

The South Orange Gaslight



Where big ideas and arts collide

Coming June 26-28!

What do you get when you mix provocative cultural discussion with music, art and performance?

The answer: "Creative Collisions."

That's the theme of the inaugural community festival dubbed South by South Orange, or SOxSO, coming to the Village Friday to Sunday, June 26 to 28.

Hosted by the Village and sponsored in part by Seton Hall University, SOxSO is intended to draw on South Orange's storied mix of urban vibe and small-town warmth. In a series of one-hour discussions, festival-goers will parse the inconsistencies of heady topics such as:

- *Public Safety vs. Privacy.* Video cameras are everywhere, supposedly for our safety. Has privacy been hijacked?
- *Historic Preservation vs. Local Development.* Should historic buildings (like Village Hall) be maintained for their original use, or is private repurposing a smart idea?
- *Commercialization vs. Traditional Art.* The romance of the struggling artist has always juxtaposed the millionaire hedge fund guy. What's the value of creativity? Are artists giving in when they commercialize to survive?

Even the music at SOxSO will be edgy: an Amish band (really?), a chamber quartet playing rock 'n roll, and a heavy metal band covering Beethoven — just some of the entertainers on tap.

Three days of events are planned at SOPAC, Seton Hall and outdoor public spaces, with local restaurants providing dining options.

For a full schedule and to buy an all-access wristband, visit soxso.org.

Gems house tour moved to Oct. 17

The effects of extreme winter weather have contributed to a date change for the biennial Gems of South Orange House Tour. Originally planned for May, it has been rescheduled to Oct. 17.

Owners of several tour homes were unable to complete necessary repairs and landscaping after the winter onslaught, said Karen Marlowe, president of the South Orange Historical and Preservation Society, the sponsoring organization.

"We were determined not to let

this winter's storms stop the tour, but the weather did set us back," she said.

SOHPS is looking for three more homes to include in the tour — homes with architectural beauty, distinctiveness, historical significance, thematically decorated interiors, landscaping, or unique collections.

To have your home considered, contact Laura Auer at (908) 577-7821 or laura.auer1@verizon.net.

South Orange awarded \$1M grant for expanded bike, walk trail

A major expansion of the River Greenway project has been funded with a \$1 million state grant. The bike and pedestrian pathway will be expanded by 3,600 linear feet, from the southern border of the Village at Chyzowych Field in Maplewood to Third Street near the South Orange train station.

The grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Alternatives Program, may be the single largest grant ever received by the Village.

The new portion of the greenway will replace a heavily traveled, unlit path through a wooded section of the Village with a ten-foot-wide asphalt pathway, complete with lighting, benches, trash and recycling receptacles, bicycle racks, landscaping and signage.

The River Greenway will ultimately connect the Village's northern and southern boundaries in a single trail. It will provide recreational opportunities and a safe transportation alternative to reach the downtown, Columbia High School, the library, The Baird, Village government offices and the South Orange Train Station.

Details at www.southorange.org/development/RiverMP.asp.



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Trustee election set for May 12

South Orange's nonpartisan municipal election will be held Tuesday, May 12. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Incumbents are running unopposed for three open slots on the six-person Board of Trustees. They are Deborah Davis Ford, Howard Levison, and Mark Rosner.

Voters also will elect a Village president. Candidates are Trustee Sheena Collum and resident Emily Hynes.

Current President Alex Torpey is not in the running.

All trustees and the president serve four-year terms with no remuneration. Three trustees are elected biennially.

For information on voter registration, voting by mail or polling locations, visit the Village Clerk's Office or www.southorange.org.

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Prepare now for medical emergency

A medical emergency can happen any time, anywhere. If you're alone, the panic, fear and confusion can be overwhelming. That's why the South Orange Health Department urges participation in the File of Life program for senior citizens and anyone whose medical facts will be critical to first responders.

File of Life is a three-part medical information packet containing your medical history, current medications, physicians and emergency contact numbers. The packet includes:

1. A medical information card, stored in a clearly marked, magnetized, red vinyl case placed on your refrigerator door.
2. An identical card for your vehicle.
3. A visible sticker for your front door telling emergency responders a complete File of Life is inside on the refrigerator.

The File of Life packet is available at no cost. Call the South Orange Health Department at (973) 378-7715, x7710, or go to the office at 76 South Orange Avenue, Suite 302.

Make something at 'Maker Madness'

Find out about STEAM education at a free community event sponsored by the Achieve Foundation of South Orange & Maplewood. Students in grades K to 8, and their parents, will explore sci-

ence, technology, engineering, the arts and math by making things from electronics to doll crafts. See live demonstrations of 3D printers. Learn to program games and do Lego animation. Try unique art projects. Maker Madness will take place Saturday, May 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Columbia High School cafeteria. For more information, go to achievemakermadness.org, or call (973) 378-2055.

Achieve sponsors Teacher Appreciation

The Achieve Foundation will deliver a card with your child's personal message of thanks to a teacher, librarian, school nurse, or other South Orange/Maplewood school staff member during the last week of school. By June 1, order "Honor Your Teacher" tribute cards for a donation of at least \$5 to the Achieve Foundation. Proceeds support Achieve Teacher Grants. Order at www.achievefoundation.org, or call (973) 378-2055 to request an order form.

Third and Valley parking permits to be discussed

A public meeting to discuss permits for the Third and Valley parking garage will be held Thursday, June 11 at 7 p.m. in the third floor loft of the South Orange Performing Arts Center. Discussion will include general permit pricing. For meeting information, call the South Orange Parking Authority at (973) 378-7715.

Dead bird alert!

That fallen crow could be a disease-tracking clue

The South Orange Health Department has begun collecting dead birds for the West Nile Virus season. Birds in the Corvid family — crows and blue jays in particular — are best for determining where the virus is circulating and where enhanced mosquito control activities may be needed. Other species such as hawks, robins, ducks and geese will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If you find one of the listed dead birds, call Animal Control at (973) 378-7715, x7711.

West Nile Virus is transmitted primarily through the bite of an infected mosquito. To prevent its spread, empty and refill outdoor bird baths daily and tilt containers holding standing water. Also, avoid shaded areas in the daytime and limit outdoor evening activity. Use insect repellents with 20% to 30% DEET. For more information, visit

www.state.nj.us/dep/mosquito



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Happenings

Tee up with the Cougar Boosters

GOLF is the word among Columbia High School Cougar Boosters. Since 1994, the group's annual golf tournament has been the 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 professional sports events.

Find a foursome, be a sponsor, or donate prizes. For more information or to register, visit www.chscougarboosters.org, or e-mail chsgolfouting@gmail.com.

Facing Everyday Racism

Learn about the unconscious ways racism creeps into daily exchanges. The south Orange Maplewood Community Coalition on Race will host its "2015 Conversation on Race: Facing Everyday Racism," on Wednesday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth El, 222 Irvington Avenue.

American studies Professor Michael Jeffries, author of "Paint the White House Black: Barack Obama and the Meaning of Race in America," will lead the discussion. Jeffries is a graduate of Columbia High School, now teaching at Wellesley College.

For more information, visit www.twotowns.org.

2nd Annual Cultural Heritage Festival

Learn more about groups that make up our diverse

community. The Community Coalition on race will host the heritage festival on Saturday, June 6, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Maplewood Memorial Park. Enjoy the music, dance, learning activities and foods of many cultures. It's good fun for all ages.

For more information, visit www.twotowns.org.

Leader of The Pack: The Ellie Greenwich Musical

interACT Theatre presents the hit musical about pop music singer, songwriter and record producer Ellie Greenwich, whose doo wop sounds topped the charts in the 1960s. The story is punctuated with Greenwich hits, including "Chapel of Love," "Da Do Ron Ron," "Be My Baby," "Hanky Panky," "Do Wah Diddy,"



"And Then He Kissed Me" and, of course, the title song.

Performances will be at The Baird Theatre, 5 Mead Street, on three weekends: May 29 to 31, June 5 to 7 and June 12 to 14. Showtimes and ticket information are available at www.interactproductions.org.

Four Weeks of Summer Classes for Kids

The South Orange Maplewood Adult School will offer more than 100 summer classes for kids (five periods a day) in creative arts, music, science and sports. Classes run from June 29 to July 24 at South Orange Middle School. Specialty classes include musical theater camp, summer

orchestra academy, summer band academy and science workshops.

For information, go to www.somadultschool.org, or call (973) 378-7620.

InterACT offers kids' summer theater camp

Children in grades 2-5 will collaborate to write, create and design their own original theater piece, to be performed for an audience on the final day of camp. A highlight will be a workshop with a special guest artist from the professional theater world.

Registration is \$290 per week. Children may register for one or two weeks of camp. Week one starts July 13 with the theme "Courage"; week two starts July 20, with the theme "Strength."

Tasha Arroyo will instruct. Register online at www.thebaird.org.

On Stage at SOPAC

SOPACnow.org
(973) 313-2787

- May 1, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap.
- May 2, Judy Collins.



- May 3, The Jungle Book, family musical theater.
- May 7, Leo Kottke, folk, acoustic guitar.



- May 9, "Listen to Your Mother," live readings on motherhood by talented North Jersey writers and bloggers.

- May 10, Rufus Wainwright, folk, bluegrass, big band.

- May 12, book signing with David Grant, "The Social Profit Handbook."

- May 15, "Second City - 50 Years of Funny," staged retro sketches from the TV show's archives.

- May 16, The Machine Performs Pink Floyd Acoustic.

- May 17, Bruce Cockburn, folk-rock guitar, world music.

- May 29, Regina Belle, R&B, soul, pop.

- May 30, SOPAC gala, a celebration of arts and education, featuring Tony Award-winning actor and vocalist Brian Stokes Mitchell. Tickets start at \$250.

- May 31, singer-songwriter Josh Ritter.

- June 7, Mike Griot & Friends, blues.

- June 25, The Bacon Brothers, rock.

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Saturday Container Days

DPW Yard, 300 Walton Avenue

> **2015 Dates:** May 16, June 20, July 25, Aug. 22, Sept. 26

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

Special disposal containers are provided on site. To enter, bring two proofs of residency.

Commercial and industrial companies are excluded. Vehicles with commercial plates or logos are not permitted.

Accepted

Furniture, mattresses, appliances, branches under 4 inches in diameter, toys, small household items, tools, strollers, playpens.

Metal items and appliances are allowed on container days (see preferred metal disposal times below). Be sure to separate metals from all other items, and remove doors from refrigerators and freezers. Ask staff on duty where metal items should be placed.

Preferred times for metal and appliance disposal are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon.

Not Accepted

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.

DPW staff reserves the right to prohibit items as necessary.

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Electronic Recycling

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

Saturday Drop-Off 8 a.m. to noon

- May 2, Maplewood
- June 6, South Orange
- July 11, Maplewood
- Sept. 12, South Orange
- Oct. 3, Maplewood
- Dec. 19, 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-Off

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.

No Styrofoam Material
can be brought to the DPW recycling facility.

Spring Clean-Up, Branches & Leaves

May 18 is the last day to put out bagged leaves and bundled branches.

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.southorange.com.

Branch Pick-Up Appointments

Appointments are available June 1 through Sept. 1. Call to schedule at (973) 378-7741, x221.

Paper Shredding

June 13, Oct. 10, 8 a.m. to noon

Two Saturday paper shredding days will be held at the Public Works Yard. The shredding vendor will provide a "certificate of destruction" to verify that all material was shredded beyond recognition.

Shredded Wood, Hummus Delivery

A \$50 delivery fee applies for either item. For information, call (973) 378-7741, x221.

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) 763-3000.

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.

Summer Recreation

(973) 378-7754, x1 • www.thebaird.org

■ **Sign Up for Two Towns Kids Triathlon.** The second annual triathlon for South Orange and Maplewood children ages 7 to 14 will take place in Maplewood on Saturday, June 20. Details and registration at <https://register.communitypass.net/maplewood>.

■ **Summer Playground Program.** It's not too late to register for the seven-week Summer Playground Program for South Orange residents in grades K through 8. Dates are June 29 to Aug. 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children meet daily in age/grade groups for games, sports, music, dance, art, swimming, special events, field trips, and supervised self-directed play.

■ **Cool Rocket/Science Camp.** In a fun-filled one-week camp, children ages 6 to 11 explore the science of flight, construct unique paper airplanes and build their own model rockets for launch. Fee: \$170/week (\$160 for current ID badge-holders). Five one-week camp sessions are offered with the following start dates and hours:

- July 20, July 27 or Aug. 10, 1-4 p.m.
- Aug. 17 or Aug. 24, 9 a.m.-noon

■ **Cougar Baseball Camps.** Children ages 7 to 14 focus on baseball fundamentals: throwing, fielding, base-running, hitting, catching, and pitching. Coach Chris Henry offers three sessions: the weeks of June 29, July 6 or July 13. Details and registration online.

■ **Wright Skills Girls Basketball Camp.** CHS Varsity Coach Jazmine Wright develops the basketball fundamentals of girls in grades 3 to 12. Two 4-day camps are offered: the weeks of July 27 or Aug. 3, from 9 a.m. to noon. Register online.

■ **USSI Sports Camps.** The U.S. Sports Institute will offer summer camp programs for South Orange children, including weekly tennis camps, half- and full-day multi-sports camps, Sports Squirts, soccer camp and beginner golf clinics. For a complete list of programs and registration information, visit www.USSportsInstitute.com.

Buy/Renew Your ID Badge

Take advantage of lower fees and avoid long lines by purchasing your 2015 Recreation & Cultural Affairs ID badge now. Get discounts on many department-sponsored classes and programs. Apply at The Baird with two proofs of residency. Details online.

- Thru May 15, \$30 per person; maximum family fee, \$120.
- As of May 16, \$35 per person; maximum family fee, \$140.

Lifeguards Needed

The recreation department hires seasonal lifeguards at the community pool. Certification is required. Applications and information are available at The Baird.

Pierro Gallery

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

Gashapon: Art Encapsuled (Now through May 16)

Art confined within 2-inch plastic toy capsules is the subject of Pierro's current exhibit, "Gashapon." The title is the Japanese name for the gumball-like machines that contain the capsules. More than 200 tiny artworks per artist are on sale for \$5 each. Buy a token and put it in the machine. Artists include J. Carpenter, Anne Dushanko Dobek, Peter C. Emerick, Lori Field, Karen Guancione and Owen Oertling. The exhibit is curated by Asha Ganpat.

The Facebook Challenge (May 28 to June 27)

Even the art world is affected by Facebook. Pierro Gallery was inspired by the social network's recent Five Day Art Challenge, in which artists posted three works of art each day for five days. The art you saw depended on who your "friends" were. Curator Micha Hamilton has selected Facebook-posting artists from the local area for the upcoming Pierro exhibit. The opening reception will take place Thursday, May 28, from 7 to 9 p.m.



It's a door-to-door celebration of the local art community!

Local artists throw open their doors to the public on Sunday, June 7 during the 12th annual grand tour of artists' studios, art exhibitions and outdoor art in South Orange and Maplewood. More than 50 artists will participate in the free event. The tour celebrates the artists among us and helps make affordable, local art available to all. Hours

will be 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. To preview participating artists and plan your tour, visit www.studiotoursoma.org.

Funky Fun Art Summer Camp

Seven 1-week camp sessions for children in grades 1 to 5 begin June 29 at The Baird. Kids can sign up for up to many sessions as desired and enjoy a different theme and art medium each week, from photography to painting to drawing comics. Cost: \$195 per week. Instructor Denise Hayden is the owner of Funky Fun Art in South Orange.

Preschool at The Baird

Limited openings remain for the 2015-2016 Baird Preschool, a state-licensed program for South Orange and Maplewood children ages 2 ½ to 5 (as of Oct. 1, 2015). Details and registration online.

Save money, reduce your carbon footprint

Homeowners can receive rebates up to \$5,000 and interest-free financing up to \$10,000 for energy upgrades to residential properties. Home Performance with Energy Star is a state-funded program. Apply and your contractor does all the paperwork. For information, go to www.essexcommunityenergy.org.

South Orange Green Team needs members

The Green Team, a group of Village volunteers devoted to local environmental projects, is looking for members to help get South Orange recertified in the Sustainable Jersey program, and to help identify new sustainable community projects. To inquire, send e-mail to environmentalcommission@southorange.org.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings for Villagers are offered by the South Orange Health Department on the first and third Thursday of every month, in two locations:

- First Thursday: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Charles Bierman Home, 110 Vose Ave.
- Third Thursday: 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at The Baird, 5 Mead Street.

Health counsel is provided by a public health nurse. For information, call (973) 378-7715, x7710.

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

Weekly Discussions

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

- May 7 - "The Truth Behind Ethnic Stereotypes," with Rosann Bar, sociology professor at Caldwell University.
- May 14 - Filmmaker Seth Kramer discusses his latest film, "The Anthropologist."
- May 21 - Annual Spring Gala, lunch and entertainment by singer Anna Schmitz, 12 noon at The Baird. Registration is required.
- June 4 - "World Political Update" with Doug Simon, political science professor emeritus at Drew University.
- June 18 - "From Countess to Rebel: Life of Countess Markievicz," with Seton Hall English professor Elizabeth Redwine.

Recurring Events

- Library Book Club - May 18, "Storied Life of A.J. Fikry," by Gabrielle Zevon. June 22, "The Space Between Us," by Thrity Umrigar.
- Knitting Workshop with Nan Samons - May 18 and June 15, at noon.
- Creative Writing Workshop - May 6 and 20, June 3 and 17, at 1 p.m. No experience necessary.
- Wednesdays at the Movies - May 13, "The Judge"; May 27, "Grand Budapest Hotel"; June 10, "Unbroken"; May 24, "Imitation Game." All shows at 1 p.m.

Children's Room

- LEGOs (age 5 and up with adult) - 3:45 p.m. Mondays, May 4, May 18, June 1, June 15.
- Minecraft (age 7 and up with adult) - 3:30 p.m. Mondays, May 11, June 8, June 22.
- Morning music, 11 a.m., Thursdays, May 14, May 28.
- Friday Drop-In Craft, all ages - May 15 and June 19, 3:45 p.m.



Photo by Library Director Melissa Kopceky

- Storytimes continue through the week of May 11.
- Superheroes Summer Reading opening day is Monday, June 29.

Thank you South Orange!

The second annual town-wide mailing last November netted more than \$17,000 to expand the library's municipally funded budget. The library and its newly formed, tax-exempt foundation are pursuing ways to increase revenues so that up-to-date collections and programs can continue to serve residents.

Visit the library and find out what your gifts have brought. For example:

- "Borrow a SEAT" kits (that's science, exploration, art, technology).
- New audio and children's materials.
- Digital gallery display.
- Improved access to upstairs collections.

Or come in for a program. In March alone, the library hosted 33 programs and partnered with local businesses on additional events. Last year, 515 free programs were offered to adults and children.

Tax-deductible vote-of-confidence donations are still being accepted. Every dollar donated to public libraries is more than doubled in return investment to the community.

From Library Board President Karen Hartsborn Hilton

RIVER DAY

MAY 3rd, 2015, 11^{am} - 4^{pm}

Located at the Skate House in South Orange (Mead St. & Meadowbrook Lane)

South Orange River Day is an annual community gathering to clean up our section of the Rahway River, celebrate South Orange, and promote environmental education and awareness.

This year's event will include:

- Volunteer River Clean Up
- Live Music
- Exhibits
- Food
- Wild Edibles Walk and Cook-off
- Ecology Walk
- NJ Watershed Ambassadors
- Home Composting Demo
- Treasure Hunt
- And much more

For more information on River Day visit the website at www.soriverday.org or like the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SORiverDay.

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In the past four years festival participant/volunteers have removed over three tons of garbage from the river while having fun, enjoying music and food, and learning about their watershed. The section of the river that flows through town is already bouncing back, with turtles nesting on the banks, rare birds returning, and schools of larger fish thriving. Residents have stopped the application of toxic herbicides and pesticides in their yards, which run off into the river, killing fish and wildlife. They're reducing the plastic litter thrown onto the streets, sidewalks, and parking lots because they know it will travel to the river via storm drains and continue into the ocean, killing wildlife, fouling beaches, and ending up concentrated in the fish they eat.

River Day is brought to you by the South Orange Environmental Commission, which hopes this positive trend will continue with another day of community-based fun and learning on May 3rd from 11 am to 4 pm at the Skate House on the duck pond off of Mead Street at Meadowbrook Lane in South Orange.

The Commission and its volunteers, the Green Team, are dedicated to improving the safety and quality of life in South Orange. Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. All residents are welcome.

Contact us at:
environmentalcommission@southorange.org



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with Village Government

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 Animal Control x7711
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South Orange Village Center Alliance News

www.SOVillageCenter.org
 (873) 763-6899

Downtown After Sundown returns

More than 80 free concerts at Sloan Street and Spiotta Park are scheduled on Friday and Saturday evenings this summer in the Downtown After Sundown Series. The fun begins May 22. Check out the online schedule.

Farmers Mkt opens in June

The South Orange Farmers Market returns June 3 and continues every Wednesday through October. New vendors will join long-time favorites like Stony Hill and Alstede Farms. The market is located in the parking lot adjacent to Sloan Street. Hours are 2 to 7 p.m.

Local groups can post events on SOVCA calendar

SOVCA has expanded the events section of its website to accommodate postings by local community groups. Items must be special events, not regularly scheduled meetings. They must be open to the public, nonpolitical, and free. (If there is a fee, it must benefit the local nonprofit.) To post, click on the events tab on the left side at the SOVCA website, then click "Submit an Event to be Published" and follow the instructions. The new listing opportunity comes in partnership with the Community Relations Committee of South Orange.

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New Village Businesses

■ **Mara's Café and Bakery**, 9 South Orange Avenue (the Gateway), offers desserts made fresh on the premises, roasted and flavored coffees, breakfast items, sandwiches and salads, and dinner items. Eat in or take out. Details at www.marascafe.com.



■ **The Table Restaurant & Catering**, at 65B South Orange Avenue, serves a fusion of Caribbean and southern cuisine in a trendy, multi-cultural ambiance. Call (973) 821-5556.

■ **Work and Play**, 19 Prospect Street, is a new co-working (or shared) office space with available on-site babysitting. Adults work upstairs while children stay downstairs with caregivers. An event space accommodates kids' birthday parties, classes and open play. Adult programming (e.g., writing and art) will begin this summer. (973) 327-4729 www.workandplaynj.com.

Alternate sought for Historic Commission

The South Orange Historic Preservation Commission needs an alternate commissioner to help carry out the responsibilities of the commission, which includes seven members and two alternates.

To apply, fill out the 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.

Richardson honored by State Assembly

Dr. Terry Richardson, Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of South Orange, was honored by the New Jersey General Assembly on Feb. 23 during Black History Month. He received an Assembly resolution for "his example of commitment and prayerful devotions" in behalf of congregants and the people of New Jersey. Richardson, who was honored as the March Villager of the Month, has been with the church for 18 years.



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