Master Artist Philip Sherrod. Tuesdays, 12:30 - 3 p.m.
- Life Drawing (with instruction) - grade 12 to adult, \$220 plus \$80 model fee. Draw from live models in a variety of mediums. Focus on line, structure and value. Teacher Larry McKim. Wednesdays 4 - 6 p.m.
- The Watercolor Sketchbook - \$132 plus supply list. Learn art theory, watercolor techniques, composition, perspective and color mixing. Teacher Erin Rogers Pickering. Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
- Drawing - grade 6 to adult, \$165 plus \$30 materials fee. Draw what you see and feel. Teacher Larry McKim. Thursdays, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

### Short Subjects

- Medieval Manuscripts - \$99. Use authentic materials to create an illuminated page. Thursdays, Oct. 17 - 31. Teacher Liz Demaree.
- Gel Transfer Print Workshop - \$99 plus \$30 materials fee. Three Saturdays, Sept. 28 - Oct. 12, 1 - 4 p.m.

### Dance

- Middle Eastern Dance, Intermediate/Choreography - age 16 to adult, \$165. Beginner level prerequisite or permission required. Teacher Morgiana Celeste Varricchio. Tuesdays 7 - 8:30 p.m.
- Flamenco! Grade 11 to adult, \$110. Teacher Toni Messina. Beginners, Thursdays 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Intermediate, Thursdays 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.



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# FALL 2013

## South Orange Recycling Services

300 Walton Avenue ■ (973) 378-7741, x221 ■ [www.southorange.org/dpw.asp](http://www.southorange.org/dpw.asp)

### Depot Hours:

• Tues, Thurs, 8-4

• Sat, 8-noon

Proof of S.O. residency required for drop-off

### Leaf Removal, Oct. 28 - Dec. 9

The 2013 leaf removal season is Oct. 28 through Dec. 9. Pickup cycles are estimated at 11 days. Any rake-out after Dec. 9 will be a violation of municipal ordinances. For daily scheduling updates, visit [www.southorange.org/leaf](http://www.southorange.org/leaf).

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

### 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 who are then subjected to traffic dangers. Leaf piles also create potential fire and traffic hazards.
5. Do not place leaves within 10 feet of storm catch basins.

### Branch Pickup Suspended in Mid-September

Between Sept. 16 and early April 2014, branches cannot be left at curbside for DPW pickup. Residents can bring branches to the Recycling Depot during open hours.

The last branch pickup day will be Sept. 24. For a pickup appointment by that date, call DPW no later than Sept. 13.

Branches must be less than four inches in diameter. No roots or stumps are accepted.

### Grass Clippings

South Orange Disposal Company will pick up grass clippings through October 31. For fees and other information, call (973) 762-3880 or go to [www.southorangedisposal.com](http://www.southorangedisposal.com). Grass cannot be dropped off at the South Orange recycling facility.

### Final Container Day Saturday, Sept. 28

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 are 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, newspaper, 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 two 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 2013 are:

- Sept. 21 - South Orange Recycling Center, 300 Walton Avenue.
- Oct. 19 - Maplewood Recycling Center, 359 Boyden Avenue.
- Dec. 14 - South Orange Recycling Center, 300 Walton Avenue.

### Sewer Backed Up?

If you experience a sewer backup in your home, you may not need a plumber. During regular business hours, call South Orange DPW at (973) 378-7741, x221. On weekends, holidays or after business hours, call the South Orange Police at (973) 378-7772. To avoid sewer backups, don't flush disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons or paper towels in the toilet. Also don't discard grease or coffee grinds in the sink.

### Paper Shredding Day

The last day for paper shredding at DPW will be Saturday, Nov. 9 from 8 a.m. to noon.



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## South Orange Library Events

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### Ghost Researchers Explain Paranormal

A team of South Jersey ghost researchers, experts in supernatural phenomena, will talk about ghosts and hauntings on Monday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. Those fearful of paranormal situations will learn why they need not be afraid. Children must be at least 12 years old and accompanied by an adult.

### Amsellem Hosts Foreign Film Series

Animated and classic foreign films, one each from the same country, will be juxtaposed in a new six-month series starting Oct. 29. Filmmaker, artist and educator Gerard Amsellem will discuss thematic connections between the two genres.

First up on Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. will be the animated film, "Princess Mononoke," by award-winning Japanese filmmaker Hayao Miyazaki. In November, Amsellem will follow up with a live-action classic Japanese film.

December/January pairings will be from Belgium; February/March selections from Iraq.

### Recurring Events

- Book Review Group - Sept. 23, "The Swerve," by Stephen Greenblatt. Oct. 28, "Justine," by Lawrence Durrell. Both sessions at 7:30 p.m.
- Knitting Workshop - Mondays, Sept. 16 and Oct. 21, at noon, with Nan Samons.
- Creative Writing Workshop, Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 1 p.m.
- Wednesdays at the Movies. All shows are at 1 p.m. Sept. 4, "42." Sept. 18, "The Great Gatsby."

### Children's Room

- LEGOS / Minecraft - alternating Mondays, 3:45 p.m., starting with Legos on Sept. 9.
- Toddler Tuesdays - Sept. 24 through December, 11 a.m., ages 2-1/2 and up.
- Books and Babies - newborn to 2-1/2, Wednesdays, Sept. 25 through December, 10 a.m.
- Book Bunch - ages 9 and older, Oct. 9 and Nov. 13, 4 p.m.
- Friday Seton Stories - Sept. 13, 10:15, SHU students read to all ages.
- Drop-In Crafts - Sept. 13 and 27, Oct. 11 and 25, 4 p.m.

### Library Discussions

- Thursdays, 1 p.m.*
- Sept. 19 - History Professor Eugene Lieber, "Thomas Jefferson: Flawed Hero."
  - Sept. 26 - Filmmaker and director Ken Mandel, "Bridging New York," a film and talk.
  - Oct. 3 - Political Science Professor Douglas Simon, "World Political Update."
  - Oct. 10 - Women's Studies Professor Carlos Decena, "Immigration Reform."
  - Oct. 17 - Lawyer and author Jonathan Rosenbluth, reading from a fictional autobiography, "Nobody Sleeps Tonight," by Marty Schmidlap.
  - Oct. 24 - Acclaimed pianist Young Woong Cho and violinist Miitsuko Flynn.
  - Oct. 31 - Author and English Professor John Guesser, "Quoth the Raven, 'Eat My Shorts': The Life, Literature and Legacy of Edgar Allen Poe."

### Hot reading for summer's end

**THE HUSBAND'S SECRET**, by Liane Moriarty. A woman's life is upended when she discovers a letter from her husband she was not meant to read.



### It's family fun on the run!

The leafy, rolling streets of South Orange's Newstead neighborhood will be alive with runners and cheering bystanders on Saturday, Sept. 21, during the annual Newstead 5K Race.

The fun starts at South Mountain School Annex, 112 Glenview Ave., with registration at 8 a.m., and the race at 9 a.m. — rain or shine. Choose from a 5K run, 2-mile walk or Kids' Fun Run.

Registration is \$20 until Sept. 18, and \$25 from Sept. 19 through race day. The Kids' Fun Run is free. Proceeds benefit the Achieve Foundation, which raises funds for exemplary education throughout the local school district.

For race details or online registration, go to [achievefoundation.org](http://achievefoundation.org).

**Help a child succeed at school.** Be an Achieve volunteer tutor. Meet with a student one hour a week at a South Orange/Maplewood school. Training is provided. For information, go to [achievefoundation.org](http://achievefoundation.org) or call (973) 762-5600, x1847.

## Find a learning adventure at the Adult School

Keep your mind alive with new learning! Register now for the fall 2013 semester at The South Orange-Maplewood Adult School. Classes begin the week of Sept. 23 and registration never closes as long as there is room in a class.

A few fall highlights:

### Multi-Session Classes

- "China, Burma and India in World War II: A Forgotten Theater of War," Wednesdays, Sept. 25 to Oct. 16, 7:30 to 9 p.m.
- "Modern Dance," nine Thursdays, Sept. 26 to Nov. 21, 7 to 8 p.m.
- "The Lost Art of Proper Cleaning," Wednesdays, Oct. 2 and Oct. 9, 7:30 to 9 p.m.
- "Composting," Wednesdays, Oct. 9 and Oct. 16, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

### Single-Session Classes

- "Going Gluten Free," Thursday, Oct. 17, 7 to 9 p.m.
- "The Armory Show at 100," a look back on the art landscape of 100 years ago, Tuesday, Nov. 5, 7:30 to 9 p.m.
- "Bon Bons au Chocolat," Nov. 12, 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- "Knife Skills - Entertaining with Ben." Make your cooking easier, Nov. 7, 7:15 p.m.

For the full catalog, visit [www.somadultschool.org](http://www.somadultschool.org), call (973) 378-7620, or pick up a copy at your local library.

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## SOPAC wins its first grant from NJ Arts Council

SOPAC has been awarded a New Jersey State Council on the Arts grant of \$30,000 per year for the next three years. The award, considered minimal in the arts community, is nonetheless a coup for SOPAC; until this year, debt burden had prevented the arts center from applying for grant money.

"Arts Council funding is akin to receiving the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval," said Mark Packer, Executive Director of SOPAC, in a press release. It "helps nonprofit organizations leverage additional public and private support." He called the grant "a foot in the door."

SOPAC will use the grant to help pay for artistic, marketing and administrative costs over the next three years.

"I am elated by this enormous vote of confidence by the Council and their recognition of SOPAC's importance to our community and to the region," said Packer.

Last month, the Arts Council

### Blues Fest returns

South Orange International Blues Festival takes place Sunday, Sept. 8, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at South Mountain Reservation in West Orange. It will be hosted by "culinary rocker" Johnny Ciao. Featured artists include Bill Sims, Jr., Al Gold, Lil' Bastad, Dave Stryker & Blue to the Bone, Dean Shot, Michael Hill's Blues Mob and Bill Hector. Details at [www.southorangebluesfestival.com](http://www.southorangebluesfestival.com).

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announced grants totaling \$15.7 million and SOPAC was among 208 recipients.

The ability to apply for and win the award came about with the recent transfer in ownership of the \$15 million arts center to the Village. That deal, settled in June, gave the Village a tangible asset instead of an uncollectable debt, and it relieved SOPAC from a debt burden that had stymied the confidence of possible grantors. ▲

## S.O. Cultural Affairs also gifted by Arts Council

For the second year in a row, the Arts Council awarded \$9,433 to the South Orange Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs. The money will be used to support six exhibitions and related public programming at Pierro Gallery, housed at the Baird Center. ▲

## On Stage at SOPAC

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- Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m. – Singer/songwriter Loudon Wainwright III, with The Neilds, \$30-\$50.
- Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m. – North Mississippi Allstars, southern blues/rock, \$20-\$75.
- Sept. 21, 8 p.m. – John Scofield's Uberjam, fusion, \$27-\$55.
- Sept. 26 – Paula Poundstone, comedy, \$30-\$55.
- Sept. 27, 8 p.m. – Southside Johnny and The Poor Fools, rock, \$33-\$60.
- Sept. 28, 8 p.m. – Ann Hampton Callaway Sings The Streisand Songbook, \$35-\$55.
- Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. – Stories and Songs with Alejandro

- Escovedo and Shelby Lynne, rock/country, \$33-\$58.
- Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m. – John Mayall with guest John Hammond, blues/rock, \$40-65.
- Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m. – Take 6, gospel, a capella, \$33-\$60.
- Oct. 11, 8 p.m. – John Sebastian and Tom Rush, folk, \$27-\$55.
- Oct. 16, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. – "Hope Lives Here," monologues, for ages 13 and up, presented by Sierra House, \$20-\$55.
- Oct. 18, 8 p.m. – Colin Quinn Unconstitutional, \$25-\$48.
- Oct. 19, 8 p.m. – Giants of Jazz, \$40-\$60. ▲

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