

The South Orange Gaslight



Ahhhh Summer!



Village office hours curtailed

Due to budgetary constraints, certain Village office hours will be curtailed in the remainder of 2009.

Village Hall, the Department of Public Works and the Village Court will be closed on the following Fridays: July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, and Dec. 11.

The Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs, all facilities, will be closed on Friday, July 31; Friday, Aug. 21; Monday, Sept. 28; Friday, Oct. 9; Friday, Nov. 6; and Monday, Dec. 28.

The Library will be closed on the following Fridays: July 31, Aug. 21, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4.

The office closure schedule for 2010 is still forthcoming. ▲

Senior rebate filing deadline now Aug. 17

Senior citizens and disabled residents who qualify for a 2007 property tax reimbursement now have until Aug. 17 to apply for the Homestead Rebate and Senior Freeze programs. The original deadline was June 1.

The income limit for tax year 2007 is \$60,000; for 2008, \$70,000; and for 2009, \$80,000.

For more information on eligibility requirements for the 2007 Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement) Program, or to obtain an application, call (800) 882-6597 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Or visit www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation. ▲

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■ **Visions Barber Salon** opened May 31 at the rear of #12 South Orange Avenue. Owner Terence Brooks emphasizes the business is primarily a barber shop offering hot towel razor shaves, men's facials

and color rinses, as well as haircuts for men and women. Hours are Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

to age and condition. One-at-a-time visits or full membership options are available. For more information and videos of actual workouts, go to the website at <http://runjumplift.com>.

■ **New York Fried Chicken** opened June 17 at 50 South Orange Avenue. Owner Bashir Ahmed says lunch and dinner are served, featuring burgers, gyros, pita sandwiches, chicken and seafood dinners and sandwiches. Salads and other side dishes are available. Diners may eat in or take out. Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week.

■ **Lucky 7 Expressions Hair Studio** opened in March at 10 West South Orange Avenue. Owner Douglas Thompson says the shop serves men, women and children, with all kinds of hair. Hours are Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ▲

Biz buzz

■ **Run Jump Lift**, at 372 Lackawanna Place, opened in January 2008, bringing crossfit training already common on the west coast. Owner Malcolm Chisholm and three other coaches develop daily workouts for clients, then coach them throughout the session. Every visit is different and could include a combination of weight training, running, cycling, rowing, balance, agility and more. All activities are scaled

Of tax, sewers and grace . . .

Sewer bills mailed to all homeowners on June 18 were due by June 22 with a grace period through July 22. Interest will be charged on balances not paid by July 22. (Interest charged on a late sewer payment goes back to the June 22 billing date.) If you have not received a bill, contact the tax office at (973) 378-7715, x7732.

Third quarter estimated property tax bills were mailed at the end of June. They are due by Aug. 1 with a grace period through Aug. 10.

Tax and sewer bills can be paid online. Visit the secure website at www.southorange.org/taxpayment.asp for details. ▲





Executive board members of the South Orange Senior Circle stand by newly planted rose bushes in the SOSC Memorial Garden. The group purchased the bushes in memory of deceased club members and they plan to add more each year. The bushes are located near the flagpole at The Baird.

SOSC has more than 60 members, mostly from Essex County. From September to June, they meet the third Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. in The Baird. All seniors are welcome. ▲

Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro for JAC

Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro is for the dogs . . . and cats. Or at least that's what Kim and George McGuire of Maplewood believe. They will be climbing the famed Tanzanian peak on July 27 to raise funds and awareness for Jersey Animal Coalition (298 Walton Road, South Orange) where they volunteer.

JAC is a no-kill shelter celebrating its 20th anniversary in October. It has found homes for more than 8,000 dogs and cats.

"George and I have incorporated our shelter dogs into our training regimen," said Kim. "We strap on an 'Adopt Me' jacket to the dogs and take them on long walks up and around the steep hills of the reservation. It's great training for us, while at the same time great exercise for those dogs that are particularly energetic. Besides, I just like telling my friends that I am training with Brad Pitt (pit bull that is)!"

To support the McGuire's effort visit www.firstgiving.com/jerseyanimalcoalition.

Farmers Market now open

Every Wednesday this summer, Villagers can select fruits and veggies direct from New Jersey farms at the Main Street South Orange Farmers' Market located in the Sloan Street parking lot. Don't miss the prepared foods, pickles, and flowers. Hours are 2 to 7 p.m. Look for new vendors, events and promotions this season, including visits by local merchants and "Music at the Market" in July from 5 to 7 p.m.

Free health fair in September

Concerned about your well-being? The South Orange Department of Health will host its third annual free health fair for residents and their families on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Baird.

Screenings will be conducted to test eyes, blood pressure, spines, skin (for cancer), hearing and blood glucose (fasting required) and prostate. Residents can also give blood donations (non-fasting), learn about nutrition and dental care, or take advantage of massage therapy and figure analysis.

Free smoke alarms and radon test kits will be distributed and fair goers can examine an electrical safety display. Kids can enjoy coloring books, face painting and educational handouts.

Participating with the Health Department will be Total Hearing Screening Care, Northern Eye Institute, Blood Center of NJ, South Orange's fire, police and rescue personnel, South Orange Chiropractic Center, PSE&G, Essex County Rape Center, Seton Hall University, NJ CEED (St. Michael's Medical Center), UMDNJ, Spa Lady of South Orange, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, Nutritional Tables, Lions Club, and East Orange WIC. ▲

Reduce mosquito breeding on your property

The South Orange Health Department offers these tips for reducing mosquito breeding on your property.

- Eliminate standing water.
- Flatten open cans and containers or puncture holes in the bottom.
- Clean clogged roof gutters and drain flat roofs.
- Empty and refill outdoor bird baths every few days.
- Stock garden ponds with fish or aerate them.

Need more info? Call Essex County Mosquito Control, (973) 239-3366 x 248. ▲

'Taming of the Shrew' at S.O. Library

Shakespeare's enduring comedy, "The Taming of the Shrew," will be performed at the South Orange Public Library on Tuesday, July 14 at 7:30 p.m. The lively story of a wealthy merchant and his two daughters will be presented by the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's Next Stage Ensemble summer touring program. ▲

Villager Ellen Molner awarded



Villager Ellen Molner, a long-time employee of Givaudan Fragrances was honored in May by The American Society of Perfumers with a

lifetime achievement award. Molner began her fragrance career more than 30 years ago. She is a vice president and executive perfumer for Givaudan. ▲

Old Stone House featured in 'green' publication

Villager Jackie Hershops, journalist and co-founder of Professionals in Media, has written an article on South Orange's Old Stone House for the U.S. Green Building Council, NJ Chapter E-Newsletter.

The article, "The Lessons of Old Buildings are New Again," features the Old Stone House, believed to be the oldest dateable house in New Jersey, going back to the 1600s.

Contemporary "green" thinking has it that sustaining existing buildings expends less carbon than new construction. So, older buildings are now considered lessons in sustainable construction and green living. For the Old Stone House, that could be a blessing. As Hershops says, "A battle has raged around issues involved in preserving the building for years. Perhaps now it will become a cause on a wider stage." ▲



DPW Services

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

- Tennis camps, ages 3-15, weekly beginning June 29.
- Cougar Baseball Camp, ages 8-13, weeks of July 13 and 20.
- Cougar Softball Camp for Girls, grades 5-8, week of July 20.
- Basketball Camp in Maplewood, week of July 20.
- English Pro Soccer Schools Camp, elite players, ages 9-21, week of Aug. 3.
- English Pro Soccer Schools Camps, ages 3-16, week of Aug. 10.
- Multi-Sports Camp, ages 3-14, week of Aug. 10.
- Basketball Camp in South Orange, week of Aug. 10.
- Beginner Golf Camp, ages 5-11, week of Aug. 24.

Details and registration on website (select "Register Online").

FALL SOCCER

Register NOW for the fall season of South Mountain Soccer, for boys and girls, grades 3 through 8, all skill levels. The 10-week program includes professional training one day a week and a game each weekend. No tryouts. Register at The Baird or online.

HALF-DAY KINDERGARTEN FALL 2009

Laurie Tyree will teach two 3-hour sessions: 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Limit: 8 children. Annual tuition: \$3,800. To register, call or visit The Baird.

PIERRO GALLERY
www.pierrogallery.org

'Essex Exposed' - Pierro Gallery is calling for artists to submit entries for "Essex Exposed 6: A Juried Exhibition of Essex County Artists." The biennial exhibit features visual artists in all fine art mediums who live or work in Essex County. This year's juror is Patterson Sims, an independent curator and former director of the Montclair Museum. Two juror's awards will be given. The exhibition will open in October. For details and deadlines, visit the gallery website.

SUMMER ARTS ENRICHMENT

■ PRE-SCHOOL

Pre-Ballet, ages 2.5-5

Basic ballet positions, steps, vocabulary, floor work and creative movement. Instructor Elaine Fraim. Six weeks beginning June 29. Fee: \$60.

- Pre-Ballet, ages 2.5-4 with caregiver, Mondays, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- Pre-Ballet 4-5, Mondays, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Art Exploration, 3-5

Experimentation with paint, collage, clay and sculpture. Instructor Janet Wallentiny. Six Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m., beginning July 1. Fee: \$60.

Rhythm Sticks

Tone and rhythm developed through singing, dancing and listening. Infant to age 4 with caregiver. Instructor Pauline Barrett.

- Fridays, 9:30 or 10:30, seven weeks beginning June 26. Fee: \$70.
- Saturdays, 9:30 or 10:30 a.m., five weeks beginning July 11. Fee: \$50.

■ TEEN & ADULT PHOTOGRAPHY

With artist/photographer Nancy Ori. Fee: \$125.

- July 27-30 & Aug. 1, 1:30-4 p.m.: Beginning Digital Camera, the nuts and bolts plus.
- Aug. 3-7, 1:30-4 p.m.: The Art Side of the Camera, color design and light.

■ TEEN ART CLASSES

June 29-July 17. Classes meet two hours a day, five days a week. Instructor Larry McKim. Primarily oriented to high school-age students; appropriate for all. Fee: \$300 + \$40 materials.

- Painting, 2-4 p.m.
- Printmaking, 4-6 p.m.
- Drawing, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

July Fourth Events

Bicycle Rodeo
9:15 - 11 a.m.,
Flood's Hill

Public Employee Softball Challenge
10 a.m.,
Meadowland Park,
Diamond #4

Village Parade
11:30, Flood's Hill

Opening Ceremony
Noon, War
Memorial

Fire Force Demo
Noon - 1:30 p.m.,
Duck Pond

Magic By Bunny Collins
Noon - 3 p.m., Duck
Pond Area

Carnival Games
Noon - 3:30 p.m.,
Duck Pond Area

Key-Ko the Clown & Children's Rides
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.,
Duck Pond Area

Model Boat Exhibit
1 - 4 p.m., Duck
Pond Area

Novelty Events
1 - 2 p.m., Duck
Pond Area

Hambone Kelly's Banjo Band
1 - 3 p.m., near
Skate House

Bocce Challenge Match
1:30 p.m., Duck
Pond Area

Great Egg Toss
4:15 p.m., Cameron
Field

Refreshment Stand
Noon - 4:30 p.m.,
Duck Pond

Saturday Container Drop-Offs

July 25, Aug. 29 and Sept. 26
8 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

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

Special disposal containers are provided. Two proofs of residency are required. Not open to commercial or industrial companies. Call DPW for questions about permissible drop-offs.

Electronic Drop-Offs

Four Saturdays remain in the 2009 schedule for free electronic drop-off in South Orange or Maplewood. Villagers can drop off at the Public Works Yard in South Orange or the Maplewood Recycling Center. Proof of residency is required. Call DPW for questions about permissible drop-offs.

Saturday Drop-Offs

8 a.m. - noon

- July 18, Maplewood
- Sept. 12, South Orange
- Oct. 24, Maplewood
- Dec. 19, South Orange

If you cannot drop off on the designated Saturday, call for alternative drop-off on the prior Thursday. Drop-off locations remain the same. Call Maplewood at (973) 762-1175. Call South Orange at (973) 378-7741.

DPW Hours

The recycling facility at 300 Walton Avenue is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon; closed to the public on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. ▲



Is a gas lamp near you malfunctioning?

South Orange's signature gas lamps offer less illumination than a normal street lamp, so it's important from a public safety perspective that they always work at maximum capacity.

The Village is asking residents to be aware of how to recognize a problem and report it to PSEG. If there's a gas lamp in front of your property, keep an eye on it and report any malfunction.

Here are the basics to know: All gas lamps operate with a triple mantle burner. Each lamp should have three glowing mantles 24 hours a day. In addition, the globe should be clean and clear.

Reporting a malfunction or dirty globe is easy. Simply go to the Village website, www.southorange.org, and from the opening page, top left, under "Easy Access," scroll down to "Report Streetlight Outage." You'll be connected to PSE&G Customer Service, where you can report your observations.

Or call 1-800-436-PSEG (7734) to give the location of the gas lamp, and the nearest cross street ▲

Celebrate hot flashes and chocolate binges

Menopause The Musical will have its first commercial run in New Jersey at the South Orange Performing Arts Center from July 24 through Sept. 27. "Professional Woman," "Soap Star," "Iowa Housewife" and "Earth Mother" meet at a Bloomingdale's with nothing in common but a black lace bra, hot flashes, memory loss, chocolate binges, not enough sex, too much sex.

Twenty-five re-lyricized Baby Boomer songs are featured, such as the disco hit "Stayin' Alive" redone as "Stayin' Awake" or the Motown favorite "My Guy" revised as "My Thighs."

Show times are Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. with matinees on Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. All tickets are \$45. Purchase online at www.sopacnow.org or call (973) 313-2787. ▲



Three glowing mantles are visible inside the globe of this gas lamp. If they're not all glowing in a lamp near you, please contact PSE&G.



11 Village boards & commissions seek new members

Qualified South Orange residents are needed to serve on eleven Township boards and commissions that have current vacancies. The boards, their related vacancies and mission summaries are provided below. If you are interested in serving, please submit a brief letter expressing interest along with a resume to South Orange Village Clerk Lynn Cucciniello, 101 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ 07079. Or for more information, call the Clerk's Office at (973) 378-7715, x1.

Planning Board (1 alternate vacancy) - In charge of permitted activities within the construction department. Establishes and implements policy through the zoning, site plan and subdivision ordinances.

Library Board (1 vacancy) - Advocates for the library, sets policy, advises on activities, and establishes procedures to provide the best services.

Rent Leveling Board (1 regular member vacancy, 2 alternate vacancies) - Enforces rental increase limits, conducts hearings to settle disputes, grants surcharge relief, sets rules and regulations to implement the rent leveling ordinance.

Environmental Commission (1 vacancy) - Conducts research on land use within the Village, may prepare literature and may recommend plans and programs for the master plan for development and land use.

Transportation Committee (1 vacancy) - Evaluates and reports on Village transportation needs; encourages balanced transportation to, from and within the Village.

Volunteer designers needed

The Main Street South Orange Design Committee needs individuals with design background who are comfortable working with people. Design promotional pieces and cooperative ads for MSSO, and/or help with downtown window displays, signage, and facades. For more information, call (973) 763-6899, or send e-mail to director@MainStreetSouthOrange.org.

Sustainable South Orange (2 vacancies for South Orange resident members) - Identifies and coordinates the efforts of existing Village environmental groups to achieve certification within the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification program. Advises Village Trustees on grant opportunities and ways to save money; promotes positive environmental practices.

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (5 vacancies for senior citizen residents) - Identify and assess the needs of South Orange seniors, including service gaps, and recommend solutions.

Development Committee (1 vacancy) - Advises the Board of Trustees and other Village entities on matters related to downtown development. Current members include developers, planners and an architect.

Recreation & Cultural Affairs Advisory Board (7 vacancies) - Collaborates with the department director on initiatives and planning strategies. Reaches out to other interested parties to support programs.

South Orange / Seton Hall University Partnership (6 vacancies for South Orange residents, property or business owners for each of three committees) - Subcommittees for Community Relations, University Engagement and Economic Development create processes to foster matters of mutual interest between the Village and the university.

SOMA-TV (multiple vacancies for technical direction, production, and show content) - Advises the Board of Trustees on technical issues, future alternatives to meet community needs and regulatory governance. ▲

South Orange Concerts in the Park

from The Baird

Four Wednesdays in July, 7:30

July 8 - Maya Azucena

Indie soul phenom, Azucena and her band have a hot R&B-meets-hip-hop vibe. Throw in funk and soul for a wealth of sound.

July 15 - Claudio Roditi, A Night of Brazilian Jazz

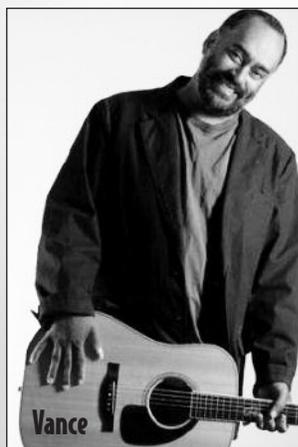
Grammy Award-winning trumpeter/flugelhornist Roditi integrates post-bop Brazilian rhythm for warm, fluid sounds.

July 22 - Vance Gilbert

Gilbert's well crafted and thoughtful music is a big hit on national concert tours. The songs qualify as "folk" only in the loosest sense.

July 29 - Michael Hill's Blues Mob

It's "New York City blues" in particular, but this band plays any style of blues and plays it REALLY well.



**Flood's Hill in Meadowland Park
North Ridgewood Road, South Orange**

Bring lawn chairs or blankets

Rain or Shine!

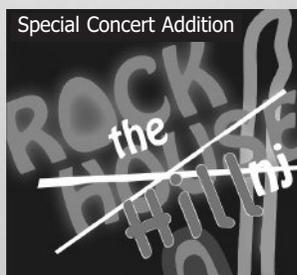
(Check Website: www.thebaird.org)
Rain Site: Seton Hall University
Jubilee Hall (air conditioned)
Follow signs on campus

Dining Pleasure!

Rain or shine
Local restaurateurs
will be set up

**Friday, Aug. 7, 6-10 p.m.
Rock the Hill**

These local guitar heroes bring live
rock 'n roll back to the Village.



Free Summer Fun...Right Here at Home!
Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs, Baird Center, 5 Mead Street
(973) 378-7754 • www.thebaird.org



South Orange Department
of Recreation
& Cultural Affairs

To review all offerings
and events, go to:

www.thebaird.org



It's happening here!

Family-Oriented Arts Programs

Pierro Gallery of South Orange

The gallery's significant reputation in the visual arts brings experience and exposure to our guest artists and area residents, with compelling exhibitions and related programming.

Book Arts Round Table -

For those who love book and paper arts, the round table is a monthly forum to share ideas, techniques and opportunities.

The Print Studio - A professional facility containing etching and galley presses for limited edition prints and books.

Premier Performances

- Giants of Jazz - An annual concert of world-class jazz.
- Music at The Baird - Building on the popular Jazz at the Baird, this intimate venue features renowned and rising performers.
- Summer Concerts in the Park - Free concerts four Wednesdays in July — jazz, folk, pop and rock 'n roll.

Nowhere else in South Orange can you find a single building with as much activity as The Baird, the Tudor-esque beauty at #5 Mead Street. All day, people stream in and out of our complex for classes, games, shows and meetings. Why? Because The Baird is the hub of the South Orange Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs, attracting Villagers of all ages from preschool through senior citizens.

Inside our reconfigured 100-year-old building you'll find a theater, gallery, classrooms, meeting rooms, and very likely, two or three of your own neighbors. Outside, the building is surrounded by the Meadowland Park/Cameron Field complex, offering tennis, paddle tennis, baseball/softball, basketball, batting, bocce, a playground and the community pool.

Folks flock to The Baird because it is a wellspring for everything that people love most:

Arts Classes and Workshops

From pre-school through adult, students learn from working professionals in art, jewelry-making, dance, music, drawing and more.

Penny Pretzel Playhouse -

Children and adults enjoy exceptional puppet presentations from the U.S. and Europe.

Dreamcatcher Repertory

(Theater in Residence) - Contemporary plays and musicals are staged by professional actors, who also offer theater classes for teens and adults.

Flying Ship Productions

(Theater in Residence) - The professional musical theater touring troupe offers pre-teens classes and shows.

sports, art, performances and learning opportunities by the score. The Baird has developed a notable and well-deserved reputation for bringing diverse and always cost-friendly programming to the Village. Do yourself a favor and check out our year-round offerings.

Our Seniors

The Senior Services Unit is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays for referrals, outreach, and counseling. The Senior Circle Club meets monthly September through June. A minibus transports seniors to shopping and other locations in the Village, plus malls, movies, annual picnics and special events.

Seasonal Recreation & Sports for All

Spring - Baseball, softball and soccer leagues, adult softball, tennis instruction, track and field, batting clinics, TaeKwon-do, TaeKwon-do for special needs children, senior fitness.

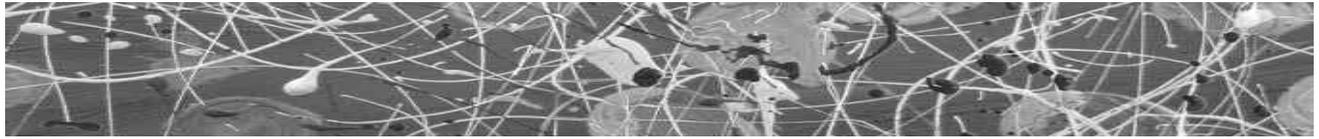
Summer - Day camp, community pool recreation (including swim lessons and swim team), travel baseball and softball teams, baseball camps, softball camps, soccer camps, weekly tennis camps, outdoor basketball camps, multi-sports camps.

Autumn - Soccer for children and adults, adult softball league, outdoor basketball clinics, tennis instruction for all ages, fall baseball, senior fitness, TaeKwon-do, TaeKwon-do for special needs children.

Winter - Saturday basketball leagues, travel basketball teams, cheerleading, platform tennis instruction, ski trips, batting instruction, indoor track, girls' lacrosse clinic, indoor soccer, senior fitness, TaeKwon-do, TaeKwon-do for special needs children.

Be Creative@ South Orange Public Library

SUMMER 2009



Mondays

COMPUTER CLASSES drop-in All ages
10am-noon, every other week
7/6, 7/20, 8/3, 8/17, 8/31

ANIMATION CLUB 3:30pm 6th grade&up
7/06 – 8/17 Watch, read, create, discuss animation.

MONDAY NIGHT FUN 7pm All ages
sponsored by Friends of SOPL
7/06 **Bobaloo** Storyteller extraordinaire
7/13 **Ms. Marilyn & Mr. Gray** Songs & Stories
7/20 **Magician**, Bob Conrad
7/27 **Dancing!**
8/3 **Write a Poem, Make a Book**
8/10 **BeeKeeper**

Tuesdays

TODDLER STORYTIME 11am ages 2-4
Come with an adult for stories, songs, more!

CHESS AND GAMES 3:30pm All ages

Extra! Extra! 7pm All ages
7/21 Mehndi with Shilpa Shah
8/11 Digital photography w/ or w/out your camera

Wednesdays

BOOKS FOR BABIES 10am
for babies from birth to 2½ and their adults

GAMING OR MOVIES 1pm All ages
Alternate Wednesdays 6/24-8/19

Movies 6/24 The Princess Bride, 7/8 Akeelah & the Bee, 7/22 The Neverending Story, 8/5 The Parent Trap, 8/19 The Game Plan

Gaming, includes Wii & board games
7/1, 7/15, 7/29, 8/12

Thursdays

ART IN THE AFTERNOON 2pm All ages
7/9 **Paint!** make a mural, paint a chair.
7/16 **Plant!** a!garden Dig in the dirt.
7/23 **Tie-dye!** Bring cotton clothing to dye.
7/30 **Papier-Mache!** Get messy and create/
8/6 **Sculpture!** Create w/ various materials.
8/13 **Printing!** Use paper or bring a t-shirt
8/20 **Puppets!** Make one. Or two...

LECTURE SERIES 1pm adults,/teens
7/9 **Music & Poetry** w/ John Wargacki, SHU
7/23 **Farce, Satire, Mel Brooks** w/ Karen Gervitz, SHU
8/6 **Music** w/ Kim Chiesa and friends
8/20 **Films-1943** w/ Philip Weisman, filmmaker

THURSDAY EVENINGS @ 7pm

7/2 **Gaming** 6th grade&up
7/09 **Calligraphy** for all ages
7/23 **Mehndi** 6th grade&up
7/30 **Gaming** 6th grade&up
8/6 **Author**, Micol Ostow 6th grade&up
8/13 **Gaming** 6th grade&up
8/20 **Breadmaking** for all ages

Fridays

Popcorn Movies 1:30pm All ages

Library will be closed Fridays 7/3, 7/31, 8/21

Plus!

SUMMER READING CLUB, VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, PRIZE DRAWINGS, BOOK GROUP ON 4TH MONDAY OF MONTH, SHAKESPEARE, GREAT READS

Get more info

@ the library or www.sopl.org

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South Orange, NJ 07079

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Honoring our selfless best ...

The Villager of the Month Award

June Villagers of the Month

The two June Villagers of the Month are 2009 graduates of Columbia High School who have distinguished themselves in school and in the wider community.

Bergenie Celony



loves kids. As a peer mentor in her senior year, she and other mentors met with Maplewood Middle School

students to help them transition to Columbia without the common pitfalls of adolescence. Every Tuesday, she provided one-on-one tutoring with an elementary student at Clinton School; and on Wednesdays and Fridays, she was a teacher's aide, tutoring ninth grade French students.

Bergenie also helped Columbia administrators by talking with kids going through personal rough patches. Assistant Principal Janice McGowan said Bergenie "moved far beyond the mission of peer counseling by volunteering her time." She is "a model of engagement and success."

"If I can do it, I'll do it, and try to help come up with a solution," said Bergenie.

Outside school, Bergenie was a three-year volunteer for SKIP,

Striving Kids in Progress, a local organization that pairs children and families with professionals who help them overcome difficulties.

At Our Lady Help of Christians in East Orange, she is an active member of the youth group and choir. She also dances with the Maria Priadka dancers of South Orange and serves as a sales assistant at Rite Aid Pharmacy.

Bergenie will become a pre-med student at Bloomfield College this fall. ▲

Cory Epstein was the president of the Columbia Student Council in the past school year, and class president for three prior years. In the last year, he initiated Freshman Fun Night, orchestrated two Spirit Weeks, two blood drives and a successful food drive on Inauguration Day. Under Cory's leadership, his class raised more than \$12,000 and organized a collection of CDs for hospitalized children.

For two years, Cory was a member of the PM News Show at Columbia Cable Network and won the CCN award for best creative vibe. In his senior year, he was the network's daily operations manager. Cory's diverse school activities included performances in three musical productions, two years on the junior varsity tennis team, and two years in the Excelsior Singers Honor Choir.

Assistant Principal Janice McGowan said, "He is very responsible and generous with his time and energy, but finds the time to maintain a stellar academic record."

At Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel, Cory was a four-year member of the



youth group, and religious and cultural vice president in the past year. He taught music and prayers to children from kindergarten through middle school at

his Hebrew school, where he has also been an aide for two children with autism.

He has been a team captain for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and for the second summer, is an intern for the Valerie Fund, a job that showed him, "I really want to do something that helps people, to put my life and skills to work."

This fall, Cory will be heading to Vassar College. ▲

Know someone who could be Villager of the Month?

The Villager of the Month Award is given to individuals (and sometimes groups) who make significant contributions to the quality of life in South Orange and beyond. Nominations from the public are always welcome.

Nominees may live or work in South Orange; current Village employees and volunteers on township committees (eligible for other recognition) are not eligible for VOM. All nominations are reviewed by the Community Relations Committee. Send nominations to the Village Clerk, lcucciniello@southorange.org, to any CRC member, or to ktjdz@aol.com.