

The South Orange Gaslight



New assessment values to appear in 4th quarter tax bills

Fourth quarter property tax bills soon will be mailed to all property owners reflecting the new 2008 assessments and the final 2008 tax rate.

Last year's town-wide property revaluation changed many assessments, but the updated values, effective Jan. 1, 2008, could not be reflected in tax bills until the third and fourth quarter.

Why? Because each year, property tax payments are due in four installments: Feb. 1, May 1, Aug. 1 and Nov. 1. In accordance with state law, the February and May bills are based on the prior year's tax rate and assessments. The August and November bills are based on the current year's assessments, and the November bill reflects the finalized tax rate.

Your new assessed value was not applied until the 2008 tax cycle began in July. Now, fourth quarter 2008 property tax bills will be calculated as follows:

- **2008 Tax Total** = 2008 assessed value x 2008 final tax rate.
- **Fourth-Quarter Tax** = 2008 tax total minus first, second and third quarter taxes.

For more information about taxes, contact the Village Tax Collector at (973) 378-7715 x7732. For assessment questions, contact the Tax Assessor at x7729.

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Village & SHU mining for joint benefits

How can the Village and Seton Hall share academic and cultural resources? Can university students be drawn downtown for greater economic impact? How about off-campus parking, housing and jitney services?

These questions and more will be explored by the South Orange/Seton Hall Partnership, a new organization formed to address mutual concerns and shared resources.

Exploration and planning will be carried out by three committees, each comprised of six volunteer Villagers and one Seton Hall employee. Committees will meet monthly and report to the Village Board of Trustees and Seton Hall officials.

- The Community Relations Committee will seek ways to use resources for mutual benefit, such as Seton Hall student teaching, academic lectures, athletics, cultural resources, facilities access and tutoring/mentoring of South Orange students.

- The University Engagement Committee will aim to improve the quality of Seton Hall student and staff life within the Village. Possible initiatives include a Pirates Gold Card for downtown use, student and staff housing, student parking, shared jitney services, off-campus housing and street safety.

- The Economic Development Committee will consider strategies such as Irvington avenue access; lodging for Seton Hall visitors; and off-campus student services, such as a bookstore annex, classrooms and student/career services.

The Village's former University Relations Committee was disbanded

when the partnership came about. Committee volunteers are still needed. To get involved, contact the Village Clerk at (973) 378-7715, x1 or lcucciniello@southorange.org. ▲

Fines for Village tickets increased

Fines for many township violations increased in July. The most common offenses and related new fines are as follows:

- Permit parking only (lots) - \$55
- Overtime parking (lots) - \$35
- No overnight parking (lots) - \$39
- Overtime on street - \$40
- No all-night parking (2-6 a.m.) - \$55
- Parking prohibited at all times - \$55
- Overtime meter parking - \$40
- No parking during certain hours - \$39

Fines for many violations are listed on the back of each summons. Information can also be obtained on the Village website, southorange.org; or the state municipal court website, NJMCdirect.com. Or call the Village Court at (973) 378-7805. ▲

Informal 'Town Hall' meeting, Sept. 17

The Village Board of Trustees will hold an informal "Town Hall" meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The Baird, #5 Mead Street. Residents can discuss topics of their choosing and afterward, trustees will be available to meet individually with residents.

Another Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Jan. 21. For information, call the Village Clerk's Office, (973) 378-7715, x7724. ▲

The Gaslight is published 10 times yearly for the residents & business community of South Orange Village.

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Emergency siren coming to SHU

An emergency public notification system is about to be installed on the campus of Seton Hall University and school officials want residents in the 3,500-foot alert radius to know about it in advance.

The system will protect the 10,000 people who live, study and work on campus, prompting them to go to other media for more information.

The siren will produce a variety of alert tones, as well as short pre-recorded voice messages.

Siren testing will occur once each semester, likely mid-weekday in September and January. The Village will be notified of the testing schedule. ▲

Village launches enviro website

The Village has launched a new website, "Environment South Orange," offering information about money-saving energy tips, recycling, local green projects, and how to get involved in conservation.

"South Orange is committed to reducing our greenhouse gas emissions, and to informing the community of our environmental initiatives," said Walter Clarke, a member of the South Orange Environmental Commission.

The commission and the Energy Policy Committee partnered to create the new site, located online at www.southorange.org/Environment or under "Information" on the Village website home page. ▲

Coalition names new director

Maplewood resident Nancy Gagnier is the new executive director of the South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race.

She is a former development and public relations executive and a current member of the local board of education. ▲



Going Batty

The Department of Health has been fielding an unusual volume of bat calls. Health Officer John Festa says small brown bats, those most frequently found, are rarely rabid.

If you are bitten or scratched, clean the wound immediately with soap and water, then promptly seek medical attention. If a bat appears in your home, leave it alone and call Animal Control via the Police Department, (973) 763-3000, x7772.

All dogs and cats should be regularly vaccinated against rabies.

For information on bat-proofing your home, go to the Village Web site, www.southorange.org, and click on Health Department, or call (973) 378-7715, x7711.▲



Nancy Gagnier

What will our future downtown look like?

South Orange is embarking on a downtown visioning plan to determine how its three business districts should evolve over the next 20 years. The vision is being developed by professional planners with public input and will include goals for zoning, design standards, business recruitment and retention, parking and traffic.

The Cecil Group of Boston has been selected to conduct public meetings as well as workshops with Village governing bodies, neighborhood associations, educational institutions, large employers and some volunteer groups.

Future retail and commercial square footage will be quantified as will residential units. Priorities for new development sites and their uses also will be determined.

The plan is expected to be completed in six to nine months. It applies to South Orange's central business district, Irvington Avenue and Valley Street.

Specific pieces of the plan will include:

- *Land Use and Zoning Guidelines* - zoning for specific future uses will be developed based on existing land uses. Key sites and alternative land uses will be identified.

- *Design Vision* - improvements will be identified for road access and parking, streetscape, and key public spaces such as parks and major buildings.

- *Market Study* - planners will assess demographics in South Orange and surrounding areas, historic and economic trends, as well as the existing and potential retail market.

- *Traffic and Parking Study* - current use and conditions will be compared with demand.

The project will be modeled on the state's "smart growth" principles, emphasizing conservation of natural resources while promoting economic growth. ▲

AT THE BAIRD

(973) 378-7754 • www.thebaird.org

PIERRO GALLERY

(973) 378-7754 • www.pierrogallery.org

No Laughing Matter

Sept. 7- Oct. 12

Five artists examine the absurdities of our times with whimsy, wit and dark humor. Curated by Susan Napack, the show includes artists Dana Filibert (steel, mixed mediums sculptures), Hiroshi Kumagai (paint, vinyl), Maria Lupo (mixed medium), Brian Leo (paintings) and Cory Marc (ceramics).

- Artists' Panel Discussion, Sept. 14, 2 p.m.
- Opening Reception, Sept. 14, 3-5 p.m.

iPaint, iDraw, iSculpt, iPhotograph

Oct. 19 to Nov. 23

Get back to the basics, the sheer joy of creative head and heart expression. Curated by Marco Munoz, the show includes artists Bonnie Marantz, (painting), Drew Knapp (drawing), Barbra Wallace (sculpture), and Evonne Davis (photography).

DREAMCATCHER REPERTORY THEATER

(973) 378-7754, x2228
www.dreamcatcherrep.org

Multiple Personality Disorder

Dreamcatcher's improvisational comedy troupe uses audience suggestions to create unpredictable scenes right before your eyes. Saturday, Sept. 20. Fun for the whole family. All tickets \$10.

You Miss Them When They're Not Around

Jill Olson is broke, pregnant and desperate to start her life over. She has just been offered a lot of money for her broken-down old wreck of a house. All she has to do is get rid of the ghost. A spirited comedy about letting go, by Suzanne Bradbeer, author of the 2006 acclaimed production of "Full Bloom." Oct. 31 to Nov. 16. Tickets \$10 to \$25.

(973) 762-0230

Dining Out for Scholarships

If you're dining out on Oct. 23, be sure to choose one of the 15 South Orange or Maplewood restaurants participating in the second annual "Dining Out for Scholarships" event, a benefit for the Columbia High School Scholarship Fund.

Tell your waitress you are dining on behalf of CHSSF. You'll pay the normal fare, but the restaurant will donate 5% to 15% of your tab to the fund.

A complete list of participating restaurants (from delis to high-end gourmet) will be posted in the News-Record, on both town websites and on posters throughout the towns. Listings will specify breakfast, lunch or dinnertime meals.

Planners expect to exceed last year's fundraising total of \$800. For more information, call Joan Lee (973) 763-8246, or Meryl Levine (973) 763-6535.

Newcomers/All-comers event, Sept. 21

Everyone in the Village is invited on Sunday, Sept. 21, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., to welcome new neighbors in a festive community gathering.

Learn about community service opportunities, meet local officials and public safety personnel, get answers to your South Orange questions. Enjoy two prominent blues bands: 13 Scotland Road and Michael Griot. Enjoy food and children's activities.

The fun takes place at North Baseball Field at The Baird. Rain site: inside The Baird. For more information or to reserve a table, call the Village Clerk at (973) 378-7715.

Main Street So. Orange

www.MainStreetSouthOrange.org • (973) 763-6899

■ **Destination University**, a round-the-clock business training library is now available in South Orange, one of 32 Main Street New Jersey communities using the program to teach business owners how to increase sales, profits and customer traffic. Among the online workshop topics are "Creating an Annual Marketing Plan," "Increasing Website Profitability" and "Building Word-of-Mouth Marketing." Business owners also can view monthly interviews with top business authors and marketing experts. Call Main Street for the Internet access code.

■ **Resident Survey** - Main Street's Economic Development Committee wants to attract establishments that will prosper while improving residents' quality of life. Your thoughts on the desired mix of commercial tenants, products and services are sought in a 15-question survey online at <http://app.icontact.com/icp/sub/survey/take>.

Main Street Fall Events

• **Farmers' Market** - Every Wednesday through October, 2 to 7 p.m., Sloan and First street lot.

• **Fall Festival** - Wednesday, Oct. 29, 4 to 6 p.m., at the Farmers' Market. Pumpkin decorating, activities and live music.

• **Halloween Festival** - Friday, Oct. 31, 4 to 6 p.m., at Spooky Spiotta Park. Treat Street Parade, costume contest, prizes for all. (Sponsored by the South Orange Chamber of Commerce and Main Street.)

• **SHU Day Pancake Breakfast** - Saturday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Spiotta Park.

S.O./Maplewood Adult School

schoolinfo@somadulthoodschool.org • (973) 378-7620

More than 150 courses are offered this fall, from political and global issues, to personal growth and healthy living. Semester highlights include presentations by "New York Times" op-ed columnist Roger Cohen, acclaimed authors Elizabeth Brown Pryor and Tricia Tunstall, scholars Petra Chu and Richard Wolin, and Joyce Jonas of "Antiques Road Show."

This year, the Adult School introduces its online learning program -- more than 250 courses in computers and technology, writing and language, business and careers, grant writing and nonprofit management, and personal enrichment. Learn more at www.ed2gogo.com/somas.

Also premiering are parent/child classes in science, art and culinary arts.

For those interested in GED preparation or English As A Second Language, enrollment will be Sept. 9.

Class descriptions and schedules are available in the fall catalog and on the Adult School website.

"**Night Out at the Adult School**," Sept. 9. Guest performances, an art exhibit, information and registration. At Black Box Theatre, Columbia High School.

On Stage at SOPAC

SOPACnow.org • (973) 275-1114

• Oct. 3, 8 p.m. - "An Evening with Lura," world music, \$28.

• Oct. 4, 8 p.m. - Diane Schuur, jazz and vocals, \$58/\$48/\$38.

• Oct. 5, 8 p.m. - "Father Goose," family musical performance, \$19.

• Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m. - Reduced Shakespeare Company presents, "The Complete History of America, Abridged," comedy, \$35/\$28.

• Oct. 10, 8 p.m. - Max Raabe & Palast Orchester, Berlin cabaret culture of the 1920s and 1930s, \$48/\$42.

• Oct. 30, 8 p.m. - "Great Big Sea," Canadian folk-rock, \$52/\$32.

• Nov. 2, 3 p.m. - "Discovery Orchestra: Discover Sousa," \$30/\$24.

• Nov. 7, 8 p.m. - Comedian Paula Poundstone, \$45/\$38.

• Nov. 8, 8 p.m. - Simone Rachael Price, jazz and vocals, \$35/\$28.

Healing: A Sept. 11 commemoration

Relaxing and connecting with others can help us heal. Learn how from experts in psychology, art and music therapy, meditation and yoga. Two discussion sessions are offered: 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., and 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. A hands-on follow-up session from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. lets you participate in activities and workshops scattered around the library, including yoga, knitting, art, journaling, and gaming. All ages are welcome.

Lecture Series Resumes

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

• Sept. 18 - Professor Eugene Lieber, "Controversial Elections in U.S. History."

• Sept. 25 - Professor Doug Simon, "World Political Update."

• Oct. 2 - Professor Mark Boglioli, "Animal Rights Controversy in Vermont."

• Oct. 9 - No program, Yom Kippur.

• Oct. 16 - Professor Barrie Peterson, "Imagery and Impressions from East Africa."

• Oct. 23 - Author Dr. Sandra Lee, "Images of Italian Immigrants: Family, Work and Religion."

• Oct. 30 - Professor Stephen Schoeman, "The Bill of Rights."

Movies & Games

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

Classic movies are shown every other Wednesday at 1 p.m. On in-between Wednesdays, seniors can enjoy Wii lessons and games. (Wii is a video gaming system that lets anyone, regardless of age or handicap, bowl or play tennis.)

The upcoming movie schedule includes: Sept. 17, "Out to Sea"; Oct. 1, "Unmarried Woman"; Oct. 15, "Miami Rhapsody"; and Oct. 29, "Best Years of Our Lives."

Regular Programs

• S. O. Book Review Group (adults) - Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m., "Inheritance of Loss," by Kiran Desai. Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m., "Nefretiti," by Michelle Moran.

• Children's programs resume at the end of September. Pick up a flyer in the Children's Room.

RECYCLING CORRECTION

Some recycling rules and regulations have been updated since publication of the 2008 guide in the Gaslight. For corrected rules on what can and cannot be recycled, go to the recycling section of the Township website, www.SouthOrange.org.

COME HOME TO THE HALL
UNIVERSITY DAY

OCTOBER 4, 2008

South Orange Appreciation Parade

11:30 a.m.

South Orange Avenue



Followed by

University Day at Seton Hall

Live music, faculty-led lectures, athletic events, and activities for all ages!

To have your group, organization or business participate in the parade, please e-mail codeymeg@shu.edu or call 973-378-2600.



For a complete schedule, visit

universityday.shu.edu

LEAVES

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A User's Guide to Leaves

by the Environmental Commission, Village of South Orange

"Leaves have always been a problem in South Orange. This is because there are so many trees in the beautiful village."

2008 Seton Hall University

Environmental Studies Senior Capstone

South Orange Recycling Center Project

Problems

Once we burned them. When those hazards became obvious, and the Clean Air Act banned leaf burning, the Village began picking up residents' leaves from the street. Now, unfortunately, those costs and hazards have also become all too clear.

Leaves Pollute the River

For one thing, everything that enters our storm-drains eventually flows into the East Branch of the Rahway River, the main stream in our village. Curbside leaves not only clog the storm drains, but bacteria from leaf runoff into the drains pollutes the stream, river, and ocean. Decomposing leaves take oxygen out of the water and suffocate aquatic life. Downstream, the river provides drinking water to residents of Rahway and Elizabeth before joining the seashore ecology.

Because of runoff pollution to the river, the New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection has severely limited South Orange's former practice of composting all of our collected leaves at the Recycling Center, beside the river. Runoff pollution from leaves is also the reason why you can't put your leaves out for a long period of time now—they must be put out close to pickup day.

For a variety of reasons—financial, legal, safety, environmental—we must now focus on vastly reducing the Village's curbside collection of residents' leaves. You can help. Here's why you should.

It's Expensive

The Village currently devotes thousands of work-hours and over half a million dol-

lars every year to dispose of the mountains of leaves that residents and their landscapers put in the street. The Village's Department of Public Works, using trucks and front-loaders, burns thousands of gallons of sooty diesel fuel to do this job.

Each year, 2,500 truck-loads of leaves are picked up by Village from our streets. They bring 16,000 cubic yards of leaves to the Recycling Center. About 12,000 cubic yards of the leaves are then removed from the center by a private contractor, and hauled to an off-site disposal yard. The disposal contract expires in Spring 2010, when our leaf disposal costs are expected to triple. It's in our best interest to reduce the volume of leaves put out on the street, any way we can.

Leaf pickup is expensive to you personally, not just as a taxpayer. According to cleanairgardening.com, about 30% of our water usage goes to servicing landscaping methods that strip the soil of fallen leaves and all other moisture-retentive organic material. Nature expects to make topsoil from fallen leaves, and it's free.

Traffic Safety

Leaves piled in the streets create multiple hazards for drivers and children. Drivers swerve to avoid leaf piles, endangering pedestrians, bicyclists, and other drivers. Leaves washed down the street become slick masses at intersections, hindering braking ability. Children play in leaf piles, and drivers can't see them.

Solutions

We devote enormous amounts of labor, money and pollution to the suburban ritual of removing all loose organic matter from our lawns and then replacing it from other sources. Is this the best solution for the environment or our pocketbooks? Are there alternatives?

➤ **Mowing leaves and letting them mulch into the turf**, thereby returning organic matter to the soil, is an environmental triple play—eliminating water pollution & the expense of fertilizing; saving money from reduced lawn watering and eliminating pollution from leaves piled in gutters; saving the Village labor costs and pollution from vehicle exhaust.

➤ **Creating garden areas where leaves can remain where they fall** is a huge environmental benefit for you, your neighbors, the Village, the river and the sea—eliminating water pollution from fertilizing and from leaf-piles in gutters; saving the money and labor of fertilizing, leaf-blowing, watering, and Village leaf collection and disposal eliminating the noise, cost, and air pollution from trucks, mowers and blowers.

S. Orange Leaf Pick Up Budget Items	Current Estimated Annual Costs
5,000 Gallons of diesel fuel	\$20,000
Labor—Regular Time	\$351,023
Labor—overtime	\$20,000
Private contractor leaf removal	\$71,400
Machine parts	\$2,000
Total	\$464,423

🌿 **Compost leaves in bins to create mulch and gardening humus** that correctly replace spent nutrients—eliminating the cost and transportation pollution of re-importing topsoil, the cost and pollution of village leaf collection/disposal, and the water pollution from leaf-pile runoff.

🌿 **Try bagging leaves before you put them out by the curb.** Many towns in New Jersey require residents to bag their leaves in biodegradable bags. Bagging leaves reduces pickup time and costs, and keeps them from contaminating the river. If you can't recycle your leaves on site just yet, try bagging your leaves this Fall before

putting them out for curbside pickup. Branches, stones, dirt, or other debris, however, may not be bagged with leaves.

Recycling Leaves

You can also recycle your own leaves. Barbara Watson's "Recycling Leaves in the Yard" (urbanext.uiuc.edu/hortihints/0010a.html) proposes:

"Instead of sending leaves to a commercial or municipal compost facility and then buying or taking them back as compost next year, reap the benefits directly by using your own leaves in a variety of ways."

Recycle leaves on site: rake them to the backyard compost bin and turn them into humus or mulch. Composting is great because the leaves enrich the soil with nutrients.

As the leaves fall, you can easily run a lawn mower right over the top. If necessary, mow several times during the autumn so that the mowed leaves don't completely cover the grass surface. The leaves will provide nutrients for your soil for quality root growth.

Barbara Watson also suggests:

🌿 **Construct some type of bin of wood or wire to hold the materials.** Piles need to be a minimum of 3 by 3 by 3 feet for best decomposition, constructed so air can reach the composting materials.

🌿 **Mixing green and brown materials together speeds the process.** Grass clippings or other green plant parts supply nitrogen. Dead leaves are high in carbon. Mixing the two assures good conditions for the microbes and fungi that actually decompose the plant material.

🌿 **Shredded leaves make wonderful mulch** around trees, shrubs

and perennials. Leaf mulch is an attractive dark brown and slowly decomposes, releasing nutrients to the plants. A lawn mower with a bag attached is an easy way to chop and pick up leaves simultaneously, so you can compost them. After the soil freezes in late November, insulate roses and perennials with crinkly dry leaves instead of straw.

🌿 **In fully wooded areas, let the leaves lie as they fall.** The trees need the natural leaf litter to enrich the soil's nutrients and quality, for maximum root growth.

Support

The Environmental Commission hopes to encourage in-yard composting through the distribution of small composting units. Residents interested in purchasing a composter at cost should contact the Environmental Commission via southorange.org/admin/contactVillageEnvironment.asp or call the Dept. of Public Works at **973-378-7741**.

Visit our website at www.southorange.org/Environment or contact the Environmental Commission at southorange.org/

admin/contactVillageEnvironment.asp, to ask about other homes in the Village that model the environmental solutions that interest you. We will put you in touch with fellow Villagers who can share their own experiences, and help you find ways large and small for you to achieve your goal of a "greener" lawn and garden.

Need help filling your compost bin? Habitat for Humanity's chapter at Seton Hall University will rake leaves for South Orange residents—pollution free!—in return for a donation to support their annual trip to create low-income housing for those in need. Contact Karoline Stankiewicz at stankika@shu.edu or 973-761-9197. Of course, there is also the tried-and-true method—our own local teenagers with rakes! The money that we spend on noisy, polluting, mechanized landscaping can make local teens with rakes very, very happy!

Visit www.southorange.org/Environment to learn more about South Orange's environment and the Environmental Commission.



This Gaslight insert is taken, in part, from a larger report, the "2008 Seton Hall University Environmental Studies Senior Capstone Project on the South Orange Recycling Center," underwritten by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region II. That report was written by Maria King, Brielle Kociolek, Brianne Krakovsky, Lauren Ludwig, Shannon O'Donnell, Lauren Tumminia, and Beth Wislinski, supervised by Professors Michael Taylor and Marian Glenn, and Janine Bauer (Environmental Commission). Thanks also to the Village's Department of Public Works and the Business Administrator, John Gross.

FALL 2008

Residential Public Works Programs

Branches & Shrubs

Between Sept. 19, 2008 and early April 2009, trimmings and branches cannot be left at curbside for pickup. They may be brought to the Public Works Recycling Depot at 300 Walton Avenue.

Branch pickup ends in September. An appointment is required. Call DPW on or before Sept. 19. Branches must be under four inches in diameter for pickup or drop-off. No roots or stumps are accepted.

For information, call (973) 378-7741, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Grass Clippings

South Orange Disposal Company will pick up grass clippings placed in plastic bags between the curb and sidewalk. Two bags per week are permitted on the second day of your regular garbage collection. For information, call (973) 762-3880.

Leaf Removal Season starts Oct. 20

The 2008 leaf removal season is Oct. 20 through Dec. 15. Pickup cycles are estimated at 11 days. Any rake-out after Dec. 15 will be a violation of municipal ordinances. For more information, check the leaf collection web page, www.southorange.org/leafcollection, or call the leaf removal hotline, (973) 378-7501. Information is updated daily.

If you live on a county road, call (973) 239-3366.

Leaf Collection Rules

1. Pile leaves no more than four feet from the curb and not in traffic lanes.
2. Leaves left in plastic bags will not be picked up.
3. No debris other than leaves is permitted in the streets. Improper placement could prevent pickup.
4. Avoid creating leaf mounds. They attract children and subject them to traffic dangers. They also create potential fire and traffic hazards.
5. Do not place leaves within 10 feet of storm catch basins.

Year-Round Recycling Depot

Open to South Orange residents, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon.

Allowed: Glass, food and beverage containers, aluminum/tin cans, #1 plastic containers (such as some soda and water bottles, milk and detergent containers), newspaper, high-grade paper, crushed corrugated boxes, leaves (spring and fall only), items made entirely of metal (not heavily rusted), kitchen appliances, tires (each affixed with a sticker purchased from Village Hall), and branches no larger than four inches in diameter.

Not Allowed: Sheet or window glass, aluminum foil, propane bottles, full or empty paint cans, household debris, garbage, roof shingles, plastic bags, doors and windows with glass and/or hardware, railroad ties, pressure-treated wood, construction material (tiles, plaster, sheet rock, paneling, wood with nails, painted wood), furniture, tree stumps, brush larger than four inches in diameter, grass, plastic bags, Styrofoam.

Final Container Day

Saturday, Sept. 27

Drop-off hours are 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Public Works Garage, 300 Walton Avenue. Bring two proofs of residency. No commercial vehicles allowed.

Allowed: furniture, mattresses, appliances, toys, carpets and strollers.

Not Allowed: Paint cans (full or empty), propane bottles, hazardous chemicals/materials, construction materials, grass clippings, household garbage, car/truck parts, batteries, railroad ties or any electronic items.

■ To check on questionable items, call Public Works.

2009 Toter Schedules

The schedule will be inserted in the Nov./Dec. 2008 Gaslight. Please remove and save for reference. The schedule is also available year-round on the Village website, www.southorange.org, at Baird Community Center, the library, the DPW office or Village Hall.

Electronics Recycling

South Orange and Maplewood co-sponsor a free electronics recycling program, with two alternating drop-off locations. Residents of either town must show proof of residency on site. Commercial and large-quantity users are not allowed.

Remaining dates for 2008 are:

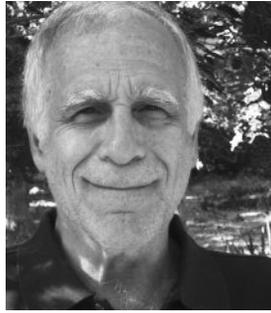
- Sept. 13 - South Orange Recycling Center, 300 Walton Avenue.
- Nov. 1 - Maplewood Recycling Center, 359 Boyden Avenue.
- Dec. 20 - South Orange Recycling Center, 300 Walton Avenue.

Villager of the Month

Dr. Sanford J. Shifman

"I'm in the healing profession and not everybody can do that," says Sanford Shifman. So when opportunities arise that he can help others in need, he willingly gives his time, and often, his professional talents.

For the last 30 years, Shifman has maintained a successful general dentistry practice on Irvington



Avenue. Between appointments, he's managed to squeeze in an extraordinary amount

of volunteerism.

In the early 80s, "South Orange used to have a dental examination office at the Baird Community Center and they offered consultations for a senior citizens group. The town asked me to help establish it." For about three years, Shifman provided the service at minimal pay and even continued for a time when the funding stopped.

He was equally dedicated to the South Orange Welfare Board, a former committee of the Board of Trustees. "People go through so many bureaucracies to get help and they're often in limbo. The little assistance the town was able to provide was helpful to them until other agencies could accommodate them," said Shifman.

He stayed with the board in an advisory position for 20 years until it was absorbed into the county system around 2005.

More than anything, Shifman savors his outreach experience with an organization called "Healing the Children." He has taken one trip to a Sioux Indian reservation in South Dakota and two more trips to the Dominican Republic to provide basic dental care to indigent people. "I'll do more of those trips if they ask," he said. "I consider it an honor."

Locally, Shifman has worked tire-

lessly to raise money for the blind as a 29-year member and past president of the South Orange Lions Club. He also belongs to the Village Club and Congregation Beth El.

Shifman and his wife, Elaine Harris, have lived in South Orange since 1978 and raised two children here. "It's a very beautiful town," he said.

Sometimes, "I feel I should give something back. The little time it takes is not going to make me poor or rich, but it sure makes me feel better." ▲

Biz buzz

Welcome to three new downtown businesses:

- **Kitchen a la Mode**, 19 South

Orange Avenue, offers accessories for cooking and entertaining.

- **Village Trattoria of South Orange**, 21 South Orange Avenue, is a restaurant and pizzeria.

- **Sparkhouse: Creative Kid Stuff**, 13 Scotland Road, offers merchandise to help kids explore their creativity.



Giants of Jazz 11 Coming Oct. 11

South Orange's fall tradition continues! The eleventh annual Giants of Jazz returns on Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at South Orange Middle School.

Two-time Grammy Award winner Slide Hampton, the internationally renowned jazz trombonist, composer and arranger, will be this year's Jazz Master Award honoree. He will perform with a host of other renowned jazz musicians, all on one stage for a single night only.

Tickets go on sale Sept. 8: \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door, \$35 for students with ID and for seniors. For preferred concert seating and sound check passes, inquire about the Friends of the Arts package, level 3.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.thebaird.org, or stop by these locations: The Baird, Rocket-Ship & Print, or Tenth Muse Gallery in Maplewood. ▲

More than 30 cultural arts courses will be offered at The Baird this fall – dance, music, fine art and more. Ten-week classes begin Sept. 14. For information: www.thebaird.org or (973) 378-7754.

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