

The South Orange Gaslight



The Gaslight is published six times a year for the residents and businesses of South Orange Village

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Here's how So. Orange Police are reaching out to you

■ Coffee and a chat

"Oh no, here come the cops. Am I going to get a fair shake from these guys?"

If that's a thought you've ever held in your head, maybe it's time for "Coffee with a Cop." South Orange's Community Policing Unit is encouraging groups of residents to meet informally with local officers to discuss typical law enforcement issues they face every day, such as neighbors with unsightly properties, suspicious neighborhood activity, or misunderstood ordinances. You might even want to ask about some aspect of police operations.

If you're concerned about airing your issues in front of others, then ask for a one-on-one with an officer.

Coffee with a Cop will be launched in March and will be held quarterly throughout the year. The meetings will be held at local coffee houses – dates, times and locations to be announced by the Public Safety Committee.

■ Rewards for your child's good behavior

When the weather warms up and kids are moving about town, South Orange police officers will be watching for their good behavior, practices such as wearing a helmet while bicycling or skateboarding, or crossing with the light and not jaywalking.

Kids who display good behavior will be issued Positive Behavior Citations from South Orange Police officers. "It's a way to let kids know

that cops are the good guys," said Chief Jim Chelel. "And it's positive reinforcement."

Along with the citation, the child will get a voucher for free ice cream or a slice of pizza.

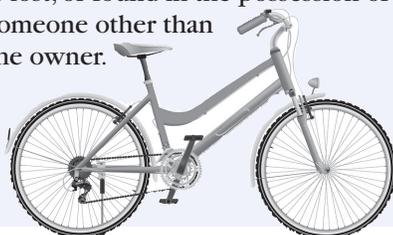
The program is sponsored by South Orange Village, the South Orange Police Department and the South Orange Village Center Alliance. Coldstone Creamery and Pirates Pizza are donating the rewards.

■ Protection for your home and property

Call the police department at (973) 363-3000, x7802 to arrange for one of these free services:

• **Home security survey assessment.** Is your home a target for burglary? Let a police officer take stock of your home to identify ways to improve its safety. The officer will assess lighting around your house, high hedges that burglars could use for hiding, storage measures for valuable items, accessible wireless networks, alarm systems and more. Police may also recommend tracking systems for your electronic devices in the event they are lost or stolen.

• **Bicycle Registration.** Get your bike engraved with a unique SOPD serial number. Police will keep the number on file in case the bike is lost, or found in the possession of someone other than the owner.



It's prom time for the elder set

Brush up your cha cha! It's prom time for South Orange senior citizens.

An enthusiastic crowd of Village elders, age 65 and older, is expected on Sunday, April 12 for the first annual South Orange Seniors Prom, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Seton Hall's Chancellor's Suite.

Dress formally or casually, as you choose.

Marc Pressel, a former Broadway musical director and Village senior, will choose the musical selections, mostly tunes of the 40s and 50s with a few more recent ditties thrown in.

Buffet finger foods will be provided and all attendees are asked to bring at least one nonperishable food item.

The free event is co-sponsored by South Orange Seniors and the Seton Hall University Division of Volunteer Efforts, or DOVE. SHU is donating the venue, audio equipment and catering. In return, food donations are requested as part of DOVE's ongoing mission in community service.

Free transportation to and from the prom will be provided on South Orange Parking Authority jitneys – designated stops to be announced.

To sign up for the event, RSVP Nan Samons at nansam6@gmail.com, or call her at (973) 275-3855. (No calls after 8 p.m.)



S.O. Business Update

New Businesses

• **Soup Café.** The former Eclectic Café at 61 Academy Street has reopened as the Soup Café. Five daily soup specials are offered, along with regular soups and sandwiches. Eat in or take out. *TheSoupCafe.net* (732) 900-6857

• **Mara's Café & Bakery.** Opening in mid-March at 9 West South Orange Avenue (The Gateway), Mara's will offer breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert, take-out and catering. Enjoy award-winning desserts, breakfast sandwiches, quiches, paninis, wraps, salads, soups, pizzas, sliders and dinner entrees. *Marascafe.com*

• **Slek Styling Bar,** 4-6 Village Plaza. After a construction delay, SleK will open in mid-March, offering hair and beauty maintenance for women. (973) 223-2950 *www.Slekstylingbar.com*

New Location

Sparkhouse, home of toys and books for kids of all ages, has a new home at 9 Village Plaza, next to Spiotta Park. *Blog.sparkhouse.net* (973) 821-5227

March shopping madness

Hooray for Seton Hall — with luck, headed to both the Men's and Women's NCAA Final Four Championship tournament. To honor them, SOVCA presents "March Shopping Madness," a promotion with a game card featuring brackets for 64 Village businesses. From March 19 through April 6, the person who gathers the highest number of receipts from the greatest number of South Orange businesses will win \$500 in gift cards from local merchants. Details at *www.sovillagecenter.org* or the Village Vibe newsletter.



It's Restaurant Week, April 6-12

Restaurants will offer 15% off their entire menus (alcohol excluded) during South Orange Restaurant Week, Monday, April 6 through Sunday, April 12. Details at *www.SOVillageCenter.org*.

Learn how to help during an emergency

Fires, floods, power outages . . . Emergencies come in a flash and professional help is sometimes stretched thin. Thank goodness for the South Orange Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT, a group of everyday Villagers trained in basic emergency response skills.

CERT members help neighbors and coworkers in emergencies when professional responders are stretched thin or not immediately on site.

In January, 13 South Orange residents completed four days of CERT training, bringing the local team to 26 members. CERT Chairperson Andrew Boyarsky says more are needed - up to 40 total.

The next training series is scheduled to start Saturday, March 28, and will continue the last Saturday of every month through June. Training will take place at the Baird Community Center and hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each

session. For more information, send e-mail to Boyarsky at *southorangeCERT@gmail.com*.

Special thanks to Pathmark and Bunny's for generous donations to volunteers during the Jan. 27 CERT snow storm deployment.

Alternate sought for Historic Commission

The South Orange Historic Preservation Commission is seeking an alternate commissioner to help carry out its function of protecting public interest while guiding owners of historic homes and applicants seeking historic status. The full commission includes seven members and two alternates.

To apply for the alternate position, fill out the Township volunteer application found on the Village website, *www.southorange.com*. Navigate to Easy Access, Community, then Volunteering. E-mail your completed form to *ccameron@southorange.org*. For information, call (973) 378-7715, x7719.

"The time and circumstances under which the name South Orange originated will probably never be known," wrote historian William H. Shaw in 1884, "and we are obliged to fall back on a tradition, that Mr. Nathan Squier first used the name in an advertisement offering wood for sale" in 1795. (From the *History of Essex and Hudson Counties*, 1884.)



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Happenings

Sign up for Adult School spring classes

www.somadultschool.org
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Registration has begun in 15 categories of Adult School spring classes. (Catalog now available.) Highlights from the Active Mind category include:

- *"StopSlut!"* Thursday, March 5 - a discussion of "slut shaming" and using theater to transform rape culture.

- *Celebrity Readings*, Monday, March 30 - with actors John Amos, Zach Grenier and Emily Zacharias.

- *New Jersey Climate Change*, Wednesday, April 29 with Dr. David Robinson, New Jersey state climatologist.

For children and families, course options include Games of Logic, Fun with Cupcakes, No-Cook Cooking and Middle School Track with Coach Morgan.

Adults can choose from Personal Branding, Beautiful Bracelets, Memoir Writing, Writing a Young Adult Novel, Zumba Gold and Overcoming Sugar Cravings.

Fiction added to annual community reading event

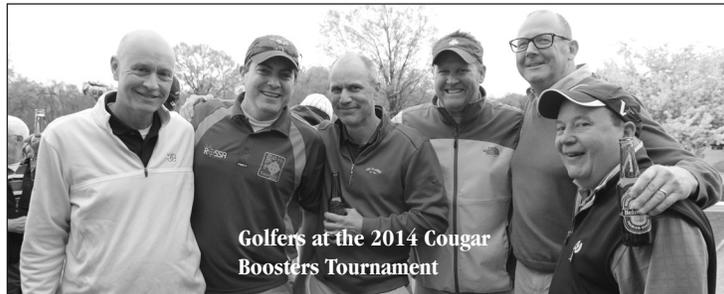
This year's "Two Towns - One Book" community read, sponsored by the South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race, is expanding to include "Two Towns - Many Stories."

Short fiction with racial and cultural themes will be recommended on the Coalition website beginning March 15. People of all ages are invited to read, then join facilitated group discussions in April - dates and locations to be announced. The event is held in partnership with the libraries in South Orange and

Maplewood as well as [words] bookstore in Maplewood. For details, visit www.twotowns.org.

Tee up with the Cougar Boosters

GOLF is the word among Columbia High School Cougar Boosters. Since 1994, the



Golfers at the 2014 Cougar Boosters Tournament

annual golf tournament has been the single largest source of \$285,000 in fundraising for school athletics and extracurricular activities.

This year, the Cougar Boosters Golf Classic will be held Monday, May 4 at Maplewood Country Club. Golf fees will include a made-to-order breakfast, golf cart, cocktail hour, and dinner with entertainment by the CHS Jazz Ensemble, an a capella group called "Unaccompanied Minors." Golfers also can expect great prizes like tickets for Broadway shows and professional sports events.

Find a foursome, be a sponsor, or donate prizes. For more information or to register, visit www.chscougarboosters.org.

'Almost, Maine' comes to interACT

"Almost, Maine," by John Cariani, will be staged on weekends throughout March at the Black Box Theater in South Orange. The show comprises nine short plays about love and loss in a remote, mythical place called Almost, Maine.

Performances will be Fridays and Saturdays, March 6-7, 13-14, 20-21 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sundays, March 8, 15, 22, at 4 p.m. The Blackbox Theatre is located inside Baird Community Center at 5 Mead Street.

Upcoming interACT shows:

- "Miss Julie," April 10-12.
- "Nine to Five," three week-ends in May.

Neighborhood Watch seeks assistant coordinator

Neighborhood Watch of South Orange needs a volunteer assistant coordinator. Working with police personnel, the assistant will update leaders on police blotter matters, coordinate volunteers for special events such as National Night Out and Newcomers Day, and conduct outreach to apartment dwellers. To learn more, contact Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Janine Buckner at nwc.sonj@gmail.com or Sgt. Adrian Acevedo at (973) 763-3000, x7802.

This Spring, Make a Splash!

River Day 2015

Sunday, May 3rd

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Main Stage at Flood's Hill
Details in the next Gaslight



Theater Fish perform during River Day 2014.

Garden plots may still be available

Check with The South Orange Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs to see if garden plots are still available at the South Orange Community Garden.

For an annual fee of \$70, gardeners get space to plant, grow and harvest organic vegetables and flowers, while donating surplus to local food banks.

The 48 raised-bed plots measure 4 x 12 feet. The garden is located in Riverside Park, on West Third near Church Street. Register at the Baird (5 Mead Street) with proof of residency.

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■ **Tae Kwon Do for Beginners (ages 5-12).** Learn practical self defense while acquiring discipline, conditioning, self-confidence and reduced stress. Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. with instructor Steve Safran.

■ **Tae Kwon Do for Special Needs (ages 6-adult).** Parents of children with autism learn how to work more effectively with their children, and families benefit from exercising. Ages 6-10, Saturdays, 1-2 p.m. Ages 11 and up, Saturdays, 2 to 3 p.m.

■ **Spring Tennis Lessons.** Develop skills quickly and easily following USTA curricula. Takes place on courts in Meadowland Park. Details at www.USsportsInstitute.com.

■ **Sports Squirts (ages 3-5).** Children are introduced to a variety of sports in a safe, structured environment. Friday sessions. Details at www.USsportsInstitute.com.

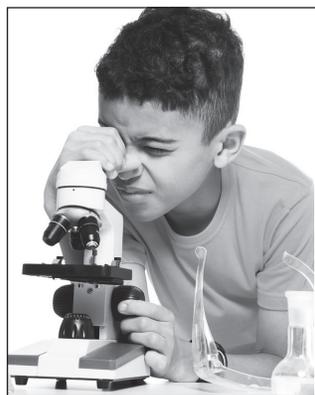
■ **Jaguar Track (ages 7-16).** Registration is Wednesday, Mar. 11, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Mar. 14, from 10 a.m. to noon. Check the website for details and registration.

■ **Spring Break Multi-Sports Camp (ages 5-12).** Kids experience more than 15 sports in one week during a half-day camp the week of April 20 to 23. Details and registration at www.USsportsInstitute.com.

■ **Spring Break Science Camps (ages 6-11).** Two-day "Sciensational Workshops for Kids" will be held at the Baird during spring break week.

• Chemical Magic - Magical Microscope - Rocks & Minerals, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 20 to 21.

• All Terrain Vehicle, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 22-23.



Rejuvenate your retirement

"Rejuvenate Your Retirement" is a learning program for retired people age 60 and older that blends life planning with financial strategies. The \$39 course includes a workbook. Classes will be held at The Baird on Tuesdays, March 24 and 31, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Wednesdays, March 18 and 25, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Advance registration is required at The Baird or online.

Will your kids be in the running?



The 2nd annual Two Towns Triathlon for Kids will be held Saturday, June 20 in Maplewood. Registration for kids ages 7 to 14 will begin April 1. Check the website for details.

Millburn par 3 golf course open to Villagers

A limited number of par 3 memberships at Millburn Municipal Golf Course are available to South Orange residents, age 18 and older. Registration begins March 1 and opening day is April 1. The course is located at 335 White Oak Ridge Road in Short Hills.

New or returning members can register online via Community Pass, <http://register.communitypass.net/millburn>. A photo is required. For details call (973) 564-7097 or e-mail recreationdept@millburntwp.org.

It's badge renewal time

Take advantage of lower fees and shorter lines. Purchase your 2015 South Orange Recreation & Cultural Affairs ID badge now. 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.

Sign up for summer playground

Registration for the South Orange Summer Playground Program (age 4 to 8th grade) begins March 2 at The Baird. Any applicant must be a South Orange resident with a current photo ID badge (see badge item above). The seven-week, half-day program combines planned activities and supervised free time. Children will meet daily in local parks from June 29 through Aug. 14.

Baird Preschool still registering

A few spots remain open at Baird Preschool for kids ages 2 ½ to 5 years (as of Oct. 1). The school offers educational and recreational activities on the second floor of The Baird (5 Mead Street). For details or to register, go to www.thebaird.org.

Pierro Gallery

(973) 378-7754, ext 3 • www.pierrogallery.org
Gallery Hours: Monday-Thursday 11-4, Sat 1-4

Booked 12 (March 5 - April 4)

Members of the Book Arts Roundtable will hold their annual exhibition of artwork and books created by passionate bookbinders who keep the love for book arts alive and influential. The opening reception will be held March 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the gallery

Gashapon: Art Encapsulated (April 16 - May 16)

Come to a unique exhibition of artworks confined within toy capsule vending machines. "Gashapon" is a Japanese term used to describe the sound of the vending machine's turning crank and the drop of the capsule. Each artist will present more than 200 pieces, all for sale. Revisit your childhood and become a collector of miniature art works. Artists include Anne Dushanko Dobek, Karen Guancione, Peet Sketches and Lori Field. The opening reception will be April 16, from 7 to 9 p.m.



Lozowick, 1930, by Ralph Steiner

Pierro searches for Lozowick art works

Do you own a work of art by South Orange artist Louis Lozowick? If so, Pierro Gallery is requesting a brief loan.

Works by Louis Lozowick (1892 -1973) will be featured at Pierro Gallery in a January 2016 exhibition.

Lozowick was an Art Deco and Precisionist artist who produced urban-inspired monochromatic lithographs over a 50-year career. He lived in South Orange with his family from 1943 until his death in 1973. His family owned a frame shop while he taught, lectured, traveled, and produced lithographs.

The upcoming exhibition is planned in conjunction with the Seton Hall Graduate Program in Museum Professions. If you have a work by Lozowick that you'd like to be considered for the show, e-mail Pierro Gallery Director Sandy Martiny at smartiny@southorange.org, subject line "Lozowick."



Register now!

If you're an artist living or working in South Orange or Maplewood, consider signing up for the 12th annual South Orange Maplewood Artist's Studio Tour, to be held Sunday, June 7. The event reflects the creativity of the diverse local artistic community and last year included 60 studios, galleries and group exhibitions. The event draws art lovers from all over the metropolitan area.

Registration is open now at www.studiotoursoma.org.



New bidding initiated on Village website

The timeline for overhauling the Village website has been extended. Officials have determined it will take more than a facelift to convert the existing site into a central hub coordinating all the technological advances that have come to the Village in recent years.

A bid process with a new scope of services has been initiated. The project will still include site design changes, content migration and updating. What's new, and more complicated, is central coordination of software programs introduced since 2013. Those include:

- *SOConnect* - the citizen service request portal.
- *Everbridge* - an emer-

gency notification system.

- *Property Pilot* - software that streamlines internal operations and provides a range of municipal information to residents.

- *Novus Agenda* - improves live streaming of meetings and indexes meeting recordings so residents can quickly find a particular discussion or action.

- *Laserfiche upgrade* - makes public documents more accessible.

- *Public safety technology upgrades* include a new police records management system, computer-aided dispatch and, ultimately, state-of-the-art radio communication.

In the new scope of services, the Village website will be rebuilt using "open-source" software. That means the source code will be licensed so the Village can change and distribute the code to others.

South Orange will be licensed to "help provide this resource to other local governments so that they can go through quicker and more efficient web upgrades, said Village President Alex Torpey.

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Spring Cultural Arts Classes

(973) 378-7754, x1 • www.thebaird.org

An array of affordable courses in visual and performing arts will be offered this spring for everyone from infant to adult. Online or in-person registration begins March 1. Check out two special classes below.

Larry McKim's life painting workshop

A 4-hour workshop on painting the figure with renowned teaching artist Larry McKim will be offered March 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The \$44 class is open to artists of all levels. Life drawing experience is helpful but not required. McKim is a 30-year teacher. He has been awarded two NJ State Art Council Artist Fellowships and has exhibited nationally. Advance registration is required, either online or in person.

Funky Fun Art: Explosion Paint

Students in grades 1 to 5 get messy and create with their hands while experimenting with various painting techniques, including throwing paint and spray paint. The \$295 class takes place during spring break week, April 20 to 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Instructor Denise Hayden is the owner of Funky Fun Art.

Discover your neighborhood at NextDoor.com

South Orange has half-a-dozen neighborhood associations and all of them keep in touch with members on NextDoor.com, a national website organized by local geography.

You too can join the conversation. Go to the website, fill out the brief sign-up form, let the system verify your address, and you're off — connecting with neighbors, finding a trustworthy babysitter, learning the latest about a community development issue or sharing details about a local event.

Pedestrian safety program launched

A pedestrian struck at 40 mph has an 85% chance of dying. At 20 mph they have a 95% chance of living. So say authorities from the NJ Transportation Planning Authority.

Pedestrians as well as drivers play a role in preventing accidents. That's why South Orange has adopted the NJTPA's "Street Smart New Jersey" campaign, already piloted in five communities.

According to a Rutgers study, pedestrian injuries and deaths are increasingly caused by impaired faculties due to substance or alcohol use and by distracted behavior such

as texting or using earphones while walking.

The campaign uses street signs, posters and banners to remind people to "check your vital signs." There also will be grassroots public awareness efforts and law enforcement reminders to keep people mindful of pedestrian safety.

In South Orange, the Street Smart program compliments last year's highly praised results from the Cops in the Crosswalk initiative. From April to December, officers issued more than 800 summonses. Learn more at www.beststreetsmartnj.org.



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Library Events (973) 762-0230 • www.sopl.org

Weekly Discussions

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

• March 5 - Drew University political science professor Doug Simon presents a world political update.

• March 12 - Library assistant Ayesha Makdoom presents "My Grandfather's Memories of Life in Afghanistan in the 1970s."

• March 19 - "President Lyndon Baines Johnson: Domestic Policy Successes, Foreign Policy Failures," with Essex County College history lecturer Eugene Lieber.

• March 26 - "Days of Rage: America's Radical Underground, the FBI, and the First Age of Terror." Bryan Burrough, author and Vanity Fair contributor, speaks on his newest book.

• April 2 - "Jersey Inventors from Bubble Wrap to Transistors," with lawyer and physicist David Zimmerman.

• April 9 - "Victims of Securities Fraud," with Dennis De Almeida, student attorney for Seton Hall University.

• April 16 - "Economic Democracy: Cure for Capitalism?" with Roger Foster, philosophy professor at City University of New York.

• April 23 - Matthew Orso, a researcher for the Major League Baseball Network, discusses his book, "Baseball Card Generations."

• April 30 - James McGowan, senior adviser to the United Nations Development Program, presents "Global Environmental Challenges."

Recurring Events

• Knitting Workshop with Nan Samons, March 16 and April 20 at noon.

• Creative Writing Workshop - March 11 and 25, April 8 and 22 at 1 p.m. No experience necessary.

• Wednesday Movies at

1 p.m.: March 4, "The Judge"; March 18, "St. Vincent"; April 1, "The Theory of Everything"; April 15, "Foxcatcher"; April 29 "Gone Girl."

• Foreign Film Series - "A Man and a Woman," March 10, 7 p.m. "Illusionist," April 28, 7 p.m.

Black Maria Film Fest

The annual festival comes to the library on April 13 at 7 p.m.

March is Makers' Month

Work on special projects and compete for prizes.

• March 7, 2-4 p.m. - Genealogy with Dustin Weeks.

• March 21, 2 p.m. - Balancing Toy Challenge.

• March 28, 10-2 - Video and a community art project.

The Achieve Foundation

thanks 32 generous donors who gave a total of \$15,048 toward approved Teacher Grant projects in December and January. Donor contributions brought Achieve's total spending on 2014-2015 Teacher Grants to \$81,765. The funds will be used for projects in all nine district schools.

To see a list of all 58 Teacher Grants awarded, go to www.achievefoundation.org.

Open Source

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"It's not something typically done, but I think it shows our commitment to collaboration and our interest in citizens everywhere having better and easier access to their governments."

The open source upgrade also will allow the Village to add or modify software components in the future without incurring unnecessarily high costs.

Spring/Summer 2015

Residential DPW Services

Saturday Container Day Drop-Offs

April 25, May 16, June 20, July 25, Aug. 22, Sept. 26

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, toys, small household items, tools, strollers, playpens.

Prohibited: 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 measur-

ing more than four inches in diameter, railroad ties, pressure-treated or painted wood, doors/windows with glass or hardware, or any electronic hardware.

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

Metal Items & Appliances

Drop off Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon. Be sure to separate from other household items and always remove refrigerator and freezer doors. *If bringing metals or appliances on container day, do not place in containers.*

Spring Clean-Up: Branches & Leaves

Curbside Placement Dates: Monday, April 6 – Monday, May 18 (no overlap)

Branches: Must be less than four inches in diameter. For smaller branches, 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.

Humus, Shredded Wood

Limited quantities are available to residents for pickup at the DPW yard at no charge. Be prepared for self-service. A \$50-per-order fee applies, payable prior to delivery. Call with any questions.

• Humus - decomposed leaves, finely textured and dark colored, used as a soil supplement.

• Shredded Wood - hardwood mulch used as top dressing for gardens, flower-

beds, and around trees. May contain bits of rock. Not treated.

Ordering/Delivery (973) 378-7741

Starting Tuesday, Mar. 24, 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. Charge: \$50 per delivery.

What to do with Grass Clippings

South Orange Disposal picks up grass clippings and charges a fee for the service. To contact them, call (973) 762-3880 or (973) 763-3577, or visit their website, www.southorangedisposal.com.

Paper Shredding Days

Saturday, June 13 and Saturday, Oct. 10 will be paper shredding days at the DPW Yard, located at 300 Walton Avenue.

Rigid Plastic Items

DPW now recycles rigid plastic items including garden furniture, toys, bins and buckets, crockery, food containers and gardening equipment. Rigid plastics cannot be placed in totes. Go to www.southorange.org and click "Single Stream Recycling."

Electronic Recycling Drop-Offs

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

Dates for Saturday Electronic Drop-Offs were not available at deadline time. Please check the next Gaslight or visit the township website at www.southorange.org.

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.

Prohibited:

- 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.

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March Villager of the Month Rev. Dr. Terry L. Richardson

When Rev. Terry Richardson arrived at the First Baptist Church of South Orange back in 1997, there were 75 people in the congregation. Eighteen years and dozens of fundraisers later, there are 600 members, and almost half come from outside South Orange.

The church's success is based in part on enthusiasm for community service. "We take 10% of our budget and earmark it for community," says the pastor. "We give locally, nationally and globally," for education, community building and disaster relief.

That giving has resulted in wells built in Ghana, books and computers to equip African libraries, a school built in Swaziland and donations to many stateside causes.

Here in South Orange, the funds go to organizations that serve local needs such as health screenings and domestic violence programs, or directly to organizations like the library, and the Community Coalition on Race.

Richardson also founded the Eternal Light Communication Development Corp., a nonprofit arm of the church that focuses on serving families, seniors, youth and the re-entry population. He has sat on numerous nonprofit boards and has won awards for his leadership in community service.

To Richardson, volunteerism



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means building a better community. "If we live in a community, we should do more than lay our head on a pillow there. We have to pay attention to what's going on. Paying attention is what makes a better community for everyone."

Richardson began paying attention at Temple University. He went there intending to become a doctor, then "got the call" and changed course. He earned a B.A. in administration and when he wasn't studying, he'd walk the streets of Philadelphia, ministering one-on-one to office workers and the homeless alike.

He married his college sweetheart then moved to New Jersey and earned his master's and doctorate at New Brunswick Theological Seminary. As a young interim pastor in Newark, he began a collaboration with local banks and merchants, all aimed at bringing a carnival to disadvantaged inner city youth.

"Those were the early seeds," he says. "Any house of worship is there to work alongside and partner with the community, not to be invisible. That's the conviction I brought with me to South Orange."

Richardson and his wife NaDeen

(a NJ native) are longtermers in South Orange. "We've sunk our teeth into this community and there's still a lot to be done," he says.

They've also raised three children, Deven, Kayla and the youngest, Jeremiah, still a sophomore at Columbia High.

Richardson says his greatest mentor was Dr. Leon Sullivan, a former pastor at the First Baptist Church of South Orange. Sullivan was a renowned civil rights leader and anti-Apartheid activist and Richardson talks of a local effort to memorialize his positive influence.

Terry Richardson is paying attention, in South Orange, in America and in the world. "To me, the word 'community' means everyone. Here, there and everywhere, all of us should pay attention to what's going on."

Free snow shoveling for S.O. seniors

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