

The South Orange Gaslight



MSSO Receives Rebranding Grant

Main Street South Orange has received a technical assistant grant of \$20,000 for digital design and branding services from the NJ Dept. of Community Affairs, Main Street NJ program. The grant, awarded in December, will help MSSO promote South Orange as a shopping, dining and entertainment destination.

A committee of Villagers is working on the project with a Somerville marketing and design firm, ITO Inc., which is contracted by Main Street NJ to provide technical consulting. The Village committee is comprised of residents and business owners who work in advertising, sales and marketing, economic development, event planning and graphic design.

"By the end, we will have a new look for the organization plus a comprehensive and flashy new website to promote the downtown. It's very exciting!" said Main Street Executive Director Carole Anzalone-Newman.

In addition to branding the downtown, the grant will allow MSSO to rebrand itself. The nonprofit, community-based volunteer organization works to promote downtown South Orange as a destination for shopping, dining, business, arts and culture. ▲

Klugel and Popola join Fire Dept.

Two new firefighters were sworn into the South Orange Fire Department on Feb. 15, bringing total manpower to 31, including all ranking officers. The two newcomers, Antonio Popola and David Klugel, are both lifelong residents of the Village. They just completed 14 weeks of fire academy training. ▲

Village appoints new administrator & DPW director



■ Welcome to **Barry R. Lewis, Jr.** who became the new **Village Administrator** on Jan. 23. Lewis comes to South Orange

after two years as administrator of Mountain Lakes in Morris County.

He practiced law for several years before focusing on the public sector, first in local government law, then as a planning board attorney. Later he served as administrator for Mine Hill Township and Spring Lake Borough. He is also a certified municipal finance officer.

Previous Administrator John Gross resigned in August to become chief financial officer for West Orange. Interim administrator Reagan Burkholder continued in a transitional role until mid-February and may stay longer to work on a salary study.



■ **Thomas Michetti** was promoted to **Director of Public Works** on Jan. 1. He succeeds Director Mario Luciani, who

retired in November. Michetti began his career as a public works laborer in 1973 and worked his way up to supervisor in 1988. He graduated from Rutgers as a certified public works manager in 1991 and became assistant DPW director. The department manages matters relating to Village streets and sewers, general maintenance and engineering. ▲

Federal grant buys new fire truck

A new Village fire truck is coming our way thanks to a \$665,000 Assistance to Firefighters Grant obtained through U.S. Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. The grant is the fourth federal firefighter grant awarded to South Orange since 2001, a total of \$887,735 in firefighter grants.

The grant will pay for almost 95% of the new fire truck. South Orange had been looking at a near-\$1 million purchase of a ladder truck since the current truck is 24 years old with metal and electrical problems. ▲



while cleaning up the Rahway River

Friends, classmates, clubs, teams and neighbors will be joining the fun of South Orange River Day on Sunday, May 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting from the skate house in Meadowland Park. The annual gathering provides an opportunity to clean up the South Orange section of the Rahway River, to celebrate community, and promote environmental education and awareness.

Along with the cleanup, this year's events will include live music and a walking tour of the watershed. More details will be posted in the weeks ahead, so visit www.soriverday.org or www.facebook.com/SORiverDay. ▲

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

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Anzalone-Newman honored for MSSO leadership

Main Street South Orange Executive Director Carole Anzalone-Newman received the 2011 Downtown New Jersey Achievement Award on Dec. 15 for excellence in promoting downtown development.

A long-time Main Street volunteer, Anzalone-Newman became executive director in October 2005. She leads MSSO's mission to recruit and assist new downtown businesses, help owners with permitting, and hold events to invigorate downtown commerce.

The award was given by Downtown New Jersey, a statewide advocacy group made up of local and regional organizations.

"Carole does a little bit of everything," said Sheena Collum, the Villager who nominated Anzalone-Newman for the award. "She helps connect prospective tenants to property owners, helps new businesses navigate through the Village permit process, administers the matching grant program for facade improvements and most recently, she helped our community get a significant branding grant for our downtown. We are a stronger community because of her."

During her acceptance speech, Anzalone-Newman promoted South Orange as always, even ending her comments with two Main Street slogans: "We have two great sayings in Main Street," she said. "'Take this town and love it,' and 'We believe in downtown!'" ▲

Villager pens new mystery

Mystery novelist Lillian Melendez has published her latest book, "Dismantling Vindictiveness," the story of an architect whose firm faces corporate sabotage and murder. The book is available from www.blackrosewritingbooks.com, Ingram Book Catalogue or Books in Print. ISBN # 978-1612960647. Melendez, who grew up in South Orange, is a member of the Mystery Writers of America. Her website is www.lillianmelendez.com. ▲



Carole Anzalone-Newman

Bocce, anyone?

The Village wants to assess the level of community interest in maintaining the bocce courts currently located near the duck pond in Meadowland Park. Should the courts be eliminated, or should the space be re-purposed? Ideas being considered include all-weather ping pong tables, chess/checker tables, new picnic tables and benches, or simple lawn restoration. Residents with comments or ideas can send e-mail to Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director Kate Schmidt at kschmidt@southorange.org.

Goose control: A South Orange success!

The Canada goose population at the duck pond in Meadowland Park has reduced from 300 geese in the mid-1990s to a mere 35 geese today.

The Village Health Department has used numerous strategies to reduce the flock. In 2007, the department was certified by Geese Peace to begin oiling goose eggs for long-term reduction. Oiling reduces the number of goslings requiring protection, thereby diminishing adult loyalty to a particular site.

Canada geese mate and nest from March to mid-May. In South Orange, from 2007 to 2010, Health Department officials found about seven nests with five to seven eggs per nest. In 2011 they found only one nest.

If you find a goose nest on your property this spring, call the South Orange Animal Control Officer at (973) 378-7715, x7711. He can treat the eggs and answer any questions you may have. ▲

BiZ BUZZ

■ **Blue Plate Special** has opened at 325 Irvington Avenue. Hosts Laura Nichols and Dan

Pupke describe the food as "retro funky. A little of this, a little of that," and if you don't see what you want, ask and they will make it for you. Everything in the cafe is for sale - from the seat you choose to dine in, to the plate holding your food, to the shirts on Dan and Laura's backs. Open daily except Sunday. Call (973) 763-9619.

■ **First Class Nails** has opened at 129 South Orange Avenue. Call (973) 313-0027.

■ **Treasure Finds Thrift & Consignment Store** is now open at 122 South Orange Avenue. Owner Yvette Sterling offers clothing for men, women and children, as well as jewelry, furniture, small appliances, electronics, household items and collectibles. Call (973) 821-5700.

■ **Indique Hair Extensions** has

come to 8 West South Orange Avenue. The worldwide company offers Indian hair extensions, natural hair never exposed to chemical treatments. Wave, fullness, and luster are guaranteed for up to a year. Call owner Jonelle Fletcher at (646) 863-5994.

■ **Buy & Save Beauty Supply** has opened at 125 South Orange Avenue. For information call (973) 821-5657.

RELOCATIONS

■ **Noel & Co.** accounting firm has moved from 75 South Orange Avenue to 111 South Orange Avenue, Suite 31.

■ **Pamdance** moved from 55 Academy Street to the SOPAC loft at One SOPAC Way.

■ **South Mountain Yoga** moved from Scotland Road to 18 South Orange Avenue, second floor. ▲

At The Baird

RENEW VILLAGE ID BADGES NOW!

Sign up early for the 2012 South Orange Recreation & Cultural Affairs ID badge. The membership fee through May 15 is \$30 per person, with a maximum family fee of \$120. Beginning May 16, the fee will be \$35 per person, with a maximum family fee of \$140. Badge holders receive discounts on many department-sponsored classes and programs. Badges are issued at The Baird with two proofs of residency. Details at www.thebaird.org.

REGISTER NOW FOR PLAYGROUND PRGM

Applications for the South Orange Summer Playground Program are being accepted at The Baird. Applicants must be South Orange residents with a current photo ID badge (see item above). The seven-week, half-day program is for children ages 4 through 8th grade. Age-related activities are planned along with supervised free time. Dates are June 25 through Aug. 10. ▲

At The Baird

DREAMCATCHER

www.dreamcatcherrep.org • (800) 838-3006

• **Blood: A Comedy**, by David Lee White, is the story of an eccentric atheist and college professor who has lost her tenure after teaching intelligent design in a science class. To save her mind (and her dysfunctional family), she decides they'll all get religion – just in time for her daughter's wedding. Fridays and Saturdays, March 9 to 25, at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Talkback with the artists after the first two Sunday matinees. Tickets: \$25/\$30.

• **Multiple Personality Disorder**, Saturday, April 14. Dreamcatcher's improvisational comedy troupe creates an entire show on the spot using audience input. Tickets: \$15.

• **Summer Theatre Conservatory** - Registration ends June 1 for classes running June 29 through July 27. More details, next edition. Or contact Dreamcatcher.

• **Improv Comedy Class for Adults** - Explore your creativity, have fun and develop spontaneity in a supportive environment. Nine improvisational comedy classes begin March 10 with instructor Lulu French, a veteran of Gotham City Improv. People 18 or older are welcome; no experience required. Saturday classes run from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; March 10, 17, 31, April 14, 21, 28, and May 5, and 12. Final showcase, May 19. Tuition is \$300. Register online or call for information.

CULTURAL ARTS CLASSES

(973) 378-7754, ext. 1 • arts@southorange.org

The Baird's spring classes will begin the week of April 9. Continuing favorites include Art with a Master, Middle Eastern Dance, Flamenco Dance and Children's Ballet. Check out two new workshops from Natural Ground: Make non-toxic home cleaning products; Use natural products to protect your garden. Find all classes and registration info at www.thebaird.org. Click "View Activities."

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTISTS

■ **South Orange/Maplewood Artists Studio Tour** - The 9th annual tour on June 3 will feature more than 50 artists' studios, galleries and group exhibitions. Artists who live or have studios in either town are invited to participate. Visit www.studiotourso-ma.org or contact smartiny@southorange.org for more information. Type "studio tour" in the subject line. Artist applications will be available starting March 22.

■ **The juried arts and crafts market** at "Celebrate South Orange," a June 16 community event, will be expanded for 2012. Artists and crafters can contact smartiny@southorange.org for applications and information. If e-mailing, type "CSO Arts & Crafts" in the subject line.

LIMITED BAIRD PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

Preschool at The Baird has limited spaces for the 2012-2013 school year. The licensed learning center serves children ages 2 ½ through 4 ½, with a curriculum that combines educational and recreational activities. For registration and details visit www.thebaird.org.

SPORTS & FITNESS

(973) 378-7754
www.thebaird.org

• **Tae Kwon Do** - Steve Safran teaches practical self defense for discipline, body conditioning, and self-confidence. Classes for all ages and skills are offered. For information go to www.thebaird.org.

• **Tae Kwon Do for Special Needs** - Parents of children with autism learn how to work effectively with their children, and all benefit from exercising. Saturday classes. Ages 6-10, 1-2 p.m. Ages 11 and up, 2-3 p.m. Info at www.thebaird.org.

• **Spring Tennis** - Lessons for all ages and skill levels begin the week of April 16. Instructors from U.S. Sports Institute follow USTA curricula. More details at www.USSportsInstitute.com.

• **Sports Squirts** - The U.S. Sports Institute Sports Squirts program is for 3-to-5-year-olds. Children try a variety of sports in a safe, structured environment. Seven one-hour sessions take place Wednesdays beginning April

18, with two time options: 3:30 or 4:30 p.m. Details at www.USSportsInstitute.com.

• **Jaguar Track, Ages 6-18** - Register in person at The Baird on Wednesday, Mar. 14, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., or Saturday, Mar. 17, from 10 a.m. to noon. Info at www.thebaird.org.

• **Spring Break Multi-Sports Camp** - Children ages 5 to 14 experience more than 15 sports in one week in the U.S. Sports Institute Multi Sports Camps. Half-day and full-day options are offered April 2 to 5. Details at www.USSportsInstitute.com.

• **Spring Break Science Camps** - "Sciensational Workshops for Kids" will offer a pair of 2-day workshops at the Baird during spring break week for children ages 7 to 12: Advanced Robotics, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 2 to 3; Maglev Cars, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 4 to 5. For details, go to www.thebaird.org.

PIERRO GALLERY www.pierrogallery.org

■ **Booked 9** - The ninth annual Book Arts Roundtable exhibition will be on display March 2 to 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, Wednesday through Saturday. An opening reception with artist and author Sherrill Kahn will take place March 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. Two related programs are:

■ **Workshop: Painting Pizzazz and so much more!** March 2 to 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Artist Sherrill Kahn will lead the mixed media technique workshop. Register at www.thebaird.org.

■ **Book Talk and Reading for Families** - March 24, 1 p.m. Maplewood artist Chuck Miley will introduce his new children's book, "Zombie Christmas Trees."

■ **La Cinémathèque** - Pierro Gallery will host the Maplewood/South Orange Film Club's new series on the films of France — one Sunday a month. Coming up: March 18, "Claire's Knee"; April 29, "My Dinner with Andre." Educator, artist and filmmaker Gérard Amsellem will lead film-related discussions. Seating is limited. Register in advance at www.thebaird.org. Admission, \$10.

Go back to high school for a day

If you remember high school as the best time of your life, now you have a chance to go back! On Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Achieve Foundation of South Orange & Maplewood invites local adults to sample courses offered at Columbia High.

Modeled after the Adult School's "College for a Day," the program lets participants choose up to four classes taught by CHS faculty, from Everyday Physics, to Interactive Shakespeare, to Weaving. Courses are \$10 each and \$8 for lunch in the Cougar Café, or four classes plus lunch for \$40.

Register at www.achieve-foundation.org or call (973) 378-2055. The program is co-hosted by SOMEA, the Adult School, CHS HSA, the Presidents Council, Cougar Boosters and the CHS Alumni Association.

Self-esteem workshop for girls, March 17

Teen dating, abuse awareness and self-esteem issues will be the subjects of a mother/daughter conference (girls 11-14) at South Orange Middle School on March 17. Called "A Girls World," the conference is presented by GALS (Girls and Lifelong Strategies) of Iselin, NJ, a nonprofit organization, and by Project NextGen of Livingston. See the ad below for workshop title and registration information. Or for details, e-mail Leslie Gitterman at lesliegitterman@galsusa.org.

SOMA Adult School
(973)-378-7620 or visit www.somadulthoodschool.org

■ **McCourt, Applegate & Sheffer at Celebrity Readings**
Broadway veterans Sean McCourt (Wicked, Mary Poppins) and Fred Applegate (Sister Act) will join Isaiah Sheffer, host of NPR's "Selected Shorts," for the Adult School's

tenth annual Celebrity Readings. Applegate grew up in Maplewood and South Orange and was president of his Columbia High class. The short story readings, an Adult School fundraiser, will take place at CHS auditorium on Monday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$45 at the door.

■ **Spring Catalog Now Available** - From painting to entertaining, Pilates to golf, from overseas trips to cooking with Chef Jesse, there's learning for everyone. Check out the online catalog or pick up a copy at a local library. A few seasonal highlights:

- "The Global Political Economy," 2012 Eva Samo Lecture Series, Mondays, 7:30 p.m. at CHS Black Box Theater, April 9, 16, 23 and 30.
- College for a Day, Saturday, April 21, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Talks on psychology, English, political science and Egyptian archeology. Take a full-day

schedule or just one class. Lunch is included. See catalog for details.

• Andy Hackbarth, the nationally known singer/songwriter and classical guitarist, will teach three classes March 1st and 3rd for people 14 and older. Learn more online.

Fashion Show and Tricky Tray
(973)762-9222, x12
www.marylawn.us

Marylawn of the Oranges Academy, Class of 2012, will host **A Girl's Night Out Fashion Show** on Thursday, March 15 at 7 p.m. in the school's Jerome Hines Auditorium, 445 Scotland Road. Tickets, \$5.

The school's Parents' Association will host **Casino Royale Tricky Tray** at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 30 in the school auditorium. Admission, \$10 including light refreshments.

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MOTHER/DAUGHTER WORKSHOP SERIES
A Girls World

This workshop invites girls ages 11-14 (and parents) to learn more about:

Friendship & Struggles • Family Stress • Health and Nutrition Body Image • Beauty/Fashion Bullying • Peer Pressure Loving Your Authentic Self

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South Orange Middle School

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To learn more, visit www.galsusa.org




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Library Events

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- **Singer Vanessa Parvin and guitarist John Brophy**, spring concert, March 25, at 3 p.m.
- **“A Musical State of Mind,”** Dreamcatcher’s mid-day cabaret, March 26, 1 p.m.
- **“Food For Thought,”** the evening film series, will feature “Supersize Me,” March 27, 7 p.m. Enjoy a post-film discussion with Philip Weisman, filmmaker and Manhattan Community College professor.
- **The Black Maria Film & Video Festival** comes to the library April 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. See award-winning works by cutting-edge filmmakers.
- **“Au Hasard Balthazar,”** April 24, 7 p.m., leads the spring film series, “Foreign Films on Youth at Risk.” Stay for discussion with a film expert.

Library Discussions

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

- March 8 - “Food: What’s In a Name?” with Stephen Schoeman, Ph.D., political scientist and historian.
- March 15 - “Can Novels Have Political Impact?” with Meredith Sue Willis, author and New York University professor.
- March 22 - Walter Zimmerman, sculptor and University of the Arts professor emeritus.
- March 29 - “Ancient Greece: War, Slavery, Science, Culture and Democracy,” with Eugene Lieber, professor emeritus at Essex County College.
- April 5 - “Let’s Talk About the Family,” with Lewis Epstein, psychotherapist and author.
- April 12 - “World Affairs Update,” with Douglas Simon, professor emeritus of political science at Drew University.
- April 19 - “Glimpses of Prominent New Yorkers,” with Budd Miskin, host and reporter for New York 1 News.
- April 26 - Sing-Along with

Peri Smilow, singer, songwriter, educator, and community organizer.

Recurring Events

- **Book Review Group** - March 26, “The Woman Who Defied Kings,” by Andrée Aelion Brooks; April 23, “Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet,” by Jamie Ford. Both sessions at 7:30 p.m.
- **Creative Writing Workshops**, March 7 and 21, April 4 and 18, 1 p.m.
- **SCORE Workshops** (Service Corps Retired Executives): “Small Business Opportunities,” March 13, 7:30 p.m.; and “Starting a New Business,” April 12, 7:30 p.m.
- **Knitting Workshop** with Nan Samons and Sunny Bitman, March 19 and April 16 at noon.
- **Wednesday Films** - April 11 and 25, at 1 p.m., titles to be announced.

Children’s Programs

For all programs, children must be accompanied by an adult.

- Seton Stories, Mar. 2, 9, 23, 30, 10:15 a.m. (all ages)
- Fabulous Friday Storytime with Ms. Keisha, Mar. 2, 16, April 20, at 4 p.m. (K+)
- Toddler Storytime & Craft with Ms. Keisha, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24, at 11 a.m. (2 ½ - 4)
- Books & Babies, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, at 10 a.m. (birth to 2 ½)
- Music with The Good Tymes String Band, Mar. 8, April 12, at 11 a.m. (all ages)
- Drop in Crafts, Mar. 9, 23, April 13, 27, at 3:30 p.m. (all ages)
- Dr. Suess’ Birthday reading, Mar. 12, 6:30 p.m. (all ages)
- Lego Club, Mar. 12, 26, 3:45 p.m. (all ages)
- Sleepy Time Storytime, Mar. 15, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. (all ages)
- Music with Ms. Marilyn & Friends, Mar. 22, 11 a.m. (all ages)
- “Poem in Your Pocket Day,” April 26



Thanks to the 44 volunteers who helped paint the library halls on the Martin Luther King National Day of Service. At left are Daniel and Michael Oxman. At right, the Godbold family.



Photos by Library Director Melissa Kopecky

Local blogger offers pet Rx discount card

Villager Michele Hollow, author of the popular blog, Pet News and Views, is giving out free prescription drug discount cards to pet owners. A copy of the card, which bears the blog logo, can be printed from Hollow’s site.

It also will be included in this year’s Academy Awards goody bag. According to Hollow, 300 people attending this year’s Oscars will receive gift bags filled with products, including her discount card.

It’s “going into the pet-related gift bag which will contain coupons for pet supplies.”

The card offers up to 55% off pet medications prescribed by a veterinarian.

For your free copy of the same card, visit petnewsandviews.com and click on the large red button on the left side of the home page.

Print the card and take it with your pet’s prescription to your pharmacy. Most pharmacists will accept the card and you will receive a discount not only for your pet’s medication, but maybe for your own as well, since human and pet medications are often the same. ▲

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Dear Villagers,

Help support your local library by renewing your membership or making a tax deductible donation to The Friends of the South Orange Public Library. In this time of severe budget cuts, the library needs your help more than ever. Your membership funds will go directly toward events and programs that support the library's educational, informational, and cultural missions.

Current and ongoing programs and projects include:

- Direct financial support for new books and materials to keep our library collections current.
- The Book Cage, our used book store, housed in the library to sell donated books.
- Purchases of toys, books, equipment, and other materials for the Children's Room.

- Full sponsorship of the summer reading program, and popular entertainment such as Big Jeff.
- Resources and financial support for the rehabilitation/renovation of the Connett Library building.
- Vocal advocacy for the library to local and state governments.

- Funding for the restoration and digitization of important local historic documents.

Please fill out and return the form below to join or donate, and begin supporting your local library today!

Sincerely, The Friends



Join the Friends of the South Orange Public Library!

Choose your membership level. Note: Pre-school, Student and Lifetime are one-time payments. All other membership levels are yearly dues payments.

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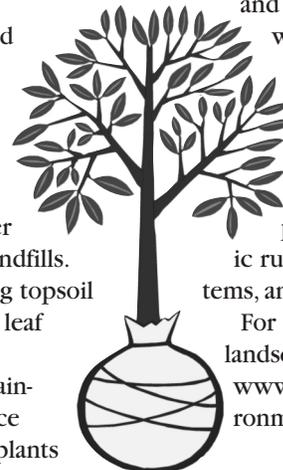
Tips for greener landscaping

The South Orange Energy Policy Committee and the Environmental Commission offer these tips for "green" landscaping.

- Use electric machinery and hand tools, rather than gasoline-powered machinery.
- Mulch/compost grass and leaves on site, rather than carting it to landfills.
- Avoid stripping topsoil with over-powered leaf blowers.
- Plant self-sustaining, low-maintenance plants, rather than plants

unsuited for the local soil and climate.

- Use permeable pavers and nontoxic wood preps, rather than asphalt, concrete and arsenic-treated wood.
 - Hire landscapers who use greener landscaping practices: less air, water and noise pollution, less organic runoff into sewer systems, and less truck traffic.
- For a list of local green landscapers, go to www.southorangenvironment.org. ▲



Spring/Summer 2012

Residential DPW Services

South Orange Dept. of Public Works
300 Walton Avenue • (973) 378-7741

Spring Clean-Up – Branches & Leaves

Curbside Placement Dates: April 2 - May 14 (no overlap)

Branches

Must be less than four inches in diameter. For those measuring two inches or less, tie in bundles with cord or twine. Place on grass next to curb, not on street or sidewalk.

Not Permitted: roots, stumps or branches larger than four inches in diameter.

Leaves, Yard Clippings, Garden Rakings

Place in brown biodegradable paper bags only, on grass next to curb, not on sidewalk or street.

Do not rake leaves into streets for spring cleanup. Loose leaves and material in plastic bags will not be picked up.

Ignoring the rules is a violation of the Municipal Housing Code.

Grass Clippings

South Orange Disposal picks up grass clippings in plastic bags only, from April 1 to Nov. 1.

Limit: two bags per week, 30 pounds per bag. Place curbside on the second garbage collection day of the week.

Humus, Shredded Wood

Limited quantities available to residents at DPW. There is now a \$50 fee per order payable prior to delivery.

- Humus - decomposed leaves, finely textured and dark colored, used as a soil supplement.
- Shredded Wood - hardwood mulch used as top dressing for gardens, flowerbeds, and around trees. May contain bits of rock. Not treated.

Ordering/Delivery (973) 378-7741

Starting Tuesday, Mar. 20, DPW will make appointments for delivery of humus and shredded wood. Actual delivery starts in April. One product per household per month. Products are delivered loose to the driveway.

Electronic Recycling Drop-Offs

Villagers can drop off used electronic items in South Orange or Maplewood. Proof of residency is required.

Saturday Drop-Offs, 8 a.m. to noon

- Mar. 24, South Orange
- May 19, Maplewood
- June 16, South Orange
- July 14, Maplewood
- Sept. 15, South Orange
- Oct. 20, Maplewood
- Dec. 15, South Orange

Drop-Off Locations

- South Orange Recycling Depot, 300 Walton Avenue, 973-378-7741.
- Maplewood Public Works Department, 359 Boyden Avenue, 973-762-1175.

Permitted: Computer monitors, CPUs, keyboards, printers, mainframes, fax machines, scanners, telecommunications equipment, speakers, televisions, VCRs, stereos, DVD players, toasters, irons and old cell phones.

Not Permitted:

- Commercial and large-quantity electronics users.
- Electronics pickup appointments.

Alternatives to Saturday Drop-Offs

If circumstances prevent your drop-off on a normal electronic recycling day, you may drop off the Thursday before in South Orange. Call first at (973) 378-7741. In Maplewood, drop off the Friday before, between 2 and 4 p.m. Call (973) 762-1175.

Saturday Container Day Drop-Offs

April 28, May 19, June 23,
July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 29

8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
(no arrivals after 1:30 p.m.)

DPW Yard
300 Walton Avenue

Special disposal containers are provided on site. To enter, two proofs of residency are required. The program is not open to commercial or industrial companies.

Permitted: furniture, mattresses, appliances,* branches under 4 inches in diameter, toys, small household items, tools, strollers, playpens, metal items.**

* Residents are encouraged to drop off metal during regular DPW hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays, 8 a.m.-noon.

** Please separate metals and appliances from other household items and remove doors on refrigerators and freezers.

Not Permitted: Paint cans (empty or not), propane bottles, hazardous chemicals or their containers, construction materials (such as tiles, plaster, sheetrock, paneling, wood with nails), roof shingles, grass clippings, household food items, car/truck parts, batteries of any size, stumps, root sections, branches measuring more than four inches in diameter, railroad ties, pressure-treated or painted wood, doors and windows with glass or hardware, or any electronic hardware.

No metal items or appliances allowed in containers.

Note: DPW staff reserves the right to prohibit other items as necessary. Call in advance to ask about a specific item.

In Touch

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General Info.
(973) 378-7715
Emergency, 911
Clerk's Office, x1
Administrator, x2
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Assessor, x5
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x7710
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762-0230
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378-7775
Public Works
378-7741
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**Recycling Info. &
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HAPPENINGS

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Save the Date!

Celebrate South Orange, the annual community celebration put on by Main Street South Orange, is scheduled for Saturday, June 16. To volunteer or for information, e-mail director@mainstreetsouthorange.org.

Old homes, old wiring: learn about the electric part of Village history

More than a century ago, when homes were retrofitted to access electricity, there were no safety-code requirements. Many electrical systems were installed inside existing gaslight supply pipes. In South Orange, some of those systems are still in use.

On Tuesday, April 24, the South Orange Historical & Preservation Society will present "Residential Electricity, Then and Now." Learn how residential wiring should be upgraded and maintained just like heating, ventilation and cooling systems, roofs and paint jobs.

Speaker Monica Merel of Clean Energy Electric & Solar, LLC, of South Orange will discuss the ways succeeding generations of homeowners have superimposed energy technology onto pre-existing systems — sometimes with dangerous results.

The program will take place from 7 to 10 p.m., at a location to be announced. Check www.sohps.org for details. ▲



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On Stage at SOPAC

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- Mar. 1-4, 8 p.m. (except Sunday, 2 p.m.) - Baby the Musical, \$8-\$25.
- Mar. 9, 8 p.m., "Malachy McCourt, Living Life and Laughing at Death," a one-man show, \$30-\$45.
- Mar. 10, 11 a.m., Sylvester and the Magic Pebble, a family program, \$12/\$15.
- Mar. 10, 8 p.m., country singer/songwriter Pam Tillis, \$30-\$45.
- Mar. 11, 3 p.m., pianist Tanya Gabrielian, \$15/\$20.
- Mar. 18, 5 p.m., Jazz Legacy All-Star Jam with John Lee, \$15.
- Mar. 20, 7:30 p.m., classical pianist Richard Goode, \$8-\$25.
- Mar. 24, 8 p.m., Kyle Eastwood Jazz Band, \$25-\$40.
- Mar. 25, 2 p.m., The Cashore Marionettes, \$12/\$15.
- Mar. 25, 5 p.m., Blues in the Loft, \$15.
- Mar. 27, 7:30 p.m., Jazz Knights of West Point, free.
- Mar. 28, 7:30 p.m., vocalist Shelby Lynne, \$30-\$55.
- Mar. 31, 8 p.m., Les Nubians, R&B and soul, \$30-\$45.
- April 14, 8 p.m., Adam Pascal and Anthony Rapp, a cabaret, \$40-\$75.
- April 15, 5 p.m., jazz vocalist and Villager John Dukich, \$15.

• April 26-29, 8 p.m. (except Sunday, 2 p.m.) - Resurrection Blues, \$8-\$25. ▲

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SOPAC acclaimed by People's Choice Awards

The South Orange Performing Arts Center came in fifth place as New Jersey's favorite performing arts center in the annual JerseyArts.com People's Choice Awards.

Heading the pack were NJPAC in Newark, the State Theater in New Brunswick, McCarter Theatre in Princeton and the Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown.

SOPAC is the youngest and smallest of the six.

Public voting extended from Dec. 1 through Jan. 18. The annual vote is a project of Discover Jersey Arts, co-sponsored by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the ArtPride New Jersey Foundation. ▲

Villager of the Month

Honoring our selfless best

South Orange gives a Villager of the Month Award to deserving residents (and sometimes to groups), with announcements made here in the Gaslight. All nominations are reviewed by the Village Community Relations Committee. Nominees should be people who make significant contributions to the quality of life in South Orange and beyond. They may live or work in South Orange, but current Village employees and volunteers on township committees are not eligible for VOM. (They are eligible for other recognition.) Send your nomination to the Village Clerk, rkline@southorange.org, to any CRC member, or to ktjdz@aol.com.

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