

# The South Orange Gaslight



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## Public meetings you'll want to attend

### Learn how Irvington Avenue is being re-imagined



The South Orange Board of Trustees has appropriated \$100,000 for capital improvements along Irvington Avenue — part of a redevelopment effort aimed at transforming Irvington Avenue into a thriving business district and neighborhood retail corridor.

To learn more about changes coming to the avenue, be sure to attend one of two public forums, "Re-Imagine Irvington Avenue," scheduled for mid-September. The sessions will be held at Congregation Beth El, 222 Irvington Avenue, on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 8:30 a.m.; and Thursday, Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Attendees can learn about redevelopment plans and how to get involved in the improvement process.

The redevelopment effort has come about based on a survey conducted by the Village and the Seton Hall Market Research Center. Survey results, neighborhood canvassing and talks with focus groups showed a strong will among residents, business owners and other stakeholders to transform the busy avenue.

Out of the study, the Irvington Avenue Corridor Advisory Committee was formed in January and already, beautification efforts have begun, including hanging baskets, new gardens and benches. Planning for special community events

### Putting a spotlight on senior citizen needs

The South Orange Senior Citizens Advisory Committee will hold a town-hall style meeting to address the needs of Village senior citizens on Sunday, Oct. 26, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the SOPAC Loft. Topics will include transportation, communication and information access, social and recreational activities, public safety and more. Those attending can learn about currently available services, ask questions, and suggest ways to strengthen services. ▲

### Drinking water safety to be discussed Sept. 15

A public meeting to discuss an alternative water supply source for the Village will be held Monday, Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the South Orange Performing Arts Center.

In March 2011, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection cited EOWC for exceeding the allowable concentration of tetrachloroethylene (a volatile organic compound) in the Village's drinking water. The citation was based on 12 months of water samples collected through the first quarter of 2011.

Since then, regular sampling has been conducted by EOWC and an independent testing agency hired by the Village. Current levels do not constitute a NJDEP violation, but are high enough to warrant monitoring.

At the Sept. 15 meeting, residents will be updated on water



## You may qualify for a housing maintenance loan

Could you use improvements to your front porch or driveway, or maybe new windows and doors?

If you own a home in an eligible section of South Orange or Maplewood, and you live in the home full time, you may qualify for a home maintenance loan offered by the South Orange Maplewood Community Coalition on Race.

The Coalition's new loan program assists homeowners in maintaining attractive properties that in turn create inviting neighborhoods, desirable to home buyers of all races.

The loans cover a menu of external home maintenance projects, including front porches, front steps, shutters, sidewalks, windows, doors, permanent landscaping, gutters, driveways, garages, exterior painting and exterior lighting. Roofing improvements, chimney repair, and masonry repair also are included.

In South Orange, the area eligible for the loans is mostly northeast and northwest of Seton Hall University, plus three streets south of the university. (Contact the Coalition for exact areas in South

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## Wall of murals coming to train station exterior

Colorful mural panels, as many as 11, are being created by local artists to beautify the train station wall facing the new Gateway South Orange apartment/retail complex.

The murals are intended to beautify the space not only for Gateway residents, but for shoppers and diners frequenting Gateway retail spaces, and for people who will see the murals from adjacent Cameron Field.

The initial display will be finished by the end of September and will include a series of murals measuring either 11x15 feet or 11x25 feet.

EEA Industries, Inc., the Gateway developer, and the

South Orange Village Center Alliance conceived the mural project and issued a call to individual and team artists to propose mural projects using South Orange as the theme.

More than 30 proposals were reviewed by a team of arts and municipal officials. Gateway developer Ed Ayuso furnished all supplies and paid a stipend to each artist.

The first display will remain on the walls for at least six months. Ayuso plans to fund new murals on a rotating basis, adding to the charm of South Orange while providing viable opportunities to working artists. ▲

## Free blood pressure screenings

Free blood pressure screenings for Villagers are offered by the South Orange Health Department on the first and third Thursday of every month, in two locations:

• First Thursday: 9 a.m.-10 a.m. at the Charles Bierman

Home, 110 Vose Avenue.

• Third Thursday: 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m., at The Baird, 5 Mead Street.

Health counsel is provided by a public health nurse. For information, call (973) 378-7715, x7710. ▲

## Pedestrian safety update

From May through July, South Orange police issued more than 600 tickets to drivers who failed to stop for pedestrians or committed related traffic violations. The “Cops in Crosswalks” campaign started in May as part of a pedestrian safety initiative.

Village Trustee Sheena Collum, who chairs the Public Safety Committee, said, “We’ve committed ourselves to robust public education through banners and signs, and this month we’re heading into the schools to educate children about pedestrian safety.”

All crosswalks will be re-striped to improve driver awareness, and police enforcement of pedestrian safety laws will be ongoing. ▲



Villagers Caleb and Sydney Salmon hold a pedestrian safety sign created by the South Orange Public Safety Committee.

## Be ready for tomorrow's disaster

Would you have difficulty getting to safety during an emergency? A hurricane? A fire? If so, you'll be pleased to know about the NJ Special Needs Registry.

“Register Ready” is a free, confidential, web-based program that helps emergency responders locate and safely evacuate people who cannot help themselves because of a physical or cognitive limitation, a language barrier or lack of transportation.

The registry offers Spanish translation and TTY services for the hearing-impaired. To sign up, log onto [www.registerready.nj.gov](http://www.registerready.nj.gov), or call New Jersey's toll-free 2-1-1 telephone service for assistance. ▲

## Irvington Avenue

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is also under way.

Along with the \$100,000 capital improvements appropriation, the Village Trustees have partnered with Newark and Maplewood on a federal grant application for pedestrian improvements along Irvington Avenue.

They've also authorized redevelopment studies to determine which properties meet the legal standards for areas “in need of redevelopment.”

As with the Village's central business district, authorized redevelopment on

Irvington Avenue could attract private investment, encourage improvements, and foster public/private partnerships. ▲

## Water Supply

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monitoring findings and will hear recommendations on new suppliers.

“Please be assured,” reads the Village website, “that in the event there are ever results that would cause health concerns, the Village will immediately notify all affected water customers.” ▲



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# Happenings

## South Orange-Maplewood Adult School

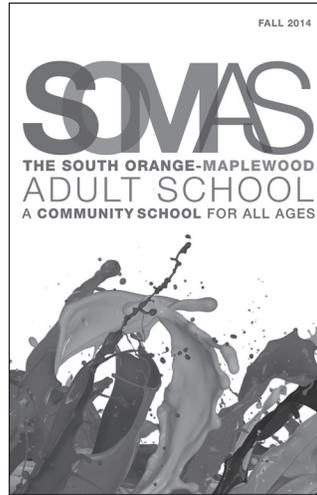
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More than 150 classes will be offered in the fall semester of the Adult School. Catalogs are available now and online registration is open. A few highlights are below:

### ■ Special Speakers

• *Orphan Doctor Jane Aronson* will share her experiences bringing healthcare and education to orphans across the globe. Friday, Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m., Columbia High Black Box Theater, \$25.

• *Amy Goodman, Host and Executive Producer of Democracy Now!* “The Silenced Majority: Stories of Uprisings, Occupations, Resistance, and Hope.” Goodman explains how ordinary people are organizing to change the media. Thursday, Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m., Columbia High Auditorium.



### ■ For Kids

- Introduction to Scratch (grades 3-5)
- Fundamentals of Web Programming (grades 6-8)
- Cupcake Decorating (two classes: grades 3-5 and 6-8)

### ■ For Adults

*One- or two-session classes*

- What Every Parent Should Know About Social Media
- Introduction to Birding in New Jersey
- Seeing History through Objects with Ulysses Grant Dietz of the Newark Museum
- Collecting Fine Art Prints
- Exploring Social Security

### Mark Your Calendar for Good Health

Come to the South Orange Health Department's free health fair on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the fire house at 56 Sloan Street.

Free health screenings will include spinal analysis, glucose and cholesterol counts (fasting required), blood pressure, hearing, vision, osteoporosis, vertigo/inner ear, lead screening for children and adults, and body mass index screening.

Get child identification kits and take care of special needs registration. Gather information on nutrition, injury prevention, and the Women, Infants and Children supplemental nutrition program. Learn about male and female cancers, donate blood, and chat with members of the South Orange Domestic Violence Response Team.

Kids can enjoy face painting, balloons and kids' health literature.

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

## South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race

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

• Come to the **Celebrating Integration** annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m., in the SOPAC Loft. Anthony Greene and Barbara Heisler will be honored. Enjoy dinner, dancing and silent and live auctions. Donation \$100.

• **“The Loving Story”** – View the dramatic documentary about Richard and Mildred Loving, an interracial couple living in Virginia in the 1950s. A post-screening discussion will follow. The event will be co-hosted by, and held at Maplewood Memorial Library, Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.

• Learn how to be a great volunteer at the **Civic Engagement Institute**. The four-part workshop covers personality profiling, time management tips and group dynamics, plus presentations on local volunteer opportunities. Four Saturday sessions, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., are offered to South Orange and Maplewood residents only, at South Orange Public Library. Dates are Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov. 8 and Nov. 15.

• **Two Towns – One Book**, the Coalition's community reading and discussion event, takes place among multiple book groups during October and November. Groups will begin with a meet-the-author session and conclude with a community discussion in November. Specific dates and times will be posted on the Coalition website.

• **Join the Coalition Board** - Looking for an opportunity to give back to your community? Join the Coalition's Board of Trustees. Send your e-mail address and telephone number to [info@twotowns.org](mailto:info@twotowns.org). ▲

## A Teacher Grows in Brooklyn

Teacher and comic Susan Jeremy will perform her acclaimed one-woman show, “P.S. 69 – A Teacher Grows in Brooklyn,” at the Burgdorff Center, 10 Durand Road, Maplewood, Oct. 16, 17, 18 and 19.

The show won best comedy at the Montreal Fringe Festival. It recounts one teacher's journey through the bureaucracy and chaos of the New York City school system. Jeremy recreates administrators, teachers, parents and students.

P.S. 69 is part of a light-hearted salute to education. Also in the series are: “Rush Limbaugh In Night School,” Oct. 2 to 5; and “Mrs. Mannerly,” Oct. 9 to 12.

Details at [www.TheTheaterProject.org](http://www.TheTheaterProject.org), or (908) 809-8865. ▲

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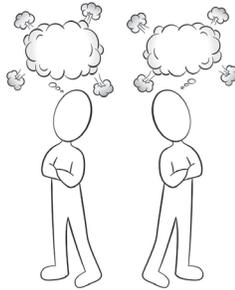
Retired adults over age 60 can learn life-planning strategies to make the most of their retirement.

A two-session \$39 course will be presented this fall at DeHart Community Center on Burnett Avenue in Maplewood. The course is jointly sponsored by the recreations departments of South Orange and Maplewood.

Attendees will be instructed by a financial expert and will receive a 145-page workbook. Class options are: Tuesdays, Oct. 21 and 28, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Thursdays, Oct. 30 and Nov. 6, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Advance registration is required. Call (973) 577-7083. ▲

## Learn about the controversy of public art

A lecture on public art and controversy will be presented Oct. 1 or 2 (to be determined) at Walsh Gallery, Seton Hall University. The free event creates academic awareness of the work of South Orange native Tony Smith whose artistry dealt with space and form. His monumental sculpture, TAU, resides in Meadowland Park.



The lecture will be co-sponsored by Seton Hall and the Lennie Pierro Memorial Arts Foundation. For the lecture's exact date and time, go to [www.tonymithsouthorange.org](http://www.tonymithsouthorange.org) or send e-mail to [mail@pierrofoundation.org](mailto:mail@pierrofoundation.org). ▲

## Housing Loan

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Orange and Maplewood.)

The program offers three-year prime-rate loans of up to \$5,000 financed through Investors Bank. The loan amount is based on written estimates obtained by the applicant from licensed contractors. The loan need not cover the entire cost of the repair, but the total repair must be completed before loan payout.

For program details and to apply, contact the Community Coalition at (973) 761-6116, e-mail [info@twotowns.org](mailto:info@twotowns.org), or check the online brochure at [www.twotowns.org](http://www.twotowns.org). ▲



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### Night of the Living Dead

"Night of the Living Dead Live!" is a hysterical and horrifying stage adaptation of George A. Romero's classic film. Seven people are trapped in a rural farmhouse, which is attacked by "living dead" monsters.

Nicholas Clarey directs Baird Theatre's six performances: Oct. 10, 12, 17, 18, 24 and 26. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday performances at 4 p.m. For tickets and information, visit the website. ▲



## On Stage at SOPAC

[SOPACnow.org](http://SOPACnow.org) (973) 313-2787

### September

- Sept. 13, 8 p.m. - Ramsey Lewis, jazz, \$43-\$88.
- Sept. 14, 2 p.m. - La Cinémathèque Film Club: Renowned Russian Film Makers, club membership \$68.
- Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m. - John Hiatt, rock/blues/country, \$50-\$70.
- Sept. 20, 8 p.m. - EagleMania, rock, \$20-\$35.
- Sept. 21, 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. - Micheal Castaldo, classical Italian vocals, \$32-\$57.
- Sept. 26, 8 p.m. - The Manhattan Transfer, jazz, \$43-\$98.

### October

- Oct. 4, 8 p.m. - Bobby Collins, comedy, \$25-\$40.
- Oct. 11, 2 p.m. - Tom Chapin's Family Concert, \$15-\$20.
- Oct. 11, 8 p.m. - Christine Ebersole with The Aaron Weinstein Trio, cabaret, \$33-\$58.
- Oct. 19, 2 p.m. - La Cinémathèque Film Club: Renowned Russian Film Makers, club membership \$68.



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# FALL 2014 South Orange Public Works Services

## Branch pickup suspended mid-September

Between Sept. 15 and early April 2015, 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. 23. For a pickup appointment by that date, call DPW no later than Sept. 12.

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).

**PLEASE NOTE:** Grass cannot be dropped off at the South Orange recycling facility.

## Leaf removal season, Oct. 27 – Dec. 6

Leaf pickup cycles are estimated at 11 days. Any leaves left curbside after Dec. 6 will be a violation of municipal ordinances. 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. If bagging instead of raking out leaves, use biodegradable paper bags. Leaves collected 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.

## 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 2014 are:

- Sept. 13 - South Orange Recycling, 300 Walton Avenue.
- Oct. 4 - Maplewood Recycling, 359 Boyden Avenue.
- Dec. 13 - South Orange Recycling, 300 Walton Avenue.

## Paper Shredding Day

The last day for paper shredding at DPW will be Saturday, Oct. 18 from 8 a.m. to noon.

**Recycling Facility Location:** 300 Walton Avenue  
**Telephone:** (973) 378-7741, x221 (main office)  
**Website:** [southorange.org/dpw.asp](http://southorange.org/dpw.asp)

### Open to South Orange residents:

- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon.
- Proof of residency required for drop-off

## Final Container Day – Saturday, Sept. 27

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.

## When your sewer backs 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.

# Stay and Play Weekend

## Come play in the street . . . Why Not?

PlayDay South Orange is your chance to do what you always wanted to do as a kid — play in the streets of downtown.

Now you can, whether you're 10, 45 or 80.

On Sunday, Sept. 21, from 1 to 6 p.m., an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 people are expected to gather downtown for a host of free activities including athletic tournaments, fitness challenges, table games and street games. There will be art installations, music and dance, plus food provided by local eateries. (Rain date Sunday, Sept. 28.)

PlayDay South Orange is produced by the South Orange Village Center Alliance in conjunction with the Village of South Orange, and is being presented by Rite Aid, with additional support from Maplecrest Ford Lincoln of Union, Investors Bank and Village-GreenNJ.com.

All events will take place on South Orange Avenue, Sloan Street, Village Plaza and designated spaces in between.

Some activities such as inflatables, mini golf and radio-controlled cars will require a wristband purchased on-site for \$10.

Metered parking will be free for the day, all parking lots will be open and South Orange jitneys will be running. ▲

Sept. 21 may be the greatest day of play in South Orange, but there's a whole weekend of activities to accompany PlayDay. Check out the variety of events happening downtown on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20 and 21.



Every year, South Orange honors its newest residents by inviting them to meet long-time neighbors, Village leaders and representatives of Village and community volunteer groups.

This year's event, on Sunday, Sept. 21, will start at 1 p.m. at the South Orange

Public Library, 65 Scotland Avenue, where Village President Alex Torpey will give a general welcome and department heads will talk about what's new in the Village.

As the reception ends, newcomers will be encouraged to walk downtown where PlayDay South Orange will be in progress. Among the playful activities will be tables set up by volunteer organizations. There, newcomers can learn about opportunities to make Village life even better, and to make new friends while contributing. ▲

## Race expected to draw 500 runners

The 12th annual Newstead 5K is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20. More than 500 runners and walkers will participate in the main race at 9 a.m. and the fun run for children at 10 a.m.

Each year, the race raises about \$15,000 to support programs of The Achieve Foundation, a nonprofit that promotes exemplary public education in the local school district. Race proceeds have been used to support teacher grants, a volunteer tutor program, and facility and technology upgrades in all nine schools.



Calling all baseball lovers and history buffs. A 19th-century-style baseball game, featuring old-time uniforms and rules, will take place at noon on Saturday, Sept. 20, at Cameron Field (5 Mead Street).

South Orange Recreation and the South Orange Historic Preservation Commission are presenting the event, billed as "part game, part show, part history lesson and ALL fun."

Local players will be pitted against the Flemington Neshnock Team in a bare-handed game wearing period uniforms and using rules from 150 years ago. Part of the fun will be a short history of the game, a

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## Tour outdoor sculptures

An outdoor exhibition featuring sculptures by 16 artists will be presented along the Rahway River walkway, in Meadowland Park and downtown South Orange starting Sunday, Sept. 21 and continuing through Oct. 19.

"IN-SITE: the Intersection of Art and Architecture," is presented by the Lennie Pierro Memorial Arts Foundation and Pierro Gallery of South Orange.

On Sept. 21, Villagers can meet the artists at a 3 p.m. reception near the Tony Smith sculpture, TAU, in Meadowland Park. A cake honoring Smith's birthday will be served. Free brochures with mapped locations and art descriptions will be available at The Baird, the library and Meadowland Park.

IN-SITE explores the connections between art and architecture while broadly nodding to the work and principles of Tony Smith, a world-renowned artist and native of South Orange whose art focuses on space and form. ▲

## Help build monumental art

The Pierro Foundation is getting in on the fun of Play Day South Orange with on-site artistic collaborations between professional artists and the community. Come to the fire station at 54 Sloan Street on Sunday, Sept. 21 in Meadowland Park and help build a monumental cardboard sculpture and other projects with South Orange artist Russell Christian. ▲

# THE GREATEST DAY OF PLAY IS ON ITS WAY



## Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014

1:00-6:00 p.m., South Orange Avenue

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Registration is underway for fall sports and activities sponsored by the South Orange Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs. Below are highlights. For a complete program listing with all details and registration information, come to The Baird or visit our website.

### Fall Baseball

- Grades 1-2: Six Mondays beginning Sept. 8, from 4-5:15 p.m., or 5:30-6:45 p.m. Fee: \$60.
- Grades 3-4: Players meet twice a week for six weeks beginning the week of Sept. 8. Small group practices will occur on Tuesdays or Wednesdays; instructional games on Saturdays at 9 or 11 a.m. Fee: \$75.
- Grades 5-6: Players meet twice a week for six weeks beginning the week of Sept. 8. Small group practices will occur on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays; instructional games on Saturdays at 9 or 11 a.m. Fee: \$75.

### Learn To Ski

South Orange and Maplewood students, grades 3 to 8, are bussed from The Baird to Mount Peter ski area in Warwick, NY. Trips take place on five consecutive Wednesdays beginning in January. Registration starts Oct. 1.

### Senior Fitness

Seniors meet Wednesdays and Fridays at The Baird, from 10:15 to 11 a.m., beginning the week of Sept. 15. Drop in to try one class without obligation. Fee: \$60 for 10 sessions.

### Adult Soccer

South Orange and Maplewood adults meet for informal soccer games at New Waterlands on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. All fitness, age and skill levels are welcome. Registration is required. Fee: \$35.

### Tae Kwon Do

This Korean martial art combines combat and self-defense techniques with sport and exercise. Steve Safran teaches beginning children on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. starting Sept. 17.

### 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. Instructor: Jeff Jacobs. Fee: \$125. Saturday classes begin Sept. 13. Ages 6 to 10, 1-2 p.m.; ages 11 to 25, 2-3 p.m. ▲

## US Sports Institute Programs

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- **Tennis** - Clinics and instruction are offered on The Baird's courts. Children and adults can choose from multiple sessions by age and skill.
- **Cardio Tennis (new)** - Check the website for schedules, details and registration info.
- **Sports Squirts** - Children ages 3 to 5 are introduced to a variety of sports in a safe, structured environment. Friday sessions are offered in two time slots: 3:30-4:30 p.m. or 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- **School Break Camp** - Schools are closed Sept. 25 to 26. Occupy your children with these two-day programs:
  - Multi-Sports, ages 5 to 14, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
  - Tennis, ages 5 to 14, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## Basketball at The Baird

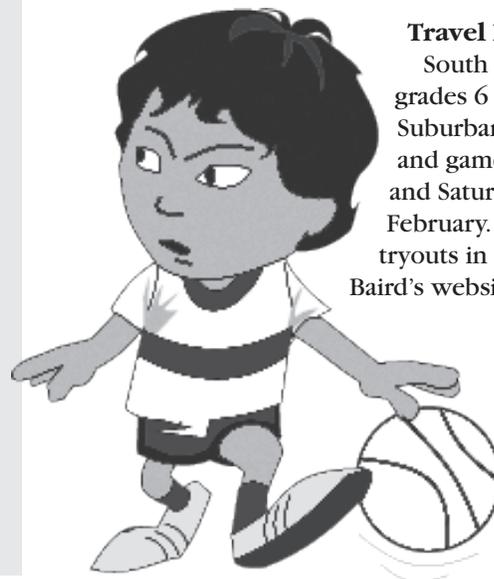
**Supervised Open Court Play** - YMCA coaches will program activities and monitor play for multiple age groups. The program extends through October. Thursdays and Fridays, 4 p.m. until dark; Saturdays and Sundays, noon until dark.

**Skills & Drills** - Boys and girls meet six Saturdays beginning Sept. 7 on the outdoor courts. Grades 1 and 2, 9:45-10:45 a.m. Grades 3 and 4, 11 a.m. to noon. Fee: \$60.

**Grades 5-8** - Classes are offered by the YMCA on The Baird's courts. For 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, participate in the Suburban Essex League. Practices and games are on weeknights and Saturdays, November through February. Teams are selected after tryouts in October. Watch The Baird's website for details.



## Cultural Arts Classes

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### Children's Classes

#### The Good Times Math Gang

A pioneering, inquiry-oriented club that will boost your child's math morale. Grades 3 to 8. Mondays, 4-5 p.m., Sept. 15 to Nov. 17, with teaching mathematician Steven Greenstein. Fee: \$10 plus materials.

#### Clay Time

A clean, safe way for wee ones to explore tactile experiences with clay. Taught by artist Joan Tamasco, for ages 3 to 7. Saturdays, 9:30-10:15 a.m., Sept. 20 to Dec. 13. Fee: \$110 plus materials.

#### Story Collage (new)

Works by great artists are used to inspire kids to create visual stories from old magazines and books. Grades 1 to 3. Thursdays, Sept. 18 to Dec. 11, 4-5 p.m., with teaching artist Bonnie Maranz. Fee: \$110.

#### Comic Book Capers

Learn how to plan, draft, draw and color a comic book with teaching artist Vicki Arlein. Instruction is adapted to age. All classes are held on Tuesdays, Sept. 16 to Nov. 25.

The Baird offers visual and performing arts for all ages. Registration is under way and most classes begin the week of Sept. 15. Villagers with current Recreation & Cultural Affairs ID badges can receive a \$10 discount on most classes.

- Level I, grades 1 to 3, 4-5 p.m., \$110 plus materials.

- Level II, grades 4 to 6, 5:15-6:30 p.m., \$138 plus materials.

- Level III, grades 7 to 9, 6:45-8 p.m., \$138 plus materials.

#### Intermediate Photography for Kids

Learn about focus and blurring, shooting in a pan, shutter and aperture. Bring a camera that has full manual control as an option, preferably SLR. (No point-and-shoot cameras.) Grades 6 to 8. Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m., Sept. 17 to Nov. 19, with teaching artist Jeremy Moss. Fee: \$110.

#### Advanced Photography for Teens (new)

Advanced lessons for those who've already taken Intermediate Photography for Kids. Bring a camera that has full manual control as an option, preferably SLR. (No point-and-shoot cameras.) Grades 8 to 10. Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m., Sept. 17 to Nov. 19, with teaching artist Jeremy Moss. Fee: \$110.

#### Drawing (new day)

Learn to draw what you see and feel in this intro to representational and expressive drawing with teaching artist Larry McKim. Grade 6 to adult. Wednesdays, 5-6:30 p.m., Sept. 17 to Nov. 19. Fee: \$165 plus materials. ▲

### Save the Date: Giants of Jazz, Nov. 29

Get ready for the one-night jazz fest that puts dozens of world-class performers on a single South Orange stage. Giants of Jazz returns Saturday, Nov. 29 at 8 p.m. to the main stage at SOPAC. This year's Jazz Master honor will go to Grammy Award-winning pianist McCoy Tyner, who says, "You have to exercise your creative mind. When I write my music, I'm exploring the question of who I am." Presented by the Baird, the Village of South Orange and SOPAC. Tickets will be available soon at SOPAC. ▲

### Dance for Kids

All classes taught by Shona Roebuck

#### Funky Freestyle

A drop-off class for little movers not as interested in the discipline of ballet. Kids learn body awareness, flexibility, coordination, choreography and creative movement. Two classes for age 3 to 4. Cost \$110.

- Thursdays, 3:45-4:30 p.m., Sept. 18 to Dec. 11.

- Saturdays, 1-1:45 p.m., Sept. 20 to Dec. 13.

#### Pre-Ballet

Drop-off classes for kids ages 3 to 5. They'll learn basic ballet positions, floor work and vocabulary. Fee: \$110. Three time slots offered.

- Thursdays, 4:45-5:30 p.m., Sept. 18 to Dec. 11.

- Saturdays, 11-11:45 a.m., Sept. 20 to Dec. 13.

- Saturdays, noon-12:45 p.m., Sept. 20 to Dec. 13.

#### Ballet I

A drop-off class is for children ages 5 to 6. Building on technique from

pre-ballet, children will work on positions, barre work, floor work, choreography and vocabulary. First-time ballerinas are welcome. Thursdays, 5:30-6:15 p.m., Sept. 18 to Dec. 11. Fee: \$110.

#### Pre-Ballet Creative Movement

An introduction to the world of dance, with focus on ballet basics and movement through imagination and play. For ages 2 to 3 with guardians. Fee: \$110. Two time slots are offered on Saturdays, Sept. 20 to Dec. 13. Choose 9:15-10 a.m. or 10-10:45 a.m. ▲

## Pierro Gallery

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### Thou Art Mom

On display Sept. 18 - Oct. 18

- Opening Reception: Sept. 18, 7-9 p.m.
- "Lost in Living," a film screening and panel discussion: Oct. 2, 7 p.m.

"Thou Art Mom" explores the relationship between motherhood and creativity and how the two influence one another. Fifteen artists who happen to be moms contributed work. Their art considers what they've had to give up and how motherhood changed their identities. Curated by Susan Evens Grove.

### IN-SITE:

#### The Intersection of Art and Architecture

On display Sept. 21- Oct. 19

- Opening Reception: Sept. 21, 3 p.m.  
Outdoor sculptures in Meadowland Park and downtown South Orange explore relationships between art, architecture and the environment. (More info on page 4)

Curators: Jeanne Brasile (Director, Walsh Gallery, Seton Hall University) and Tom McGlynn. Oversight by Lennie Pierro Memorial Arts Foundation Direc-

tor Judy Wukitsch and Pierro Gallery Director Sandy Martiny.

### TABLEau

On display Oct. 30 - Nov. 29

- Opening Reception: Oct. 30, 7-9 p.m.
- Art Talk: Nov. 20, 7 p.m.

The dining table is more than a surface for serving food; it is a silent observer of changing ideals and beliefs. What does it mean to come to the table today? Co-curators Brittany Venturella and Annmarie Ventura explore the implications of the dining table, past and present, through contemporary art.

## Teen/Adult Art Classes

### Comic Book Capers III (new)

Learn how to plan, draft, draw and color a comic book with teaching artist Vicki Arlein, Tuesdays, 6:45-8 p.m., Sept. 16 to Nov. 25. Fee: \$138 plus materials.

### Painting: The Experimental Way (new)

Study color, form, harmony. Bonnie Maranz begins each class with warm-up exercises followed by design concept lessons using various materials and paint mediums. For 10th grade to adult; all levels welcome. Tuesdays, 7:30-9 p.m., Sept. 16 to Nov. 18. Fee: \$165.

### Advanced Photography for Teens (new)

Jeremy Moss teaches advanced techniques to students in grades 8 to 10 who are familiar with the basic camera controls or who have taken Intermediate Photography for Kids. Bring a camera with full manual control as an option, preferably SLR. No point-and-shoot cameras. Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m., Sept. 17 to Nov. 19. Fee: \$110.

### Drawing New Day!

Learn to draw what you see and feel - an intro to representational and

expressive drawing with teaching artist Larry McKim. Grade 6 to adult. Wednesdays, 5-6:30 p.m., Sept. 17 to Nov. 19. Fee: \$165 plus materials.

### Life Drawing (new evening time)

Students in 12th grade and older draw from live models, work on gesture and longer-term drawings, and experiment with charcoal, paint and ink media. Instructor Larry McKim teaches Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m., Sept. 17 to Nov. 19. Fee: \$220 plus model fee.

### Book Arts Workshop: Layering and Excavating SOLD OUT

### Art with A Master

Students of all levels in all mediums work with master artist Philip Sherrod. Professional and non-professional artists are welcome. Tuesdays, 12:30-3 p.m., Sept. 16 to Nov. 18. Fee: \$275 plus model fee.

### Painting Portraits (new)

Learn a basic color system for skin tones and a traditional seven-layer method of painting, particularly good for beginners. Covers transferring a portrait to canvas, composition, working up the grisaille or dead layer, use of mediums,

blocking-in background, glazing, scumbling and impasto. Teaching artist Tina Stonefield Ishihara. Wednesdays, 2-4 p.m., Sept. 17 to Oct. 29. Fee: \$154.

## Adult Dance

### Flamenco Dancing, Beginners

Professional dancer/instructor Toni Messina (Viva Flamenco) teaches basic movement, rhythm and expression to students in 11th grade to adult. Thursdays classes run 7:30-8:30 p.m., Sept. 18 to Dec. 4. Fee: \$110.

### Flamenco Dancing, Intermediate

Students with basic knowledge of flamenco movement and vocabulary learn new choreographies, strengthening techniques and improvisation. For 11th grade and older, with professional dancer/instructor Toni Messina (Viva Flamenco). Thursdays 8:30 - 9:30 p.m., Sept. 18 to Dec. 4. Fee: \$110. ▲



## South Orange Library Events

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

### See “Shoeshine” and discuss with film pro

A multi-part series featuring foreign film Academy Award winners will begin Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. with the Italian film “Shoeshine.” The screening will feature



a discussion with filmmaker, educator and artist Gerard Amsellem. Other dates and film titles in the series will be announced.

### SCORE Workshop

The Services Corps of Retired Executives will present a workshop on “Small Business Opportunities,” on Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.

### Library Discussions

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

- Sept. 18 - “The First World War: The Causes, the Fighting, the Result, the Consequences,” with Eugene Lieber, Essex County College professor emeritus.
- Sept. 25 - No program. Rosh Hashanah.
- Oct. 2 - “The Last Journey Home: Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the Middle East,” with Kenneth Bain, author, educator and president of the Best Teachers Institute.
- Oct. 9 - John Muccigrosso, classics professor at Drew University, will speak on a topic to be announced.
- Oct. 16 - Donez Xiques, author and professor emeritus of Brooklyn College, will speak on a topic to be announced.
- Oct. 23 - “Impact of Jewish Boxers in America,” a

film and discussion with James Ford Nussbaum, filmmaker and writer.

- Oct. 30 - “Edgar Allan Poe: The Man and the Legend,” with John Gruesser, author and English professor at Kean University.

### Recurring Events

- Book Review Group - Sept. 22, “My Beloved World,” a pre-Supreme Court memoir by Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Oct. 27. “Boys in the Boat,” acclaimed nonfiction, by Daniel James Brown. Both at 7:30 pm.
- Knitting Workshop with Nan Samons. Mondays, Sept. 15 and Oct. 20, at 1 p.m.
- Wednesdays at the Movies: Sept. 3 - “August Osage County”; Sept. 17 - “Monuments Men”; Oct. 1, 15, 29 - to be announced.
- Creative Writing Workshop - Sept. 10, 24 and Oct. 8, 22, all at 1 p.m.

### Children’s Room

- LEGOs (age 5 and up with adult) - Sept. 22, Oct. 6, Oct. 20, 3:45 p.m.
- Minecraft (age 6 and up with adult) - Sept. 29, Oct. 13, Oct. 27, 3:30 p.m.
- Toddler Storytime (age 3 and up with adult) - Stories and craft with Ms. Keisha, 11 a.m. Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 23.
- Homeschool Social - Sept. 23, noon to 2 p.m.
- Books and Babies (newborn to 2-1/2 with adult) - 10 a.m. Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 24.
- Ruby the Dog visits SOPL (all ages with adult) - Sept. 17, 3:30 p.m.
- Good Tymes String Band - Sept. 11 and Oct. 9, 11 a.m.
- Wilma and the Wingers - Sept. 25 and Oct. 23, 11 a.m. ▲

## Weigh in on local business regs

Put on your thinking caps because the Business Code Review Task Force wants your help, especially if you are a local business owner or manager.

Task force members are charged with improving ordinances to better attract, retain, and support businesses. Members

have been evaluating standards for signage, parking, use regulations, outdoor promotion, customer service and more. Their final recommendations are due to go before the Village Board of Trustees for adoption in the coming months.

Before that happens, community input on existing business codes will be requested on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 8:30

a.m. when the task

force hosts its first forum in the SOPAC Loft. A light breakfast will be served.

The forum is a partnership between Village officials, the South Orange Village Center Alliance and the Irvington Avenue Corridor Advisory Committee. ▲

### Newstead 5K

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The 5K race starts and ends at South Mountain Elementary School (112 Glenview) and meanders through the rolling, leafy streets near the South Mountain Reservation. Some of the area’s prominent athletes, actors, educators and media stars are expected to be among the runners.

Three age-appropriate kids’ runs will take place at the school, the longest being one-half mile.

A team of 75 volunteers and 40 sponsors will support the event, which will include on-site music, local business vendors and special T-shirts for all entrants.

To become a sponsor, e-mail [newstead5k@achievementfoundation.org](mailto:newstead5k@achievementfoundation.org). Race entry forms are available at [achievementfoundation.org](http://achievementfoundation.org). ▲

### Sign up for 311 service request

South Orange’s cost-free online service request and 311 tool lets residents access information, track service requests, and instantly report nonemergency municipal issues. Sign up and submit your issue online from the Village website, [www.southorange.org](http://www.southorange.org). Village staff will be notified automatically and will keep you in the loop with status updates. ▲

### Play Ball!

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recitation of “Casey at the Bat,” and a few surprise appearances.

Kid-friendly baseball-related activities will start at noon, an introductory ceremony at 1 p.m., followed by the game. Old-time food concessions will be available.

Cameron Field was the site of a 1929 exhibition game that included Lou Gehrig, Babe Ruth and 35 other major league players. Twelve-thousand spectators paid \$1 each to watch the game. The 2014 game will be free to all.

For details, contact Village Trustee Stephen Schnall at [sschnall@southorange.org](mailto:sschnall@southorange.org). ▲



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## September Villager of the Month

# Joan Lee



They say that volunteering runs in families. If that's so, Joan Lee may be building a dynasty.

The orthopedic nurse with four kids and a surgeon husband has devoted 40-plus years to life's "extracurriculars." She's been in the fox hole on the volunteer front baking goodies, making phone calls and decorating gymnasiums. She's been President Everything, strategic watchdog and go-to-gal for waves of volunteer newbies.

Joan's children have followed her footsteps not because their schools were giving credit for community service, but because volunteering simply ran in their blood.

"They saw the example of me and my friends, my husband who got dragged in by association, our neighbors . . . it came to them naturally," as youngsters and as adults.

**In case you don't already know her**, Joan Lee is the dynamo who has chaired the Columbia High School Scholarship Fund for

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the past 10 years. She's a past president and long-time board member of the South Orange Maplewood Adult School. She presided over PTAs and HSAs in four local schools as her children grew up. She helped form the Warwick Avenue Neighborhood Association and has stayed with it for 37 years.

Of course "I got satisfaction from nursing," says Joan — "when patients improved or did well or made progress. But it was different; it was a job that I chose."

She talks about getting out-of-the-blue phone calls in support of the scholarship committee.

"I want to donate in memory of someone," the caller might say. And once, someone pledged \$20,000.

"I was just standing there in my kitchen, cleaning or cooking," she says, still mesmerized by the memory. "I get goosebumps. You can't put a price on a thing like that versus a pay check."

**Joan and Jim Lee met** at a military-related U.S. Public Service Health Hospital on Staten Island. He was a surgical resident from Tennessee; she, a just-graduated orthopedic nurse from New York. After marrying, they settled in South Orange in 1974 and he became a staff surgeon for Newark Beth Israel, setting up

offices in Orange.

Joan kept nursing until her first child was born, then continued intermittently for many years, even working in her husband's satellite office in Newark for a time.

The Lee's raised four children, now ages 41 to 35. From kindergarten

to 12th grade, all four went through the South Orange school system, and all four became student volunteers in one way or another – court advocacy for battered women, animal shelter work and more.

Today, Joan's kids hold impressive positions: school psychologist, college professor, orthopedic surgeon and medical transcriber. And all four, in ways mostly related to their work, have continued their volunteerism.

"They try to be role models," says Joan, just like her and Jim.

**Volunteering isn't all roses.** As the person in charge of Adult School fundraising for many years, Joan became all too familiar with the 2009 state Charities Registration Act, which set measured limits on fundraising success.

"We'd raise funds and go over the \$25,000 limit and then we'd have to be audited for a cost of \$10,000. Very frustrating," she said.

Now she's volunteering to work with New Jersey Assemblywoman Mila Jasey to legally up the limit.

Frustration aside, "when you get a letter from a scholarship recipient saying, 'Thank you, I couldn't have done it if you hadn't believed in me' . . . that is satisfaction."

And so is the line of children, grandchildren and community givers who are taking Joan's lead. We in the Village thank you, Joan, for being a beacon of local volunteerism. ▲

### The Villager of the Month Award

is presented to individuals (and occasionally groups) who have made significant contributions to the quality of life in South Orange, or to residents whose achievements warrant recognition by their home town. To learn how to submit a nomination, e-mail [ktjdz@aol.com](mailto:ktjdz@aol.com).

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