

The South Orange Gaslight



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Teen driver decals now required



Heads up, teens and parents! As of May 1, all permit or probationary license holders under age 21 must display a special decal on the front and rear license plate of any vehicle they are driving. Available at all Motor Vehicle Agencies for \$4 a pair, the decals are easily affixed to the plates and easily removed when the GDL holder is not behind the wheel.

The new law requires that GDL drivers:

- May not be on the road between 11:01 p.m. and 5 a.m.
- May transport only one passenger in the vehicle. (Waived if accompanied by a parent or guardian or if transporting dependents.) All occupants must wear seat belts.
- May not use a cell phone (hand-held or hands-free), iPod, or other wireless electronic device. (Portable or built-in GPS systems and iPods connected directly to a vehicle's sound system are allowed, but teens should not adjust them while driving.)
- Must display a decal on the front and rear license plate.
- May not plea bargain any point-carrying offenses.

The penalty for not displaying the decal is a \$100 fine (no penalty points).

For those who obtained the GDL before May 1, there is no grandfathering. Any teen with a permit or provisional license must comply as of May 1.

The GDL holder does not have to be present to purchase the decals. They may be purchased by a parent, sibling or even a driving school instructor. ▲

Register for new community alert program

Looking for a better way to stay informed on Village public safety issues? Upcoming events? New ordinances?

C3 Alerts, the new Village communication system, has arrived. It replaces the former reverse 911 emergency notification system.

C3's primary purpose is to issue Village-wide emergency alerts and notifications. In addition, residents can opt to receive nonessential alerts, such as notices of upcoming health clinics and container days, or news about cultural events. Nonemergency notifications can be delivered via email, text message, phone, RSS feed, Facebook or Twitter.

To register for the free service, go to <https://my.c3alert.us/southorangenj/account/register>. (Note: normal charges will apply for incoming text messages you choose to receive). ▲

If you suspect a census scam ...

With the 2010 Census survey in progress, suspicions may arise about some individuals claiming to be census workers. A legitimate census worker will have appropriate ID and will not ask for your social security number, bank or credit card information.

If you suspect a scam, you can verify a worker's identify by calling the Census Bureau's northern New Jersey helpline, (212) 584-3400. Information is also available at www.census.gov. ▲

Firehouse re-dedication set for June 12

All Villagers are invited to a rededication of the South Orange Firehouse on Saturday, June 12 starting at 10 a.m. The renovated building and three new pieces of equipment will be blessed by multiple faith organizations. Also on hand will be Congressman Bill Pascrell, Senator Richard Codey, Assemblyman John McKeon and Assemblywoman Mila Jasey.

After the ceremony, residents will be able to tour the facility and check out the fire trucks and other major equipment.

The eight-year \$3.2 million renovation included a 3,100-square-foot addition with new office space, a training room and a new bay. Firefighters moved back into the building last summer after years of repeatedly moving equipment from inside to outside as dictated by construction.

The rededication coincides with "Celebrate South Orange," an all-day downtown event sponsored by Main Street South Orange.

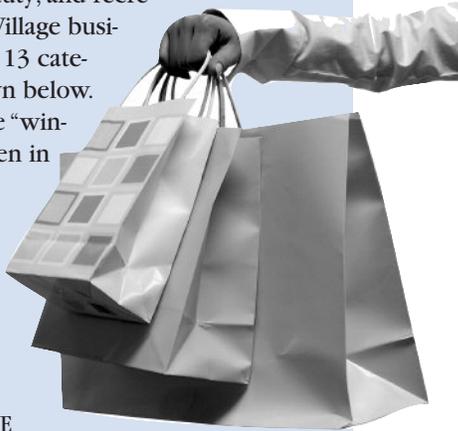
Among the officials at the rededication will be representatives of the New Jersey Historic Trust. The South Orange fire station is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Renovation did not alter the historic façade, thanks to a \$440,000 grant from NJHT. The grant was matched by the Village. ▲

NJ Monthly gives S.O. top shopping credits

Five South Orange businesses — Robyn Ross, Kitchen a la Mode, Sparkhouse Kids, Sonny's Bagels and Eden Marketplace — are among New Jersey's very best consumer goods providers, according to New Jersey Monthly magazine.

In April, the magazine surveyed 4,351 people for its "Best of Jersey 2010" feature. One dozen South Orange businesses have the stuff that state residents most want to buy and five of them (in blue) are top winners in their categories.

The survey covered 68 consumer categories organized under four headings: food and drink; shopping; health and beauty; and recreation. Twelve Village business placed in 13 categories as shown below. Note: Only one "winner" was chosen in each category, while there were multiple runners up.



Shopping

BRIDAL BOUTIQUE

Runner Up (1 of 7): Designer Loft West, 7 Sloan Street

CLOTHING BOUTIQUE/WOMEN'S

Winner: Robyn Ross
67 South Orange Avenue

JEWELRY

Runner Up (1 of 6): Robyn Ross
67 South Orange Avenue

KITCHENWARE

Winner: Kitchen a la Mode
19 South Orange Avenue

PET STORE

Runner Up (1 of 3): Pro Pets
154 Valley Street

TOY STORE

Winner: Sparkhouse Kids
15 Scotland Road

Food and Drink

BAGELS

Winner: Sonny's Bagels
123 South Orange Avenue

BREAD

Runner Up (1 of 5): Cait & Abby's Daily Bread Bakery
15 Sloan Street

BUTCHER

Runner Up (1 of 4): Eden Gourmet, 1 Sloan Street

DELI SANDWICH/ITALIAN

Runner Up (1 of 3): Town Hall Deli, 60 Valley Street

FRENCH FRIES

Runner Up (1 of 4): Stoney's
10 Sloan Street

GOURMET SHOP

Winner: Eden Marketplace
1 South Orange Avenue

Health and Beauty

EXERCISE STUDIO

Runner Up (1 of 3): South Mountain Yoga
9 Scotland Road

For complete survey results, go to: <http://njmonthly.com/articles/best-of-jersey/best-of-jersey-10.html>

Gardeners clamor for communal plots

It took just 10 days for Village gardeners to gobble up every plot in the South Orange Community Garden. Forty-nine lucky sowers will be there on May 1 with hoes and gardening gloves when the new communal garden opens its gates.

In the first 10 days of March, registrants clamored to pay a \$50 permit fee to grow ornamental and edible plants in a designated area in the Third Street Playground. The garden consists of 49 raised-bed-plots, each measuring 4 x 12 feet.

The newly formed nonprofit South Orange Community Garden Group runs the project and all gardeners are required to use approved organic gardening methods. The planting season is May 1 to Oct. 15, with operating hours from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

The garden is supported by gardener fees and a donation from the HK Community Fund. No taxpayer funds will be required. ▲

Bike auction on May 8

The Village will conduct a public auction of found and unclaimed bicycles on Saturday, May 8 at 9:30 a.m. at police headquarters, 201 South Orange Avenue. Interested buyers can preview the bicycles starting at 9 a.m. ▲



Commuter parking available

Resident commuter parking spaces are available immediately on a first-come first-served basis through the South Orange Parking Authority. The spaces are in two locations: Our Lady of Sorrows Church on Fourth and Academy streets, and Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel on Scotland Road. For more information, contact the Parking Authority office at (973) 378-7715, x2037.

It's the Law!

Stop for pedestrians in crosswalks

Effective April 1, motorists are required to stop and stay stopped for pedestrians in crosswalks. The new state law aims to reduce motor vehicle and pedestrian related crashes. Previously, motorists were required to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.

"We recognize that we cannot change everyone's behavior overnight; this will take sustained effort over a long period of time," said Division of Highway Traffic Safety Director Pam Fischer.

Motorists who violate the law could get a \$200 fine plus court costs, and two points on their license. They could also get 15 days of community service and insurance surcharges.

Pedestrians may be fined \$54 plus court costs for not using due care when crossing. The law requires pedestrians to obey pedestrian signals and use crosswalks at signalized intersections. Any pedestrian not crossing at a crosswalk or intersection must yield to traffic.

Since 2004, an average 150 pedestrians a year have been killed in traffic-related crashes on New Jersey roadways, and 30,000 pedestrians have been injured.

For more information, go to www.njsaferoads.com. ▲

Paws for a Cause!

Support your local animal lovers

Paws For A Cause, an outdoor event to support the all-volunteer nonprofit Jersey Animal Coalition, will be held in Maplewood Memorial Park on Sunday, May 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. In celebration of their 20 years of operation, the coalition offers parades, demonstrations, pet competitions, live music and local vendors. For more information, call the shelter at (973) 763-7322. ▲



PIERRO GALLERY OF SOUTH ORANGE

www.pierrogallery.org

‡ **Visual Alchemy: 8 African-American Artists explore the Spirit of Visual Narrative.** Artists express their visual journey of spirit and creativity while occupying a particular "skin." Guest Curator: Janet Pickett.

A panel discussion will be held May 4 at 7 p.m. with Rutgers Distinguished Service

Professor Dr. Clement Price as moderator.

Panelists will include world renowned artists Emma Amos and Kaaren Patterson. An artists' gallery talk will be held May 16 at 3 p.m.



Rutgers Professor Clement Price will moderate a "Visual Alchemy" panel discussion.



Among the artworks in Visual Alchemy are Bisa Butler's, "Our Own John Henry," above, and Barabara Bullock's "Mojo," below.



opening reception is on May 13, from 7 to 10 p.m. Meet the artists while enjoying Stoney's fine fare. The exhibition will run through June.

‡ **Art Encounters at The Baird** - A free drop-in arts workshop for ages 7 to adult will be offered Saturday, May 22 from noon to 3 p.m. Artist Natasha Mell-Taylor will offer a variety of art projects, allowing family members and solo participants to interact and explore.

‡ **SOMA Artist's Studio Tour** - Visit the studios and exhibition spaces of more than 60 Maplewood and South Orange artists on Sunday, June 6, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sixth annual tour is a celebration of the two towns' vibrant art community. New this year will be shuttle buses looping both towns. Advance tickets are \$7, and \$10 on tour day. Get ticket information and an artist preview at www.studiotoursoma.org.

JAZZ AT THE BAIRD

Yotam Silberstein with John Lee

Israeli guitarist Yotam Silberstein is considered a young lion of jazz and frequently appears with some of the biggest names in the biz. His 8 p.m. performance on Saturday, May 22 will be the premier release of his newest CD. Silberstein will share the stage with South Orange's own John Lee in a casual café setting with coffee, cake and an opportunity to chat with the stars. Advance tickets \$15; \$20 at door.



SUMMER ARTS CLASSES

This summer's cultural arts classes include: Rhythm Sticks for infant to age four, Silk-Screen Printmaking (high school), Painting (high school), Photography: Nuts and Bolts I and II (high school and adults).

FURLOUGH DAYS

The Baird will be closed Friday, May 28 and Friday, June 11.

PENNY PRETZEL PLAYHOUSE

www.pennypretzelplayhouse.com/2009-2010.html • (973) 378-7754, x3

Award-winning puppeteer Hobey Ford presents "World Tales" on Saturday, May 22 at 2 p.m., a program for children and parents. Hobey adapts folk tales from a variety of cultures using his own voice to create characters and sound effects, tell stories and sing. Hobey is the recipient of a UNIMA Citation of Excellence, puppetry's highest honor. His intricate shadow puppetry and original rod puppets, the "Foamies," have earned him a place on stages across the world. Tickets are \$9. Call for reservations.

DREAMCATCHER REPERATORY THEATER

www.dreamcatcherrep.org • 973-378-7754, x2228

■ Meet the Artist new-play readings will be offered May 5 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Avenue in Summit. Catch "Jose Antigo" by Robert Cartwright on May 5; "The Neighborhood" by Laura Ekstrand on May 19. Hear the plays read by a professional cast, then participate in a discussion with the actors, director and playwright. Your feedback fosters the development process.

■ Enrollment in Dreamcatcher's Summer Theatre Conservatory has begun. Classes in acting technique, improvisation, voice and dance will run July 5 to 31, building to a student created and performed show. Participants ages 10 to 13 and 14 to 17 can attend up to four weeks of classes. Sessions are held Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The teachers are theater professionals who provide individual attention and feedback. Costs range from \$250 for one week to \$800 for four weeks. Limited scholarships are available. The enrollment deadline is June 1. Call for more information.

Let's talk race relations, on a personal level

"Some of my best friends are _____."

Fill in that blank with a race category and it may hint at a personal challenge in relationships with people of other races. The South Orange Maplewood Community Coalition on Race will explore mixed-race relations at the annual "Conversations on Race" forum, Wednesday, *May 5*, at 7 p.m. at Columbia High Cafeteria. Dramatizations by professional actors will launch small group discussions. The event aims "to increase multiracial competence in our community and clear the way for establishing strong relationships that cross race," said Program Director Audrey Rowe. For details, visit www.twotowns.org or call (973) 761-6116, x6.

Good cooking news for childhood obesity

A free healthy cooking seminar, "Childhood Obesity," will be presented by the South Orange Department of Health and Giorgio's Ristorante on Monday, *May 10*, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Giorgio's, 52 Vose Avenue. Space is limited and early registration is recommended. Call the Department of Health at (973) 378-7715 x7710.

Two Towns VIPs in basketball contest

Call it the Battle of the Boards. The Village Trustees and the Maplewood Township Committee will face off in the first-ever basketball free-throw contest on *May 14*. Cheer for your reps, then gather at YouthNet coffee house for good food and music by Columbia High musicians. All proceeds will benefit YouthNet, a nonprofit serving the local teen community. The event runs from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at The Baird. Admission is \$3 for students, \$7 for adults. For information, e-mail youthnet2009@yahoo.com.

Community Coalition holds theater benefit

The 2009 Fringe Festival winning docu-drama, "Singin' Wid A Sword in Ma Han," will be shown Sunday,

May 16 at 4 p.m., at Oheb Shalom Congregation, 170 Scotland Road in South Orange. A pre-show reception will feature a mix of underground railroad, kosher wine and cheese, and gospel — all presented in a synagogue to embrace the night's theme of "familiar faces in uncommon places." Donations are \$75 for couples, \$45 for individuals, and children under 12 free (with adult). For tickets, call (973) 761-6116, x6. Leave your name and number to reserve.

S.O. Symphony performs May 22



Pianist Sungpil Kim

The final performance of The South Orange Symphony's 61st season will take place Saturday, *May 22* at 8 p.m. at South Orange Middle School. Pianist Sungpil

Kim, the 2009 Keyboard Artist Competition winner, will perform Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 1. The Symphony, under Director Robert Helmacy, will also perform Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5. Admission is free.

SOMEF plans "A Night on the Towns"

"A Night on the Towns," a salute to the performing arts at Columbia High School, will be held Sunday, *May 23*, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the South Orange-Maplewood Education Foundation. The event launches a fundraising campaign to restore the CHS auditorium.

A musical revue, "Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance, Gotta Give," begins at 7:30 p.m. at CHS. Christine Ebersole, Andre Braugher, Suzzane Douglass and Lydia Johnson Dance headline a cast of local performers. Sharing the stage will be talent from Columbia's past, present and future. Bethany Pettigrew and Tricia Benn are directing the show.

Tickets for the revue and a post-show dessert reception sponsored by the CHS Music Parents' Association, are \$75 (preferred seats), \$50 (stan-

dard seats), and \$25 (students with valid ID).

Before the show, at 5 p.m., Patricia Bell will host a cocktail event at her Montrose Park home. Enjoy catering by David Ellis Events as well as Bell's extensive art collection.

For reservations and information, go to www.somef.org, call (973) 378-2055, or e-mail info@somef.org.

Downtown concerts going on now

Live music in two downtown locations is being provided on Friday and Saturday nights *now through July 31*. Main Street South Orange and South Orange Village are providing the Downtown After Sundown concert series from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., at Spiotta Park and the corner of Sloan Street and South Orange Avenue. Grab some take-out food and a blanket and enjoy the sweet sounds.

All shows will be staged depending on the weather. For information, merchant specials and an artist listing, visit www.MainStreetSouthOrange.org

It's coming! Celebrate South Orange

On Saturday, *June 12*, Main Street South Orange will host the fourth annual "Celebrate South Orange," a festival of all that's great about our community. Highlights will include:

- Homegrown talent: music, dance and special performances on the main stage.
- A Sloppy Joe eating contest.
- An auction of Celebrate South Orange poster art, to benefit downtown beautification.
- MSSO's signature Community Supper, a feast prepared by downtown restaurants.
- Shop owners will run special promotions and local artists will show jewelry and crafts.
- The Kids Zone will offer a bounce house, games, arts and crafts, and prizes.

For more information, check out www.CelebrateSouthOrange.org.



What are your kids doing this summer?

More than 100 classes in creative arts, music and sports are offered to kids in grades 1 to 12 through the Community Summer Program, June 28 to July 23 at South Orange Middle School.

Specialty classes include a musical theater camp, TV production, and science workshops such as rocket robotics, lasers and galaxies.

For high school students, filmmaking and clay animation are taught by award-winning filmmaker and CHS teacher Boris Gavrilovic.

The music program provides daily group instruction in percussion, guitar, strings, keyboard, woodwinds and brass.

The sports camp offers co-ed baseball, fencing, track and field, soccer, gymnastics, boys basketball, and boys and girls lacrosse. Morning sports camps run in four one-week sessions.

Campers may choose individual classes or full-day enrollment. Before- and after-care is available. For details, call (973) 378-7620 or visit www.somadultschool.org.

On Stage at SOPAC

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- May 1, 8 p.m.; May 2, 3 p.m. — Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company, \$35/\$25 on Saturday, \$20 on Sunday.
- May 16, 3 p.m. — Julliard @ SOPAC, classical cello and piano, \$15/\$12/\$10.
- June 3 — WBGO Radio and Jazz House Kids host the third annual High School Band Super Masterclass. Details at www.jazzhousekids.org. Register before May 19.
- June 4, 8 p.m. — An evening with Loudon Wainwright III, Grammy-winning songwriter and storyteller, \$35/\$28.
- June 12, 8 p.m. — Lydia Johnson Dance, 10th anniversary performance, \$35/\$25.
- June 27, 7 p.m. — An evening with Marc Broussard, Louisiana soul troubadour, \$48/\$38.

Public Works Services

300 Walton Avenue • (973) 378-7741

Recycling Center Hours

Open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Closed Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Saturday Container Days

*May 22, June 26, July 24,
Aug. 21 and Sept. 25*

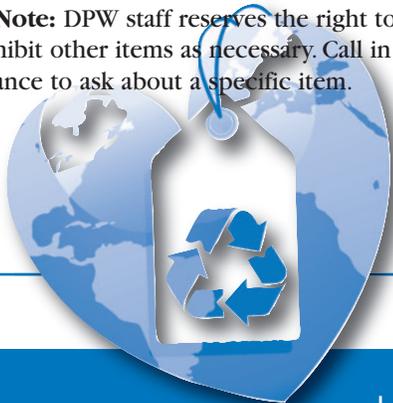
DPW Yard, 300 Walton Avenue
8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
(no arrivals after 1:30 p.m.)

Disposal containers are provided on site. To enter, two proofs of residency are required. 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.

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/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.



Electronic Recycling

Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon

- May 15, Maplewood
- June 19, South Orange
- July 24, Maplewood
- Sept. 4, South Orange
- Oct. 16, Maplewood
- Dec. 4, South Orange

Drop off at the Public Works Yard in South Orange or the Maplewood Recycling Center as indicated below. Proof of residency is required.

Thursday/Friday Alternative

If circumstances prevent your drop-off on a Saturday, you may drop off the Thursday before in South Orange. Call first, (973) 378-7741. In Maplewood, early drop off is on Friday from 2 to 4 p.m.

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 are not permitted.
- Electronics cannot be picked up by appointment.

ESSEX COUNTY DISPOSAL PROGRAMS

Fleet Maintenance Garage
99 West Bradford Avenue, Cedar Grove
(973) 226-8500, x222

Electronics Disposal Day

Saturday, May 15 • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Permitted - Computer CPUs and monitors, printers, keyboards, mainframes, fax machines, scanners, telecommunications equipment, speakers, TVs, VCRs, stereos, DVD players, toasters, toaster ovens, irons, cell phones and fluorescent light bulbs.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

Saturday, May 1 • 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Free to all Essex County residents with proof of residency. Not open to commercial or industrial companies. Watch for flyers and news articles from the county.

When your sewer backs up

If you experience a sewer backup in your home, you may not need a plumber. During regular business hours call the South Orange Public Works Department at (973) 378-7741. On weekends or after business hours, call the police non-emergency number, (973) 378-7772.

Sewer backups are often caused by misuse of the sewer system. Don't flush disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons or paper towels. And don't discard coffee grinds or grease down the sink.

Metal Drop-Off

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon.

Spring Clean-Up, Branches and Leaves

May 17 is the last day to put out bagged leaves and bundled branches.

Branch Pickup Appointments

From June 1 through Sept. 1, residents may call the DPW office, 973-378-7741, to schedule a branch pickup.

Five Montrose Park homes on May 15 tour



Five houses in South Orange's leafy Montrose Park will be open for public tours on Saturday, May 15 for the annual "Montrose in May Historic House Tour."

Homeowners will open their doors to showcase the hard work and meticulous restorations that "contribute to the integrity and historic significance of Montrose Park," said Jim Ankner, president of the Montrose Park Historic District Association.

The district features approximately 550 homes built in classic 19th- and early-20th-century architectural styles, including Victorian, Colonial Revival, Queen Anne, Tudor and Shingle.

The homes will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Some homes will provide musical entertainment. The tour is self-guided. Visitors may walk or take complimentary Village jitneys.

Ticket sales begin May 1. The cost is \$30 online or at designated retail outlets in South Orange and Maplewood. On tour day, the cost increases to \$35.

All visitors must register at Mountain Station (corner of Montrose and Vose avenues) to pick up tickets, the tour brochure and map.

Funds raised through Montrose in May contribute to the continued beautification and preservation of the district.

For more information, visit www.MontroseParkSONJ.org, or call (973) 763-1880. ▲

152 Charlton Avenue is one of the five houses on this year's Montrose in May Historic House Tour.

All residents are asked to be aware of gas lamp operations in the Village. Three glowing mantles should be visible at all times and globes should be clean and clear. If you see a lamp that isn't providing maximum illumination, please contact PSE&G. The easiest way to report is on the Village website, under the "Easy Access" menu on the main page.

Library Events

(973) 762-0230 • www.sopl.org

Books and bicycles?

Book and bicycles go together on Saturday, May 15, when the Friends of the South Orange Library hold their annual book sale. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., buy great books at great prices while benefitting the library. And! Celebrate "Bike to Work Week" with the South Orange Maplewood Bicycle Coalition (see page 7). The library will partner with the coalition on four special events:

- May 15 - Bike to the book sale, 1 and 3 p.m. Attend a drop-in bike workshop.
- May 19, 1 p.m. - "It's All About the Journey," a writing workshop.
- May 20, 7 p.m. - "The Bicycle Thief," 1950 Oscar nominee.
- May 21, 1 p.m. - "Breaking Away," 1979 Oscar winner.

Moviegoers may bring a brown bag lunch or dinner to the films.

Lecture Series

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

- May 6 - "Good Mother, Bad Mother," with Caldwell College sociology professor Rosann Bar.
- May 13 - "Stealing Water: Our Biggest Global Problem," with Drew University anthropology professor Maria Macucci.
- May 20 - Spring Symposium, musical entertainment and refreshments.
- May 27 - "Racism in the Movies: America and Germany," with Seton Hall history professor Larry Greene.
- June 10 - "Poetry and Poets In Their Own Words," with Seton Hall English professor John Wargacki.
- June 24 - "Recent Court Decisions," with Judge Alvin Weiss.

Adult Programs

- S. O. Book Review Group - May 17, 7:30 p.m., "Tenth Gift," by Jane Johnson. June 28, 7:30 p.m., "Olive Kitteridge," short stories by Elizabeth Strout.
- Knitting Workshop with professional knitter Nan Samons. May 17, noon to 1 p.m.
- Writing Our Stories - May 5,

19, June 2, 16, and 30 at 1 p.m. No experience necessary. Bring pen, paper and great ideas.

- Wednesday at the Movies - May 12 and 26, June 9 and 23, at 1 p.m.

Young Filmmakers Fest

The winning works of high school and college students will be featured in this collaborative project of the Thomas A. Edison Media Arts Consortium, New Jersey City University and New Jersey Institute of Technology. Selected films will be shown June 17 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Children's Programs

- Tuesdays - Toddlers (with adult), 11 a.m., stories and craft.
- Chess & Board Games, 3:30 p.m., all ages.
- Wednesdays - Books & Babies (with adult), 10 a.m.
- First Thursday, Ms. Marilyn, songs and stories, 10 a.m.
- Second Thursday, Dusty & Lucky, banjo music, 10 a.m.
- Fridays, Seton Stories, with craft, 10 a.m.
- May 7 and June 11, Homeschool Drop-In, 11 a.m.
- May 8, Drop-In Crafts, 11 a.m.
- Summer reading sign-up begins June 16. Opening day celebration June 21. Activities 2-7 p.m. Operation Runway 3 p.m. Evening entertainment 7 p.m. ▲

Thanks, Teacher!

This June, give the end-of-the-year teacher gift that gives back. For a donation of \$5 or more, you can send "Honor Your Teacher and Staff" tribute cards imprinted with your child's personal message to staff members of your choosing. The South Orange-Maplewood Education Foundation will deliver your cards to designated recipients at the end of the school year. Proceeds will support grants for teachers' special classroom projects next year. Order forms are available at www.somef.org, or call (973) 378-2055 to receive one by mail. Send the completed form with check to SOMEF, P.O. Box 84, Maplewood, NJ, 07040, by June 1. ▲



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At the Village Apartments, you get the best of both worlds. You live in a community of people like yourself and you're in the heart of a bustling community. In addition to spacious apartments at moderate cost, seniors at the Village Apartments in South Orange live within walking distances of the market, SOPAC, park, library, restaurants and medical offices.

Village Apartments of the Jewish Federation
For Independent Seniors



- Medical professionals
- Live-in super
- Transportation
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It's 'Bike to Work Week' - May 15-21

The South Orange/Maplewood Bicycle Coalition plans a week's worth of bicycling events for the whole family from May 15 to 21.

■ **Saturday, May 15,** 10 a.m. to noon - "Tweed Ride." Meet at the Mountain Station parking lot. Dress in your favorite tweed jacket, vest, pants or hat for a ride that takes in the annual Montrose Historic House Tour, happening the same day.

■ **Saturday, May 15,** 1-3 p.m. - "Bike Clinic." Bike pro Tom Reingold will prepare bikes for summer riding. At South Orange Public Library

parking lot.

■ **Sunday, May 16** - Village President Doug Newman and Maplewood Deputy Mayor Fred Profeta lead a group through both towns.

■ **Monday, May 17** - South Orange Trustees ride to a Village Hall meeting.

■ **Tuesday, May 18** - Maplewood Town Committee members ride to Town Hall.

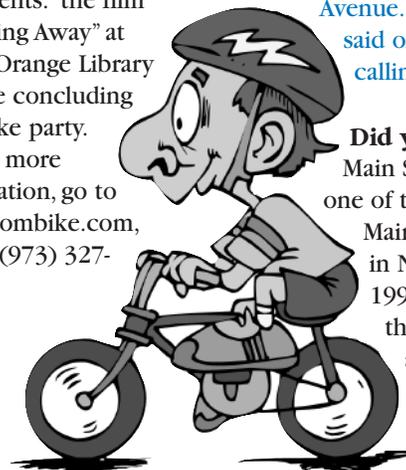
■ **Wednesday, May 19** - Commuters in both towns ride to train stations. Prizes will be given to bike commuters. Additional bike parking will be provided at each station.

■ **Thursday, May 20** - Ride your bike to the office or train,

or ride to town for errands. South Orange Public Library will show the film "The Bicycle Thief."

■ **Friday, May 21** - Enjoy two events: the film "Breaking Away" at South Orange Library and the concluding SOMbike party.

For more information, go to www.sombike.com, or call (973) 327-4849.



Welcome to **Metro PCS**, a cell phone company that opened in mid-April at 136 South Orange

Avenue. Owner Khaled Atiyat said offers tele-phones and calling plans.

Did you know?

Main Street South Orange is one of the longest-operating Main Street organizations in New Jersey. Started in 1991, it aims to improve the economy, appearance and image of the central business district.

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SUMMER SPORTS

Middle School Basketball

Monday middle school games begin May 3, from 7 to 9 p.m., on the outdoor courts. For South Orange and Maplewood middle school students only, with adult supervision. Student identification (such as a report card) is required.

Adult Basketball

Pick-up games start May 6, from 6 to 9 p.m., on the outdoor courts, for South Orange and Maplewood adults age 30 and older. Resident ID required.

Cougar Baseball Camps

Cougar Baseball Camp directed by coaches Larry Busichio and Chris Henry will be offered in two 5-day sessions, the weeks of July 12 and July 19. Children ages 7 to 14 will focus on baseball fundamentals: throwing, fielding, base-running, hitting, catching, and pitching. Details and registration online. Fee: \$290/week.

Multi-Sports Camps

The U.S. Sports Institute multi-sports camp will be in Meadowland Park June 21 to 25 and Aug. 16 to 20. Details and registration information at www.USSportsInstitute.com. Camps are offered for three age groups:

- Sport Squirts Camp, ages 3 to 5, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Covers soccer, t-ball, basketball, lacrosse and hockey.
- Ages 5-7 - Half-day camp, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. More than 10 sports in one week.

- Ages 7-14 - Full-day camp, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Many sports and daily challenges.

Beginner Golf

The U.S. Sports Institute will hold beginner golf clinics for boys and girls, Aug. 23 to 27. Ages 5 to 7, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Ages 8 to 11, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Details and registration at www.USSportsInstitute.com

Soccer, Grades 3-8

The South Mountain Soccer program is for South Orange and Maplewood children in grades 3 through 8, all skill levels. The 10-week session includes professional training one day a week and a game each weekend. No tryouts. Fee: \$175. Registration starts June 1.

Adult Soccer

South Orange and Maplewood adults meet for informal soccer games at New Waterlands Park on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. Rule modifications accommodate a range of fitness, age and skill. Maintain conditioning, improve skills and have fun. Fee: \$35. Registration starts June 1.

SPECIAL RECREATION PROGRAMS

Renew Your Recreation ID Badge Now!

The pool opens Saturday, June 19. Avoid the long lines and purchase your 2010 South Orange Recreation Department ID badge now. Badges are issued at The Baird from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, and 9

a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday to Sunday. Two proofs of residency are required. New or updated badges are \$30 per person, maximum \$120 per family. Details online.

Pool Day, June 25

Never been to the community pool? All Villagers are invited to visit the pool on Friday, June 25 to "test the waters." A Recreation ID is not required, but proof of South Orange residency IS required. Adults must accompany children.

July 4th Events

Fourth of July fun and festivities will take place at the community pool. Details available in June at the pool and The Baird.

Preschool At The Baird

Limited openings remain for the 2010-2011 Baird Preschool, a state licensed program for South Orange and Maplewood children ages 2 ½ to 5 (as of Oct. 1, 2010). Details and registration online.

Playground Program

Limited openings are available in the Summer Playground Program, grades K-8, South Orange residents only. Dates for the half-day, seven-week camp are June 28 to Aug. 13. Children meet daily in age/grade groups, enjoying games, sports, music, dance, art, swimming, special events and field trips, plus self-directed play under counselor supervision.

Summer Helpers Needed

The Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs hires seasonal staff to work in the office, at the pool and as summer camp counselors. Applications at The Baird.