

# The South Orange Gaslight



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## Adam Loehner joins Village staff as new Deputy Administrator

South Orange welcomes Adam D. Loehner, a long-time manager at Seton Hall University, as the new Deputy Village Administrator, taking the lead on many daily operations and long-term planning projects. He started on April 15.



Village's public information officer, overseeing communications, the website and social media platforms. He'll work closely with the new Public Information and Marketing Committee, on which he formerly served as Seton Hall's representative.

Loehner most recently served as Seton Hall's community relations director in the Office of Government Relations, where he developed relationships with surrounding communities, organizations and residents. He also helped secure funding through federal grants and contracts.

He held prior positions in SHU government relations, public relations and student affairs.

Loehner is a Seton Hall graduate with a bachelor's in political science and a master's in corporate and public communications.

In the 10 years he has lived in South Orange, Loehner has been actively involved in the Business and Recruitment Committee of the South Orange Village Alliance. He also led the planning of the 10th anniversary 9/11 event sponsored by the Village, and he has taken active roles in many Seton Hall/ South Orange collaborations and events.

Loehner's deep community roots and interaction with Village Hall will allow him to make an immediate impact on Village operations. He fills a vacancy created by a recent resignation.

Loehner will serve as the

In addition, he will manage grants and liaise with the Village President, Village Administrator and department heads on daily operations, budgeting, long-term planning, and project management.

Stop by Village Hall to meet Adam or, if you already know him, please welcome him to his new role in our community. ▲

## Bravo Tom Michetti! 40 Years of Service to the Village



He started as a DPW laborer back in January 1973 and by 2012, Tom Michetti was appointed director — top job in

the South Orange Department of Public Works. Michetti's hard work and extraordinary spirit of cooperation have served the Village well for four decades. Please join the Village staff in expressing gratitude and appreciation to a highly dedicated public employee. ▲

## Municipal Election May 14

Seven candidates will compete for three Village Trustee positions in the municipal election on Tuesday, May 14. The winners will serve four-year terms.

The candidates are Joseph John Kika, Geraldine Mehu, Kelly M. Sullivan, Sheena Collum, Stephen Schnall, Walter Clarke and Robert Sandow.

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Polling locations are listed on the Village website. For more information, contact the Village Clerk's Office at [clerk@southorange.org](mailto:clerk@southorange.org) or (973) 378-7715 x1. ▲

## Five free outdoor concerts

## this summer!

Five outdoor concerts are planned this summer at Floods Hill in Meadowland Park.

The free performances, ranging from jazz, pop, folk and blues to country and rock 'n roll, will be brought to you by the South Orange Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

The musical line-up is still in the works, but mark your calendar for these five Wednesdays: July 10, 17, 24, 31 and Aug. 7. All shows will start at 7:30 p.m. Bring family and friends and don't forget chairs and blankets. Dancing will be encouraged!

## Shinell Smith appointed Deputy Village Clerk

Shinell Smith, former deputy clerk and acting clerk for the City of Orange, has been appointed as South Orange Deputy Clerk, filling a vacancy created by a recent resignation. Smith will work with Village Clerk Robin Kline in all departmental functions. She recently completed coursework for her municipal clerk certification and will soon sit for the state examination. She is also working toward her registrar certification. ▲



## CHS Robotics competes in World Championships

The Columbia High School Robotics team participated in the FTC World Championship in St. Louis, Missouri, April 24-27 (as the Gaslight was being printing).

The team previously captured the New Jersey State Championship on March 10 at NJIT, in a three-way win for Columbia's Varsity Team, Columbia's Junior Varsity Team and North Brunswick.

"This was the first time in New Jersey history that a single high school had two teams share the state championship," said club advisor Allan Tumolillo.

The April trip to St. Louis was varsity's second time in the World Championship; in 2011 CHS came in second in the world. ▲

## Be ready for tomorrow's disaster

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

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

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

## Momagama has arrived!

Five hundred members and 850 Facebook fans have already discovered Momagama, the new website launched by Villager Nidhi Tomar.

"It's a collaborative space for moms to connect, share, write, read and socialize," said Tomar.

The umbrella of mom groups includes a Single Moms Network and Same Sex Moms. For more information, check out [www.momagama.com](http://www.momagama.com). ▲

## S.O. commuters get restored NJT schedule

South Orange commuters got some relief in March when two stops were eliminated on the 6:19 train from Penn Station. Trains began reaching South Orange faster.

Commuters had been frustrated with schedule changes made last fall, resulting in fewer express train stops in the Village. New Jersey Transit ultimately reacted to the outcry by eliminating Newark and Seacaucus stops.

Township officials had been dismayed by the Oct. 14 changes because South Orange is among the state's top three stations for ridership.

In December, the Village formally asked NJT for restoration of the pre-Oct. 14 schedule, noting the "negative impact to quality of life, property values and business productivity" caused by the schedule changes.

The Village also formed a NJ Transit Advisory Committee that will continue to work with NJT on issues such as on-train crowding and improvements to the Sloan Street station. ▲

## BiZ BUZZ

## Announcing new Village Center businesses!

■ **CMB Kicks**, 77 South Orange Avenue. CMB is the "collaboration of Michael and Brett" (co-owners Brett Ermeus and Michael Gillard) who offer stylish, urban footwear for the whole family. CMB originated as an e-commerce business selling collectible sneakers online.

■ **Exxon**, 68 West South Orange Avenue. Residents have long awaited the re-opening of this gas station now owned by Garabet "Gary" Diratsaoglu.

■ **Indulgence Day Spa**, 61 South Orange Avenue. Co-owners Joye Foust and Patrice Hairston offer massage, facials, manicures and pedicures. They carry top line beauty products such as "Butter" nail polish from London in the latest trendy colors.

■ **Splurge**, 251 Irvington Avenue. Owners Mitchell and Barbara Burgess serve sandwiches, wraps, burgers and more. ▲

## Villager wins national award

Congratulations to Villager Christiane Gabriel, a recent recipient of the YMCA National Black Achievers in Industry Award. The honor recognizes African-Americans in business who have provided inspiration, motivation and hope for youths and young adults.

Gabriel is a manager in the labor and wage department of Con Edison, where she leads a team of specialists who review internal labor matters, and she represents the company at labor hearings.

She belongs to the National Association of Professional Women. ▲

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# Happenings

## S.O. Symphony performs May 18



Violinist IhnSeon Park, winner of the South Orange Symphony's 2012 Artist

Competition, will perform at the symphony's May 18 concert. Conductor Robert Helmacy will lead the 8 p.m. performance at South Orange Middle School. Park will perform Dvorak's Violin Concerto, and the orchestra will perform Verdi's overture to "La Forza del Destino" and Schumann's Symphony No. 3. Admission is free.

## On Stage at SOPAC

SOPACnow.org  
(973) 275-1114

- May 11, 11 a.m. - Bari Koral Family Rock Band, \$11-\$16.
- May 11, 8 p.m. - Steve Earle and The Dukes, new country, \$37-\$65.
- May 12, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. - Golden Dragon Acrobats, \$25-\$40.
- May 17, 8 p.m. - Lustig Dance Theatre, \$10-\$25.
- May 18, 7 p.m. - Youth Orchestra of Essex Co., \$5-\$15.
- May 19, 7 p.m. - Midtown Direct Rep, "Imaginary Love," \$15.
- May 31, 8 p.m. - Toots & The Maytals, acoustic reggae, \$33-\$50.
- June 18, 7:30 p.m. - Son Volt, alt country, \$20-\$35.
- June 21, 8 p.m. - Get the Led Out, the American Led Zeppelin, \$30-\$50.
- June 29, 11 a.m. - Dan Zanes, social music for families, \$16-\$38.

## 'Primal Convergence' at SOPAC

An exhibit of paintings, drawings and constructs by three New Jersey-based artists — Gerard Amsellem, Mikel Frank, and Dan Fenelon — will be displayed at SOPAC's Herb & Milly Iris Gallery until July 31. The works exude a sense of the sacred and supernatural, eliciting meditation of mind, body and spirit. All artwork is for sale with partial proceeds supporting SOPAC.

## Adult School presents "Issues in the News"

The annual Eva Samo lecture series, sponsored by the South Orange Maplewood Adult School, is now under way at Columbia High School's Black Box Theater. Three talks remain in the series:

- *Issues in National Securities and Terrorism*, with Karen J. Greenberg, Director of the Center on National Security

at Fordham University."

- *The Latest on Healthcare*, with Diane Archer, attorney, healthcare authority and consumer advocate who founded the Medicare Rights Center in 1989.

- *What's Next in Tax Policy*, Rosanne Altshuler, economics professor at Rutgers University.

All lectures start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18. Register at [www.somadulthoodschool.org](http://www.somadulthoodschool.org) (go to "Catalog," then "Active Mind") or call (973) 378-7620.

## Community Coalition

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

### ■ How Are We Doing?

Get the latest national update on integration in the suburbs and discuss the pros and cons of Coalition work. The conversation takes place May 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Morrow Memorial United Methodist Church, 600 Ridgewood Road in Maplewood.

### ■ Fundraiser at Bunny's

Enjoy live music, dance and

sips with friends at Bunny's, 12-14 West South Orange Avenue, on June 15 at 8 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Coalition.

## Healthy cooking talk and demo at Giorgio's



The South Orange Department of Health and Saint Barnabas Medical Center Community Affairs will present a free healthy cooking seminar, "Obesity," on Wednesday, May 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. The presentation and cooking demonstration will be held at Giorgio's Ristorante, at 52 Vose Avenue in South Orange. Space is limited and the registration deadline is May 3.

To sign up, call the Health Department (973) 378-7715, x7710. ▲

## Tour seven stately S.O. homes

### Gems of South Orange House Tour - May 18

The South Orange Historical and Preservation Society will hold its bi-annual "Gems of South Orange" house tour on Saturday, May 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The self-guided tour includes seven houses in neighborhoods throughout South Orange, except for Montrose Park Historic District, where a separate tour is held in years between the Gems tours.

Tour sites are selected on the basis of architectural interest, landscaping and significance to specific eras in Village history.

The houses can be visited in any order and jitney service will be available for those who prefer not to drive. Food vendors, musicians and artists will appear at the various sites to add interest to the day.

The 2011 Gems tour attracted more than 350 people, and organizers are expecting a similar crowd this year.

Tickets are on sale now at [www.sohps.org](http://www.sohps.org). Details about the houses and their locations will be released the day of the tour. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 on tour day. Tickets can be picked up on event day at The South Orange Performing Arts Center, this year's launch spot. Brochures and maps will be given out with the tickets starting at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, contact SOHPS President Karen Marlowe at (973) 762-2310 and [info@sohps.org](mailto:info@sohps.org). ▲



One of the homes on this year's tour.

# Put Your Garbage TO WORK

Home composting is a sustainable approach to reducing your hauled garbage by separating out organic materials for *nature* to process. All you need is a bin in your kitchen for temporarily holding organic scraps, and a few square feet of outdoor space to turn organic garbage into *compost*. Coffee grinds, orange peels, and that wilted lettuce in the back of the fridge, can all be put to work to make next year's yard, and your lifestyle, a little greener.



## What is Composting?

Composting is a natural process where organic materials like grass clippings, leaves, and kitchen scraps decompose into a dark, crumbly, soil conditioner known as "compost". It is natural recycling that contributes to healthy plant growth by providing plants with nutrients.

## Why Should I Compost?

Home composting allows you to manage kitchen and yard waste on your own property by turning it into a useful end product.

### Saves money

- Reduces food waste
- Reduces fertilizer & water use
- Reduces the volume of garbage going to landfills, transfer stations and incinerators

### Benefits your soil and plants

- Promotes soil structure and fertility, stimulates healthy root development
- Increases aeration and water retention
- Aids in erosion control

## How Do I Compost?

First choose a spot outdoors that receives sun and shade. Next choose what to compost in. Compost can be made in open piles, fenced in areas, or a compost bin (the neatest option). Start by putting leaves, grass clippings, and your organic household waste into your compost bin with some soil. If you regularly aerate the pile by turning it over, the process will happen more quickly. If you want to leave it alone and let "nature take its course" decomposition will eventually happen without you lifting a finger. There are loads of "recipes" and resources online to help get you started.

### Do compost

- Vegetable & fruit food scraps
- Egg, peanut, & nut shells
- Grass clippings & leaves
- Flowers & weeds
- Sawdust & wood ash
- Chopped twigs & branches
- Coffee grounds w/filters

### Don't compost

- Meat scraps, fat, or bones
- Fish or dairy products
- Diseased or insect infested plants
- Weeds with seeds
- Dog & cat feces
- Grease or soap

## Uses for Compost

**Mulch** Spread compost around flower and vegetable plantings, trees, shrubs, and on exposed slopes. This will smother weeds, keep plant roots moist, and prevent soil erosion.

**Soil Conditioner** Mix 1-3 inches of compost into vegetable and flower beds before planting. This returns organic matter to the soil in a usable form.

**Potting Mix** Make your own mix by using equal parts of compost and sand or soil. Make sure compost is fully decomposed and screened.

**Compost Tea** Compost tea is made by steeping compost in water. It can be used as a nutrient boost for plants indoors and out by spraying directly on leaves or drenching their soil.

## For More Information

Learn more about composting from the links below. Compost bins can be purchased online and at yard & garden or hardware stores.

Reach us at [environmentalcommission@hotmail.com](mailto:environmentalcommission@hotmail.com).

<http://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/>

<http://www.compostjunkie.com>

<http://www.recyclingnj.com/recycle/garden/composting.html>

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## South Orange Library Events

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

### Innovations in English language instruction have arrived

• **“The American Dream Starts @ Your Library.”** A new grant provided by the American Library Association and Dollar General allows Literacy Volunteers of America (Essex County) to train local volunteer tutors who hold mediated weekly English conversation groups and one-on-one tutoring.

• **Mango Languages**, self-paced lessons in conversational skills, are now available on the library's website. Instruction is offered in more than 30 foreign languages and 15 English-as-a-second-language courses.

#### ■ Recurring Events

• Book Review Group – May 20, “Snake Stone,” by Jason Goodwin. June 24, “Defending Jacob,” by Bill Landay. Both sessions at 7:30 p.m.

• Knitting Workshop – May 20, at noon.

• Wednesday Movies, 1 p.m. – May 8, “Lincoln.” May 22, “Les Misérables.” June 5, “Parental Guidance.” June 19, “Life of Pi.”

#### ■ Hey, Baseball Lovers!

Author Allen Barra will speak about his latest book, “Mickey and Willie, Mantle and Mays: The Parallel Lives of Baseball’s Golden Age,” May 28 at 7:30 p.m.

#### ■ Discussion Group

*Thursdays, 1 p.m.*

• May 2 – Budd Mishkin, host of NY1 News, presents a talk and video on prominent New Yorkers.

• May 9 – Rosann Bar, Caldwell College professor, “Helicopter Moms.”

• May 16 – Spring Symposium, lunch and entertainment at The Baird. Registration required.

• June 13 – James Kimble, Seton Hall professor, “Bijits, Whammies, and Widgets: The Invasions of Gremlins on the U.S. Home Front, 1942–1943.”

• June 27 – a performance by pianist Young Woong Cho.

#### ■ Children’s Room

• LEGO Club - ages 5 and older May 13, 27, June 10, 24, 3:45 p.m.

• Toddler Storytime, ages 3 and older, May 7, 14, June 25, 11 a.m.

• Baby Storytime, newborn to 2 ½ with adult, May 8, 15, June 26, 10 a.m.

• Book Bunch, May 8, ages 9 and older.

• Good Tymes String Band, May 9, 11 a.m.

• Music with Friends, May 23, 11 a.m.

• Fab Fridays, ages 4 and older, May 3, 17.

• Drop-in Crafts, all ages, May 10, 24, June 14, 28, 4 p.m.

#### ■ Dig into Reading!

The 2013 summer reading program starts June 24 for preschoolers to grown-ups. Sign-up continues throughout the summer. Opening festivities on June 27 include activities and crafts from 3 to 5 p.m., and a 7 p.m. evening event.

**Villager Anu Mahadev** has published her first book of poetry, “Myriad,” a collection that contrasts the beauty and ugliness of the world around us through a roller coaster ride of emotions. Mahadev was born in India and moved to the U.S. to pursue a career in information technology.



## It's Community Cleanup Time

### Come to the river, May 5th!

Last year, 500 volunteers pulled 2,000 pounds of refuse from the South Orange section of the Rahway River. Come out Sunday, May 5 and help do it again.

The third annual South Orange River Day, sponsored by the South Orange Environmental Commission, takes place rain or shine from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's events will include live music, food by Ashley Gourmet, a “Wild Edibles and Ecology Walk,” a free clinic by the Columbia High School Girls Soccer Team, and a chance to talk with the NJ State Watershed Ambassadors.

All supplies will be provided for the cleanup crew. Some volunteers wear boots or waders, but they are not required. Kids are welcome.

Gather at the skate house by the duck pond in Meadowland Park. For information, visit [www.soriverday.org](http://www.soriverday.org).

### Spring Park cleanup, May 11

The Farrell Field Park Association will hold a Spring Park Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Farrell Field, 300 Walton Avenue. All are invited. Games, musical entertainment and activities for kids will be offered ... oh, and there's work to be done too! Bring gloves and good cheer. Rain date: May 18. For more information, call (201) 452-4004, or visit [www.facebook.com/FarrellField](http://www.facebook.com/FarrellField).

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# At The Baird

## SOMA Artists Studio Tour

The popular annual celebration of artistic diversity in South Orange and Maplewood takes place Sunday, June 2, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at studios and galleries throughout the two towns. The 10th annual event includes more than 60 drop-in sites and draws a steadily growing crowd of art lovers from across the metropolitan area. The tour is free, and this year, will be enhanced by two artistic add-on events described below. (For tour details go to [www.studiotoursoma.org](http://www.studiotoursoma.org))

### ■ ABC=Art & Business Connection

Local businesses will host selected art exhibitions in anticipation of the Studio Tour. In-store exhibitions will open May 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. and throughout tour day on June 2. Participants include:

- Gutten Parts at 213 Valley Street, hosting sculpture and paintings by Russell Christian.
- Spark House Studio, 15 Scotland Road, hosting photographs by Steve Vaccariello
- Robyn Ross, 67 South Orange Avenue, hosting collages by Luis Alves.

■ **Rebel Yarns** and students from Seth Boyden Elementary School will create a two-town scavenger hunt of colorful crocheted butterflies in anticipation of the studio tour. Keep your eyes open for happy signs of spring.

## Pierro Gallery

(973) 378-7754, ext 3 • [www.pierrogallery.org](http://www.pierrogallery.org)

### Qualms, Oddities and WAKE UP

*On display through May 11 • Gallery Talk: May 11, noon-1 p.m.*

Works by professional artists have been curated by high school juniors and seniors in the Young Curators Program at the Montclair Art Museum. During the seven-month program, students discovered their own voices, developed exhibition themes and selected artists through an open call.

### TEN: The Soul of SOMA

*On display May 23 - June 23 • Opening May 23, 7-9 p.m.*

Selected works by artists participating in the 10th annual SOMA Studio Tour will be displayed at Pierro for one month. Artists include Gerard Amsellem, Russell Christian, William Figdor, Mikel Frank, Suzanne Henning and Jodi Lee.

## interACT holds theater camp

interACT Theatre Productions will offer a one-week theater summer camp July 29 to Aug. 2 at Baird Theatre. Children entering grades 2 to 6 will work as an ensemble to write, create and design an original theatre piece to be performed for an audience on the final day of camp. Hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. For more information, call (973)-544-8489 or e-mail [info@interactproductions.org](mailto:info@interactproductions.org).

## SUMMER RECREATION

*Details, registration at [www.thebaird.org](http://www.thebaird.org) ("View Activities")*

### Summer Playground

It's not too late to register for the Summer Playground Program. South Orange residents age 4 to grade 8 can participate in the half-day (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) seven-week camp from July 1 to Aug. 16. Children grouped by age and grade meet daily for games, sports, music, dance, art, swimming, special events and field trips. There's also time self-directed play under counselor supervision.

### Rocket/Science Camp

Children ages 6 to 11 explore the science of flight, construct unique paper airplanes and build their own model rockets for launch. Fee: \$180 per week (\$170 with current S.O. ID badge). Four week-long sessions:

- July 29-Aug 2, 1-5 p.m.
- Aug. 5-9, 1-5 p.m.
- Aug. 12-16, 1-5 p.m.
- Aug. 19-23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Cougar Baseball

Coaches Joe Fischetti and Chris Henry will run three week-long sessions starting July 8, July 15 and July 22. Children ages 7 to 14 will focus on baseball fundamentals: throwing, fielding,

base-running, hitting, catching, and pitching. Fee: \$300 per week. Details and registration online.

### Multi-Sports Camps

The U.S. Sports Institute multi-sports camp will be held in Meadowland Park Aug. 19 to 23. Details and registration at [www.USSportsInstitute.com](http://www.USSportsInstitute.com). Three camps are offered.

- *Sport Squirts, ages 3-5.* 4:30-5:30 p.m. Soccer, t-ball, basketball, lacrosse, hockey.
- *Ages 5-12, half-day.* 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. OR 1-4 p.m. More than 10 sports covered.
- *Ages 5-12, full-day.* Runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Many sports and daily challenges.

### Beginner Golf

The U.S. Sports Institute will hold beginner golf clinics for boys and girls, Aug. 26 to 30. Details and registration at [www.USSportsInstitute.com](http://www.USSportsInstitute.com).

- *Parent & Me Golf Squirts.* Ages 3-5 w/caregiver, 4-4:45.
- *Ages 5 to 12.* 5-7 p.m.

### Tennis Camps

Weekly tennis camps for all ages and abilities will be held in Meadowland Park. Details and registration at [www.USSportsInstitute.com](http://www.USSportsInstitute.com)

### Renew Your Recreation ID Badge Now!

- Now to May 15, \$30 per person. Maximum family fee, \$120.
- After May 16, \$35 per person. Maximum family fee, \$140.

The ID provides entry to the community pool and discounts on many department-sponsored classes and programs. Badges are issued at The Baird with two proofs of residency. Details online.

**Lifeguards Needed** for the community pool. Certification is required. Applications and information available at The Baird.

**Preschool at The Baird** - Limited openings remain for the 2013-2014 Baird Preschool, a state-licensed program for South Orange and Maplewood children ages 2 ½ to 5 (as of Oct. 1, 2013). Details and registration online.



## South Orange Department of Public Works

300 Walton Avenue, (973) 378-7741

[www.southorange.org/dpw.asp](http://www.southorange.org/dpw.asp)

### Grass Clipping Pickup

South Orange Disposal will pick up grass clippings for a fee from May 1 to Oct. 31. Details at (973) 762-3880 or visit [www.southorangedisposal.com](http://www.southorangedisposal.com).

### Saturday Container Day Drop-Offs

**May 18, June 22, July 27, Aug. 24, Sept. 28**

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.

#### Allowed

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: weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon.

\*\* Separate metals and appliances from other household items and remove doors on refrigerators and freezers.

#### Not Allowed

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.

No metal items or appliances allowed.

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

### 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

- May 4, Maplewood
- June 15, South Orange
- July 13, Maplewood
- Sept. 21, South Orange
- Oct. 19, Maplewood
- Dec. 14, 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.

#### Accepted

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

#### Please Note

- Commercial and large-quantity electronics users cannot participate.
- DPW does not schedule electronics pickups.

#### 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.

### 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.

### Essex County Disposal Programs

to be announced on our website at a later date

### Spring Clean-Up, Branches & Leaves

May 13 is the last day to put out bagged leaves and bundled branches

### Branch Pick-Up Appointments

June 1 thru Sept. 1.  
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## May Villager of the Month

### Ann Alexander



"Wonderful" is a common word in Ann Alexander's vocabulary.

- She had "wonderful" students at Jefferson School where she taught third and fourth graders for 33 years. She still gets invitations to their weddings or special dinners.

- The students' moms were "wonderful" people who would pick up teachers at school and host lunches for them in their homes.

- Her "wonderful" daughters Tracy and Shelly graduated from "wonderful" Columbia High School.

- And, "Wonderful" also describes the Warwick Avenue neighbors Ann cherishes. She says she didn't single-handedly initiate the well-functioning Warwick Avenue Homeowners Association, and we think that's something of a wonder.

When Ann retired from teaching in 2001, she enrolled at Seton Hall for certification as a teacher of the handi-capped. She became a volunteer teacher at Seth Boyden and Clinton schools, and six years ago, was honored for her work with autistic kids.

Now she is a daily volunteer at Ivy Hill School in Newark where she has worked with the same group of students for four years. Most of them come from immigrant families so they learned English as a second language. Despite the disadvantage, Ann's instruction has seen the class through successive years of proficient and advanced proficient ratings.

"My goodness, they are like little

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sponges. They're really achieving," she says.

Ann points to her Ivy Hill success as a lesson for teachers "who should really be aware that it's their job to move the students forward. If teachers had that mind set, we would not have an achievement gap.

"Education should be run like a business" she says. "You do your job, the children leave and they're ready for the next grade."

Ann's volunteerism began when a friend asked her to mentor two new teachers at a school in Newark.

"I gave them the techniques I had learned" in college from Dorothy Strickland, the Rutgers professor and State Board of Education member.

Strickland "always looked at me directly when she answered my questions. She listened closely and her manner was very quiet. I nicknamed it the Strickland Technique."

"I gave those young teachers the technique and that's the way they teach now."

Recently Ann occasioned to meet with Strickland again. "I still use your technique," she told her.

"Technique?" asked Strickland.

"I told her I've passed it on to others. She thought it was wonderful." (Of course!)

Ann Alexander "is one of those teachers who leaves an indelible imprint on her students... and she just keeps on going," said Villager Nonie Murphy, an admiring fellow teacher.

May the wonders continue for many years to come! ▲

### Achieve Foundation

[achievefoundation.org](http://achievefoundation.org), (973) 378-2055

### Last call for 'Take A Seat'

Dedicate a seat in the restored Columbia High School auditorium in honor or memory of a student, graduating class, teacher, special occasion, etc. Seat prices start at \$150. The campaign ends June 30.

### Teacher appreciation

Order 'Honor Your Teacher and Staff' tribute cards for a donation of \$5 or more. Achieve will print your child's message of thanks to any staff member at any school in the local district and deliver it on June 21. Proceeds support teacher grants for innovative classroom programs. Order your tribute cards by June 1.

## Gateway project to break ground in May

May 7 is the expected ground-breaking date for the long-anticipated Gateway building project. Developer Edward Ayuso says the mixed-use project will be completed by summer 2014.

Three stories of apartments over ground-level retail space are planned at 9 West South Orange Avenue. The long-vacant

property next to the train trestle once housed the Beifus Mercedes car dealership, demolished in 2004.

Ayuso, principal of EEA Industries, said The Gateway will be a 92,000 square-foot building with 9,100 square feet of ground-floor retail space. Three upper floors will contain 57 high-end residential units. About 100 surface parking spaces will be included.

The ground-breaking ceremony is set for Tuesday, May 7 at 9 a.m. ▲



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