

The South Orange Gaslight



S.O. Municipal Court moves to Maplewood

Effective Jan. 1, the South Orange Municipal Court and Violations Bureau will relocate to the new Maplewood Police and Court Building at 1618 Springfield Avenue. The move is a shared services initiative with our sister community and is expected to bring savings in staff time, energy use, building maintenance and office supplies.

Prior to the move, the Village court was located adjacent to the South Orange Police Department, a cramped space that limited confidential meetings and court sessions. The relocation frees approximately 2,000 square feet of much-needed space in South Orange police headquarters. For Maplewood, the arrangement brings rent revenue for a new, under-used facility. The two communities will split operating costs.

Three of South Orange's four municipal court employees applied for and were offered positions with the Maplewood Court. Two accepted the positions and two staff members chose to retire.

Transition costs will be minimal; Village judges, the prosecutor and public defender will continue to hold court sessions dedicated specifically to South Orange.

Village officials say the volume of filings in the shared violations bureau will be among the largest in all shared or joint courts in New Jersey.

Village officials hope to build on the partnership with Maplewood by adding future shared services that will provide relief and advantages to all residents.▲

Petitions required for Village election

A municipal election will be held Tuesday, May 10, for Village President and three Village Trustee positions — all four-year terms. The 2011 Municipal Election Candidate Reference Guide and nomination petitions will be available at the Village Clerk's Office in Village Hall after Jan. 1. Petitions must be filed on or before Thursday, March 14. For more information, e-mail the Village Clerk's Office, clerk@southorange.org, or call (973) 378-7715, x7722.▲



Enter the park signage design competition

Got an eye for line, shape and texture? South Orange is holding a community graphic design competition to develop a new look for entry signs at all Village parks. The winning design, to be selected by a Design Review Committee, will be promoted by the Village. The winner will receive a \$250 credit toward South Orange recreation and cultural arts programming offered by The Baird, including badges, classes, concerts and sports programs. For more information, visit www.southorange.org/designcompetition.▲

Come Celebrate First Night!



Where do you go on New Year's Eve to have a great time, be safe, watch fireworks, see spectacular entertainment — and spend exactly \$10? To First Night of Maplewood South Orange, of course. On New Year's Eve, don't miss:

- Harpist Merynda Adams
- James Graseck, the subway violinist
- Catskill Puppets' "Hiawatha"
- Sue Kie's trick-roping Wild West Show
- Blue Life Karate (take a class)
- Illstyle & Peace dance (60s to hip-hop)
- Great Scott the Magician
- Comedy ventriloquist Pete Michaels
- Circus workshop
- Storyteller Rochel Coleman
- Food and groovy Maplewood-stock bands

In addition, there will be fireworks at 6:30 p.m. on Floods Hill.

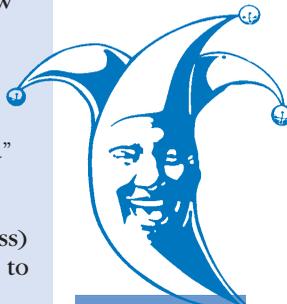
▶ **When:** Dec. 31, 2010, 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

▶ **Where:** South Orange Middle School, 70 North Ridgewood Road.

Tickets and attendee wristbands are \$10 until 1 p.m. on the Dec. 31, or \$15 at the door. Children two years and younger can attend for free. Advance tickets are available at the Maplewood and South Orange libraries or at various merchants in the two towns. For other ticket sales locations, visit www.first-nightmwo.org.▲

The Gaslight is published six times yearly for the residents & business community of South Orange Village.

January
February
2011



Inside

■ Community garden registration starts Jan. 15

■ Village boards and committees need new members

■ Three MLK events in January

■ Register soon for spring baseball and soccer

■ Talk to your child about race, see page 4

■ Free rabies clinic Jan. 22

Community garden registration starts Jan. 15

It may seem early to think about sowing seeds, but not for community gardeners.

Resident registration for the South Orange Community Garden's second season will begin Saturday, Jan. 15, at 9 a.m. at The Baird.

Registration will be conducted on a first-come, first-served basis (since last year's plots were quickly oversubscribed).

The 2011 season permits are \$50 each, covering the use of one 4x12-foot garden plot. In addition, each gardener must pay a \$30 security deposit, to be refunded in November or December after the gardener's plot is cleared, keys are returned, and a modest number of garden volunteer hours are served.

The community garden is located in Riverside Park (formerly, the Third Street Playground Park) on West Third Street, between Vose Avenue and Church Street. The 49 raised-bed garden plots are used for organic (only) gardening of vegetables, fruits and ornamental flowers. The season runs from March 19 to Oct. 30.

For more information, visit www.southorange.org/community-garden. ▲

Commuters, bicyclists, runners!

Remember to wear something reflective during these late mornings and early evenings of winter darkness. For many drivers, you are all but invisible until it would be too late for evasive maneuvers. Like one local driver said: "There are many times I'm practically on top of someone in a dark suit before I even notice them."



Light up a dark home on your street

The simple flick of a switch for better outdoor lighting is the quickest way to increase safety on residential streets. So says Melanie Conklin, coordinator of South Orange's "Light the Night" campaign.

"As fundraising support is established, we hope to provide residents with discounts for purchases of new lighting, motion sensors, and solar-powered lights," said Conklin. Also, "we will look for homes to improve."

Maybe there's an elderly neighbor or empty home on your block. Villagers can write to the campaign to nominate a home for improved lighting. By nominating, you agree to be a sponsor for the home's improvement. Light the Night will contact you with support to get the work done.

To make a nomination, send e-mail to LighttheNightSouthOrange@gmail.com. ▲

Volunteer for your Village

One of South Orange's most valuable resources is the volunteers who take the time to help make the Village a great place to live, work and visit. Currently, the Village needs volunteers to serve on nine public committees and boards.

If you are interested, please complete a volunteer application, available either online at www.southorange.org/volunteerApply, or at the Village Clerk's Office. A resume or biography also is requested but not required.

To be eligible, applicants must reside in South Orange and must be at least 18 years old. Nonresident South Orange business and property owners also are eligible to serve on committees.

The nine boards and committees in need of additional members are:

- South Orange Parking Authority
 - Board of Adjustment
 - Public Information and Marketing Committee
 - Recreation Advisory Committee
 - Cultural Affairs Committee
 - Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee
 - Cable Television Committee
 - Energy Policy Committee
 - Development Committee
- ▲

AT THE BAIRD

(973) 378-7754, x1 • www.thebaird.org

ART, MUSIC, DANCE (973) 378-7754, x1 • arts@southorange.org

Cultural arts classes for young and old are offered this winter. Most run nine weeks and begin the week of Jan. 3. Any South Orange resident with a current ID badge gets a \$10 discount on most classes. For details and registration check the website.

Pre-School to 8th Grade

- Comic Book Capers, Tuesdays, grades 1-3, 4 p.m.; grades 4-6, 5:15 p.m.
- Fun with Art, ages 2-3, Mondays, 10 a.m.
- Concocting in Clay, grades 1-5, Mondays, 5 p.m.
- Rhythm Sticks, Mondays, 9:30 a.m.; Tuesdays, 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.; Fridays, 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.
- Pre-Ballet I (with guardian), ages 2-3, Saturdays, 9:15 or 10:15 a.m.
- Pre-Ballet II, ages 3-4, Saturdays, 11:15 a.m. or 12:15.
- Classical Ballet I, ages 5-7, Thursdays, 5 p.m.

- Clay and Mosaic Workshop, grades K-4, Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.
- Glass Fusing, grades K-4, Tuesdays, 5 p.m.
- Guitar, grades 2-4, Saturdays, 11 a.m.; grades 5-8, Saturdays, 10 a.m.
- Drawing Plus I, grades 5-8, Thursdays, 4 p.m.
- Musical Theater Workshop, Mondays, 4 p.m.

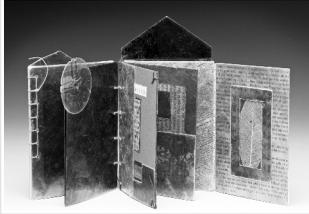
Teens & Adults

- Painting, grade 7-adult, Thursdays, 4 p.m.
- Portfolio Development, grade 7 to adult, Mondays, 4 p.m.
- Silk Screen Printmaking, grade 7 to adult, Wednesdays, 4 p.m.
- Drawing Plus 2/3, grades 9-12, Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.
- Art With a Master, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.
- Flamenco Dancing, Thursdays: beginners, 7:30 p.m.; intermediate, 8:30 p.m.
- Middle Eastern Dance, intermediate level, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
- FREE Middle Eastern Dance, beginner trial class, Tuesday, Jan. 4, 6:30 p.m.

PIERRO GALLERY

www.pierrogallery.org

Booked 8 - "Rescue/Reveal"



Mar. 11 -
April 9
10 - 4
daily.
Closed
Mondays.

Booked 8, presented by the Book Arts Roundtable, is an exhibition and a series of special events built around the theme "Rescue/Reveal." For a prospectus, go to the roundtable website, www.bookartsroundtable.com.

Special Events

- *Opening Reception*, March 10, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Includes a talk on wooden and sculptural books by book artist and sculptor Daniel Essig of Asheville, N.C.

- *Workshop: The Sculptural Mica Book*. Dan Essig's three-day workshop, Friday to Sunday, March 11 to 13, explores techniques using mica, a silicate mineral sometimes referred to as "bookstone." Registration opens Jan. 3.

- *Demonstrations*. More than a dozen roundtable members will demonstrate book and print techniques throughout BOOKED 8.



"Astonishment: Life in the Slow Lane," is adapted from nonagenarian Maplewood resident Jan Slepian's reflections on aging with humor and grace. The hour-long performance, adapted by Dreamcatcher's Laura Ekstrand, comments on the astonishment of being old, the heartbreak and comfort of companionship in later years,

SPORTS & FITNESS

(973) 378-7754 • www.thebaird.org

Senior Fitness - Wednesday and Friday fitness classes for seniors run from 10 to 11 a.m. Learn how to increase endurance and flexibility. Strengthen muscles you use every day; improve balance to prevent falls. Seniors can drop in and try the class without obligation.

Tae Kwon Do - Instructor Steve Safran teaches practical self defense for children and adults. Gain self-confidence, reduce stress and learn discipline for conditioning the body.

Tae Kwon Do for Special Needs - Parents of children with autism learn how to work more effectively with their kids, and all benefit from the exercise.

Tennis and Platform Tennis for Children - Tennis classes for Pee Wees (ages 3-4) and Hot Shots (ages 5-6) are held indoors at The Baird beginning the week of Jan. 10. Outdoor platform tennis is offered for children ages 7 and older. ▲

REGISTER NOW

Spring Baseball And Softball

Baseball and girls' softball registration will be held Jan. 22 to 23, and Feb. 5 to 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. at The Baird in South Orange, and at the Civic House in Maplewood.

South Orange Maplewood Baseball is affiliated with the Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth organization and is open to South Orange and Maplewood residents ages 5 to 15 (as of April 30, 2011). The girls' softball program is affiliated with the Babe Ruth organization and is open to girls in grades K through 8.

For details and registration, go to www.sombaseball.org or www.thebaird.org and select "View Activities."

Spring Soccer

South Mountain Soccer registration begins Feb. 1. Sponsored by the Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs, the program includes professional

training and competitive games for children in grades 3 to 8.

The spring season runs from mid-March to mid-June. Early registration is encouraged as some divisions fill quickly. Register online or at The Baird by Feb. 15 or until the program is fully enrolled.

Preschool at The Baird

The Baird Preschool will accept applications for the 2011-2012 school year beginning Jan. 3. The school is a licensed learning center for South Orange and Maplewood residents ages 2½ through 4½. The pre-K curriculum includes educational and recreational activities, plus enrichment classes (art, music and creative movement) for 3- and 4-year-olds.

Dru Barkalow, director and head teacher, is certified by the state Department of Education. The school is located on the second floor of The Baird. For registration forms and information, visit www.thebaird.org. ▲

DREAMCATCHER REPERTORY THEATER www.dreamcatcherrep.org • 973-378-7754, x2228

and the ridiculous moments in everyday life. Showtime is Sunday, Jan 16 at 2 p.m. (Jan. 15 show sold out). Tickets are \$15 or \$12 if purchased in advance, either online or at (800) 838-3006.

The show also will be staged at The Theater Project at Union County College in Cranford on Jan. 21 and 22. ▲



"The greatest birthday gift my husband could receive is if people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds celebrated the holiday by performing individual acts of kindness through service to others."

- Coretta Scott King

Three 'beloved' events to celebrate Martin Luther King

SOCO Event, Jan. 9

Dr. Edythe M. Abdullah South Orange resident and Essex County College president, will speak on "Education, Equity and Expectations" at the South Orange Civic Organization's 41st annual MLK program, on Sunday, Jan. 9, at 3 p.m., at South Orange Middle School, 70 Ridgewood Road.



Two "Beloved Community" awards also will be given:

- *Alfred Bundy* of Orange, founder and president of Bundy Productions, and host of Cablevision's "Meet the Leaders."
- *Margaret Prentice*, Maplewood, partner in the wealth management firm, RegentAtlantic Capital.

Library Celebration, Jan. 13

"Young People Reflecting on the Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr." will be held Jan. 13, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Hear prose, poetry and music, plus commentary by Amir Billups, history teacher at Newark Central High School.

Community Coalition Weekend Program, Jan. 15-17

The South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race plans a three-part MLK celebration.

1. *Weekend of Service.* Community groups and individuals are invited to register service projects to be completed during the MLK weekend by volunteers in both towns. Projects will be promoted on the Coalition's website, www.twotowns.org, and other media.
2. *The 10th Annual MLK Interfaith Observance* will begin at 3 p.m. at Temple Shary Tefilo-Israel, 430 Scotland Road. Enjoy dance, readings, songs and commentary by a local author.
3. *Volunteer Fair and Reception.* Learn about the missions and future service projects of local community groups — 4 p.m. at Temple Shary Tefilo-Israel. ▲

S.O. Symphony performs Feb. 20

The South Orange Symphony, under the direction of Robert Helmacy, will present a free concert on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. at South Orange Middle School. The program includes Beethoven's Symphony No. 5, Wagner's "Overture to Rienzi," and Khachaturian's "Adagio from Spartacus." A silent auction to benefit the symphony will be held during intermission. For more information, visit www.southorangesymphony.org.

On Stage at SOPAC

SOPACnow.org
(973) 275-1114

- Jan. 9, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. - Bari Koral Family Rock Band, \$15.

- Jan. 16, 7 p.m. - An Evening with Raul Midon, singer-songwriter, R&B, \$35/\$25.
- Jan. 22, 8 p.m. - Jessica Kirson & Friends, comedy, \$35/\$25.
- Jan. 23, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. - Tierney Sutton Band, jazz and vocals, \$42/\$32.
- Jan. 30, 3 p.m. - Juilliard@SOPAC, violinist Sean Lee and pianist Edvinas Minkstimas, \$15/\$12/\$10.
- Feb. 6, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. - "If You Give a Cat a Cupcake," family theater, \$20.
- Feb. 11, 8 p.m. - Richard Marx and Matt Scannell, singer songwriters, acoustic, \$65/\$55/\$40.
- Feb. 12, 8 p.m. - Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company, \$30/\$25. ▲

Race Matters:

Talking to Your Child About Race

When a group of local parents agreed to hold difficult discussions with their children on race, they discovered it was easier to talk with kids about drugs, even sex, than to have a candid talk on race.

"Our experiences, supported by recent studies on the subject, suggest that it is not enough to live in a racially integrated, multi-cultural community, like Maplewood and South Orange," said staff members of the South Orange Maplewood Community Coalition on Race. "We must talk directly to our children about race differences and racial equality. Otherwise they will draw their own, often incorrect, conclusions. As parents, we have to say out loud to our children, starting when they are young, what we think about race."

Inspired by the informal findings, the coalition has organized a community discussion, "Talking to Your Child About Race," to be held Thursday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the South Orange Middle School library.

Parents of elementary school students are encouraged to attend the discussion co-sponsored by the coalition's Schools Committee and the school district Parenting Center. Community experts will lead the discussion. Parents will learn the vocabulary, skills and resources needed to talk candidly with their children about race. Babysitting will be available.

For more information, call (973) 761-6116, e-mail info@twotowns.org, or visit www.twotowns.org. ▲

**THE NEW LADIES WORKOUT EXPRESS
BE STRONG FIT AND SEXY NOW!**

**Join now & get 3 months FREE!
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!**

GET FIT NOW just \$20 per month

**ZUMBA*BOLLYWOOD*CreativeMovement*GOSPELFIT
*Mat Pilates *Personal Training *Weight Management &...
14 So.Orange Ave. So. Orange 973-313-3993**

Local park gets new moniker

"Hey, let's head down to Riverside Park!" If your kids haven't been saying that yet, they soon will be. Third Street Playground, a municipal park along the Rahway River, was renamed in October by the Board of Trustees.

The playground, located near New Waterlands Park, and its name were little known among many Villagers until last year when the South Orange Community Garden opened on West Third Street. Suddenly the park's profile increased and more residents began visiting. Given its riverside location, it was renamed Riverside Park. ▲



Maria Priadka
School of Dance
TOTS to TEENS to ADULTS
Ballet • Tap • Jazz
Lyrical • Gymnastics • African
Boys Classes • Adult Classes
Serving the Community Since 1978

973-762-7709
www.mpsdance.com

20/20 Studios

A photography studio at #8 West South Orange Avenue, opened Nov. 22. Celebrity photographer and photojournalist Ase, who has covered red carpet events including the Grammys and MTV Awards, is available for all genres of photography. Visit Twenty20-Studios@aol.com or call (973) 821-5315. ▲

Library Events

(973) 762-0230 • www.sopl.org

Celebrate Black History Month

A talk and film presentation, "Pride Against Prejudice: The Larry Doby Story" will be presented by author Dave Kaplan, who also directs the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center, on Feb. 17 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Let's talk Oscar

Join the library's annual discussion of Academy Award nominees with film critic and author Allen Barra on Thursday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. Barra writes for American Heritage magazine, the New York Sun, the Wall Street Journal, and Village Voice.

Library Lecture Series

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

- Jan. 6 - "The Problem WITH Race Relations," with Adrienne Roberts, professor of history at City College of New York.
- Jan. 13 - "Corporate Ethics in the Fashion Industry" with Shawn Grain Carter, Fashion Institute marketing professor.
- Jan. 20 - "Works of Pablo Picasso" with artist Matthew Lahm.
- Jan. 27 - "Update on the Economy" with Ken Majmudar, chief investment officer at the Ridgewood Group.
- Feb. 1 - New York Law School Professor Michale Botein discusses "The Demise of the Information Superhighway: Federal Regulation of High Speed Internet to the Home."
- Feb. 10 - "Herman Melville's South Orange Ties," with Jo Ann Middleton, author, Drew University professor, and director of medical humanities at Raritan Medical Center.
- Feb. 17 - "10 Weddings in 10 Days: My Visit to Afghanistan" with Froozan Makdood, Rutgers student and junior library assistant at South Orange Library.
- Feb. 24 - "Sustain Your Brain" with Angel Duncan, program director of Senior Helpers.

Adult Programs

- S. O. Book Review Group - Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m., a phone discussion with author Avelet Waldman, about her new book "Red Hook Road." Waldman will also share her thoughts on the art and science of writing.
- Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m., "Possessing the Secret of Joy," by Alice Walker, in honor of Black History Month.
- Wednesdays at the Movies - Jan. 5, 19, Feb. 2 films to be announced. Feb. 16, Yankee Doodle Dandy. All shows at 1 p.m.
- Creative Writing Workshop - Jan. 12, 26, Feb. 9, 23, at 1 p.m.
- Poetry Jam - Jan. 27, high school students and older.

Children's Programs

Winter session begins the week of Jan. 18

- Pajama Storytime - fourth Monday 6:30 p.m., all ages.
- Toddlers (with adult) - Tuesdays, 11 a.m., stories and crafts.
- Chess and Board Games - Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m., all ages.
- Books and Babies (with adult) - Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
- Book Club - second Wednesday 4 p.m., ages 7 and older.
- Banjo Music - second Thursday, 10 a.m.
- Seton Stories - Fridays, 10 a.m., all ages.



Academic Tutoring

- SAT / ACT, Science, Math, English
- K-12, undergraduate/graduate
- Test taking strategies
- Organizational skills
- Academic excellence

- Ph.D. Candidate
- 10+ years of experience
- South Orange resident

P: 718-501-8658
www.EyalYurconi.com

Imagine...

getting set for a successful school year.



Call to schedule a
FREE
placement test
today!

With Kumon Math and Reading your child will sharpen her study habits and build the skills and confidence to achieve more on her own. That means one truly amazing school year after another.

KUMON OF SOUTH ORANGE
973-327-4737

76 South Orange Avenue, Suite LL-04, South Orange, NJ 07079
(cross street: Valley Road)

KUMON
MATH. READING. SUCCESS.

877-586-6671
www.kumon.com

In Touch

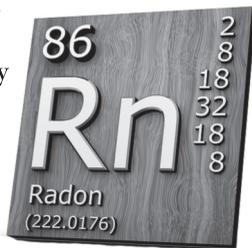
with
Village
Government

General Info.
(973) 378-7715
Emergency, 911
Clerk's Office, x1
Administrator, x2
Construction, x3
Tax Collector, x4
Assessor, x5
Finance, x6
Engineer, x7
Parking Auth., x8
Health Officer
x7710
Animal Control
x7711
Fire Dept.
378-7751
Library
762-0230
Police Dept.
378-7775
Public Works
378-7741
**Recreation &
Cultural Affairs**
378-7754
Rescue Squad
762-3410
**Recycling Info. &
Street Dept.**
378-7741
Water Service
266-8869

To submit
information for
*The South
Orange
Gaslight*, send
to Editor Robin
Patric, rpatric@
comcast.net,
or call (908)
823-9001

Has your home been tested for radon?

This naturally occurring radioactive gas has been found in many



homes and is identified as the leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers, and the second leading cause of lung cancer after smoking.

January is Radon Action Month and the South Orange Health Department reminds residents that because radon is invisible and odorless, only testing can detect it. Two tests a year are recommended. Test kits can be purchased in many hardware stores.

For more information, call the Health Department at (973) 378-7715, x7710 or send e-mail to jfesta@southorange.org. For a list of certified companies offering radon testing services and kits, contact the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Radon Program at (800) 648-0394 or www.njradon.org. ▲

Achieve gives \$43k in teacher grants

Sixty teachers in the South Orange/Maplewood School District have received \$43,000 in grants from the Achieve Foundation. The 50 grants awarded on Dec. 6 were given for innovative projects to be carried out this spring.

Since 2000, Achieve has awarded 501 grants totaling \$352,000. Projects have included a middle school literary magazine, a community quilting project at Columbia High, and Elmo and iPad technology in two elementary schools.

Achieve offers a direct funding option for donors who wish to contribute to a specific project. A list of approved grants awaiting full or partial funding on Jan. 31 is available at www.achievefoundation.com. Or contact Patti Coleman at (973) 761-0727 or colepeople@aol.com. ▲

Township of South Orange Village
South Orange, NJ 07079

Presorted Standard
U.S. Postage Paid
Newark, NJ
Permit No. 7081

Postal Customer
Local 07079

Village Web Site: www.southorange.org
E-mail for Village Administrator: jgross@southorange.org

SHU tests siren

Seton Hall University will conduct a test of its emergency siren system on Wednesday, Jan 26, at noon. The mass warning system alerts the campus population of criminal violence, an environmental threat or other emergency. Live tests are conducted twice a year. Villagers who hear the siren can get updates on the campus situation by visiting www.shu.edu/go/sireninfo. Or call the university security office at (973) 761-9328. ▲

Main Street seeks helpers

director@MainStreetSouthOrange.org
(973) 763-6899

Design help needed

Do you have a keen sense of style? Do you coordinate colors well? Make everything look good? Then come to a Main Street South Orange Design Committee meeting. Use that good taste to help merchants with signs, awnings, lighting, facades and windows. See your ideas come to life and give Main Street a much-needed helping hand. To volunteer, e-mail director@MainStreetSouthOrange.org or call (973) 763-6899.

Sponsors, musicians needed

MSSO's fifth annual community event, Celebrate South Orange, isn't until June, but organizers are seeking sponsors for the ever-growing event that hosts more and more people every year.

Also, the search is on for musicians to perform during the event. ▲

Free rabies clinic Jan. 22

The South Orange Health Department will hold a free rabies vaccination clinic for dogs and cats on Jan. 22. A licensed veterinarian will administer the vaccines. Clinic hours will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the The Baird garage, at 5 Mead Street.

If your pet's rabies vaccination will expire before Nov. 1, 2011, now is the time for renewal. Check your last rabies vaccination renewal form for the expiration date on file with the Village.

First time vaccinations will provide immunity for one year beginning 30 days after the vaccination. Renewals provide immunity for three years.

Animal licenses can be purchased at the clinic; tags will be mailed to pet owners.

Important:

- All dogs must be leashed and cats must be in carriers.
- Be sure to bring the vaccination renewal application with you.

For more information, call the Health Department at (973) 378-7715, x7711. ▲

Professionals in Media

will hold a potluck holiday networking event at Les Saisons, 304 Elmwood Avenue (zip 07040) on Friday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. There will be no speaker. Media professionals will gather to form business alliances and make friends. RSVPs to Jackie Herships, (973) 763-7555, jacqueline@jacquelineherships.com; or Michele Hollow, (973) 762-3854, michele@petnewsandviews.com. Parking at the adjacent Maplewood swimming pool lot. ▲