

The Gaslight

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SOUTH ORANGE
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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



IN TOUCH WITH VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

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Neighbors,

As the crisp autumn air fills our town and the vibrant colors of fall paint our streets, I want to take a moment to connect with you about an important decision that will shape the future of our community.

Next month, during the General Election, in addition to selecting your elected officials at various levels of government, you'll be asked to vote on a local question regarding whether South Orange should sell its water utility to New Jersey American Water ("NJAW") for \$19.7 million.

I am encouraging you to vote yes.

Over the past few years, I've been closely involved in this issue. In September 2022, I appointed a Water Utility Task Force to examine our options carefully. Since then, the Village has undertaken incredible due diligence, leveraging the knowledge of our community volunteers and professional staff and contracting with firms to complete valuation studies, engineering reports, staffing models, reviews of statutory regulations, and finally, a clear financial analysis of impacts on ratepayers in the immediate, short, and long term.

After this thorough review, the conclusion is clear: **New Jersey American Water is in a stronger position than we are to own and manage our water utility**—offering better service, faster improvements, and lower costs than the Village can provide.

In addition to the information provided in this edition of the Gaslight, you can access all presentations and reports on SouthOrange.org, including town hall meetings recorded for your convenience. I encourage you to take the time to review the details for yourself.

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR CONTINUED

Beyond my endorsement, this sale is fully supported by our Water Administrator, Village Administrator, Village Engineer, Chief Financial Officer, Purchasing Agent, Village Attorney, and the Water Utility Task Force Chair.

Please Also Consider:

- **Our water distribution system is a liability, not an asset.** Most of our infrastructure has passed its useful life (over 100 years old) and will need \$50M in capital improvements over the next ten years.
- **We don't have our own water source.** We purchase our water from NJAW under a bulk service agreement. To be clear, the Village has been buying its water for over 30 years. A water supply/reservoir and treatment plant would be an asset; we don't have one.
- **Economies of scale.** Our customer base is approximately 4,500, whereas NJAW's is 668,000. The cost of infrastructure upgrades is spread throughout all ratepayers, creating greater stability, particularly with a very volatile regulatory environment.

As a small community of just 2.8 square miles, it simply makes sense to partner with a reputable and regulated company that already owns and operates water systems in surrounding towns like Maplewood, Millburn, West Orange, and Irvington. NJAW has the expertise, resources, and scale to efficiently maintain and improve our water system, as it's done for neighboring towns.

This isn't the first time I've asked you to trust in forward-thinking solutions for our Village. Shortly after becoming Mayor, I asked you to support the sale of Village Hall, which is now thriving as a restaurant and a ratable. The financial decision allowed us to fast-track moving on to other critical investments like our Baird Community Center and Public Library. In 2019, I asked you to support consolidating our fire department with Maplewood, which is now the largest and most successful municipal consolidation in the State of New Jersey in the past eight years.

The battle to the bottom of municipal inefficiency locally and statewide pains me to no end, especially its impact on residents. I wholeheartedly embrace looking at alternative ways to deliver services to our community, whether regionalization, shared services, consolidations, insourcing, outsourcing, or partnering with the private sector when appropriate—and this is that occasion.

In closing, please do your research, ask questions, and always feel free to contact me directly.

Sheena C. Collum
Mayor

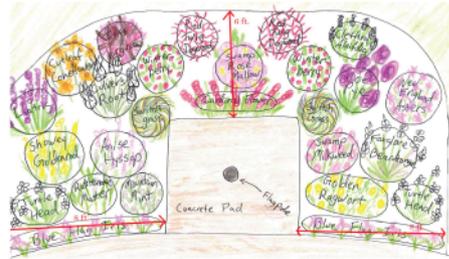


VILLAGE HIGHLIGHTS

FOUNDERS PARK RAIN GARDEN

Founders Park, on Valley Street at Fifth Street, slopes down from Valley. It used to be that after a good rain, the lower sidewalk would flood. Three years ago, the Founders Park Conservancy created a depression on the downhill side of that walkway and installed a native-plant rain garden. Along with providing a habitat for our pollinators and wildlife, the plants have deep roots that help break up the heavy clay soil, creating channels for water to travel. The conservancy notes that standing water on the sidewalks has all but disappeared. Green infrastructure at work!

This is a solution easily implemented at home as well as in our parks. A rain garden is simply a shallow depression planted with deep-rooted native species. The plants collect runoff and aid water absorption on-site. Most of the Founders Park plants were planted as germinated seedlings; the total cost of the plants for the rain garden was less than \$400.



The plan



Before the garden was planted

Photo Credit: Founders Park Conservancy member Jessica Miller



Three years later

COMMUNITY COALITION ON RACE



A new season is here and with it an exciting schedule of events from the Community Coalition on Race.

October is Coalition Month, a time when the Community Coalition on Race celebrates progress toward building an integrated and inclusive community, hosts a lineup of pro-integrative events, and sets goals for the coming year. This month's events include a fundraising gala, Celebrating Integration: The Power of Inclusive Community, on October 17 at Orange Lawn Tennis Club. The event will honor former Maplewood mayor Ellen Davenport and opera singer/educator Lori Brown Mirabal. Both women have played important roles in the success of the coalition. Tickets are available at communitycoalitiononrace.org/events.

Also in October is the final Integrated Art Circle for 2024, "Exploration of World Music," led by ethnomusicologist, performer, and teacher Ahmondylla Best. Additionally, the schools committee will host its annual Board of Education candidates forum. Seven candidates are vying for three open seats. The schools committee will also host a preschool open house in November, at which the community can learn about area preschools, early education programs, and the district preschool. Visit communitycoalitiononrace.org for event dates and locations.

The coalition invites community members to be part of its annual Dr. King Observance, Luminary Lighting, and volunteer fair on January 20, 2025. It is especially looking for volunteers and neighborhood leaders for the Luminary Project, an inspirational time of community solidarity with Dr. King's vision of the Beloved Community. The goal is for thousands of homes in SOMA to be lit up as a sign of hope, sanctuary, and peace after the observance. To participate, email soma@communitycoalitiononrace.org.

VILLAGE HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The South Orange Senior Advisory Committee (SOSAC) toured downtown South Orange and took the opportunity to thank Public Works Acting Director Joe Foligno and staffer Jack Zichelli for their work in improving downtown South Orange for older adults. SOSAC members expressed their appreciation for everything from new handrails and safer sidewalks to a digital kiosk and beautification efforts.

A newcomer to South Orange recently reached out to SOSAC because she couldn't negotiate the steps on Sloan Street without handrails. SOSAC took this cause to heart and asked the Village for changes. The South Orange Department of Public Works responded with handrails that are both attractive and functional.

Foligno also explained the process undertaken to create a safer pedestrian experience by removing trees (don't worry, more trees are planned in better locations) and relaying bricks.

SOSAC took a few moments to learn about the new digital kiosk, which was funded by a Main Street New Jersey grant awarded to South Orange Downtown and installed by South Orange Downtown and Public Works.

Highlights of the tour also included checking out the new summer annuals and the sparkling fountain.

Representatives of SOSAC on the tour were Michael Auer, Karen Boss, Bill Graves, Ed Moore, Tonia Moore, and Richard Stern.

SOSAC meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 5pm. Visit southorange.org for more information.



South Orange's new digital information kiosk



SOSAC members and Public Works Acting Director Joe Foligno cut the ribbon on the new handrails.

GREEN TEAM SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The South Orange Green Team is looking for new members. Green Team members work on such issues as reducing the Village's reliance on fossil fuel energy, and protecting and strengthening our diverse ecosystem. If you are interested, contact Green Team chair Kathleen Grant at environmentalcommission@southorange.org. South Orange Environmental Commission and Green Team meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. Visit southorange.org/calendar.aspx for more details.

Are you looking for a youth service project, such as for a scout troop, a bar or bat mitzvah, or a sports team? The South Orange Green Team can work with you to design a one-time or ongoing hands-on local project to support our natural world. Email environmentalcommission@southorange.org to schedule a time to talk with a Green Team member.



VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

SOUTH ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Do you have trouble getting to the library? The Friends of the South Orange Public Library offers a weekly home-delivery service. Every Thursday, a volunteer will drop off and/or pick up any library materials you would like to borrow or return. If you are interested in this service, call the library to get signed up.



The Friends of SOPL held its most successful jewelry sale to date this past spring. The sale funded the summer reading program, new books for the library collection, and, for the first time, beach passes for Long Branch and Sandy Hook. The next jewelry sale will be November 16-17 at the Baird Center. Visit sopl.org/friends-of-sopl for information on how to donate.



The library is a proud member of the Bergen County Cooperative Library System, joining 77 other libraries in Bergen and surrounding counties to share a collection of more than 5 million items. With a library card, South Orange residents can request materials be sent to either library branch. All cardholders are encouraged to download the BCCLS app to get started.

Library cardholders also have access to thousands of digital books and audiobooks, as well as digital magazines, via the Libby app.

Other digital resources include:

- **Weiss Financial Ratings**, which provides financial education guides as well as ratings for insurance and banking institutions. Users can take advantage of tools to compare supplemental Medicare insurance plans, banks, credit unions, and insurance companies.
- **Northstar Digital Literacy**, which offers free online learning assessments on a variety of topics, including computer skills, email and social media, job search and resume skills, and Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel). Users can earn badges and certificates that they can use on their resumes.
- **Mango Languages, Creativebug** (streaming craft workshops), **World Book Encyclopedia**, **Peterson's Test and Career Prep**, and **HeritageQuest** (genealogy).

Visit sopl.org/e-resources to get started, or call the library at 973.762.0230 for more details.

SNOW REMOVAL GUIDELINES

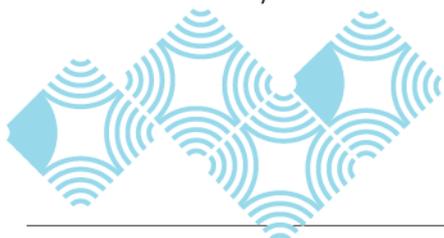
Following these guidelines makes snow season better for everyone.

VEHICLES:

- Move cars from the street as soon as possible before a storm. Salting of roadways will begin prior to snowplowing.
- Park vehicles in driveways to allow curb-to-curb plowing. Vehicles with on-street permits may be parked in the Third Street Garage.
- If you park on a street, you are expected to clear the area around your vehicle.

SNOW REMOVAL:

- Delay driveway shoveling until after streets are plowed. Plowed snow will build up on your driveway apron. This is unavoidable.
- Avoid shoveling or blowing snow into the street; be sure anyone you hire for snow removal is also aware of this.
- Shovel sidewalks within 12 daylight hours of a snowfall.
- Walkway and driveway shoveling allows emergency services to access homes in the event of a fire, illness, or other emergency.



VILLAGE HAPPENINGS CONTINUED



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The next electronic waste drop-off day is **November 16**, 8am to noon, at Public Works, 300 Walton Avenue. A list of accepted items can be accessed at southorange.org/documentcenter/view/366/electronics-recycling.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

For more information, visit southorange.org/235/public-works.

LEAF SEASON

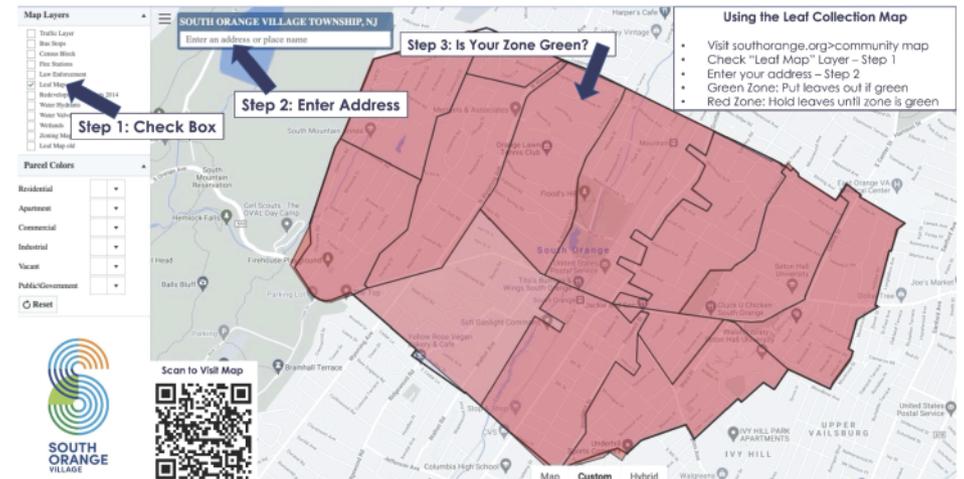
During leaf season, residents are permitted to rake leaves into the street for removal.



To ensure safety and efficiency for everyone, the Department of Public Works reminds residents to adhere to these guidelines and review them with their landscapers:

- Leaf season pickup runs from October 28 through December 9.
- For traffic-safety purposes, leaf piles should be no wider than 4 feet, with a 6- to 12-inch gap between the curb and the pile to allow stormwater to pass to catch basins.
- Leaf piles may not block fire hydrants or driveways.
- Do not bag leaves or place tree limbs, branches, or other yard waste at the curb (or in piles) at this time. Limbs and branches can damage leaf-processing equipment and will not be picked up during leaf season.
- For South Orange roadway pickup dates, consult the leaf map layer on the community map at map.govpilot.com/map/NJ/southorangevillage?ust=NJ.
- For county road leaf pickup schedules, contact Essex County at 973.239.3366.
- To keep our roads safe, do not pile leaves in the street too far in advance of or after your scheduled pickup dates.

2024 LEAF COLLECTION MAP: PICKUP BEGINS OCTOBER 28 AND ENDS DECEMBER 9, 2024



The South Orange Leaf Map can be found at <https://map.govpilot.com/map/NJ/southorangevillage?ust=NJ>.

VILLAGE HAPPENINGS CONTINUED



SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT PBA LOCAL 12

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

The South Orange Police Department will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for children in need. Toys can be dropped off in the South Orange Police Department lobby, 201 South Orange Avenue, from November 19 to December 19.



WINTER COAT DRIVE

The police department will be collecting new and clean, used coats to distribute to those in need. Coats can be dropped off in the police department lobby from November 1 to December 1. Distribution of coats will be on December 8, 10am to 2pm, at the South Orange Gazebo on Sloan Street (rain date is December 15, same time and location).

Natalie Farrell presents

STUDIO TOUR SOMA

21st ANNUAL

Natalie Knows...
— what moves you —
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Saturday & Sunday, November 2 & 3, 11am-5pm

See where the magic happens as more than 100 artists in two towns welcome visitors to their studios.

arts & culture RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

Want to know what's happening in South Orange? Here's how to stay connected with news, announcements, events, and more.



EMERGENCY ALERTS
Are you receiving emergency alerts and nonemergency notifications from South Orange? Communication is key, whether it be during a global pandemic or severe weather event, or about a street closure. You can create an account at southorange.org/610/SO-Ale and personalize your account so you receive only the alerts and notifications you want, the way you want them, be it by phone, text, or email.

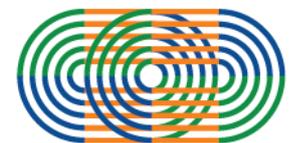


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Create an account on our website and sign up for notifications tailored to your areas of interest, including calendar listings, news postings, bid postings, and employment opportunities. You can also subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter, The South Orange Digest, which includes updates about events, volunteer opportunities, government meetings, and changes to our municipal ordinances. Visit the "Notify Me" subscription page at southorange.org/list.aspx.



REPORT A CONCERN
You can report a nonemergency issue easily using either the "Report a Concern" link at southorange.org or the GovAlert app from your mobile device.

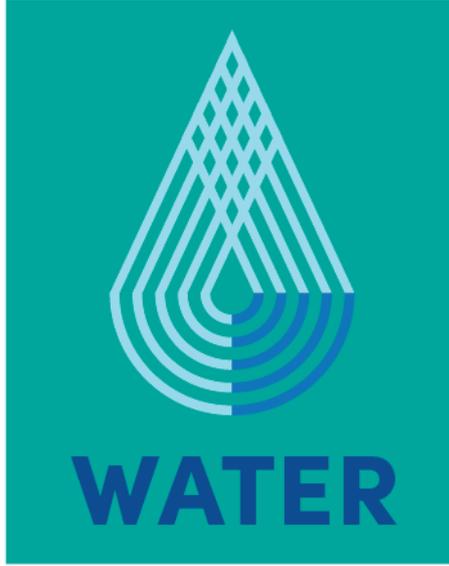
VILLAGE CONNECTIONS



VILLAGE COUNCIL INITIATIVES

SOUTH ORANGE WATER SYSTEM BALLOT REFERENDUM

On July 29, the South Orange Village Council approved an ordinance authorizing a ballot referendum for consideration during the upcoming general election on November 5. The referendum asks South Orange residents to consider the sale of the Village's water system to New Jersey American Water (NJAW):



Shall South Orange Village, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, be authorized to sell its water distribution and transmission system (commonly known as the "system") to New Jersey American Water Company, Inc. for the sum of \$19,700,000?

Yes **No**

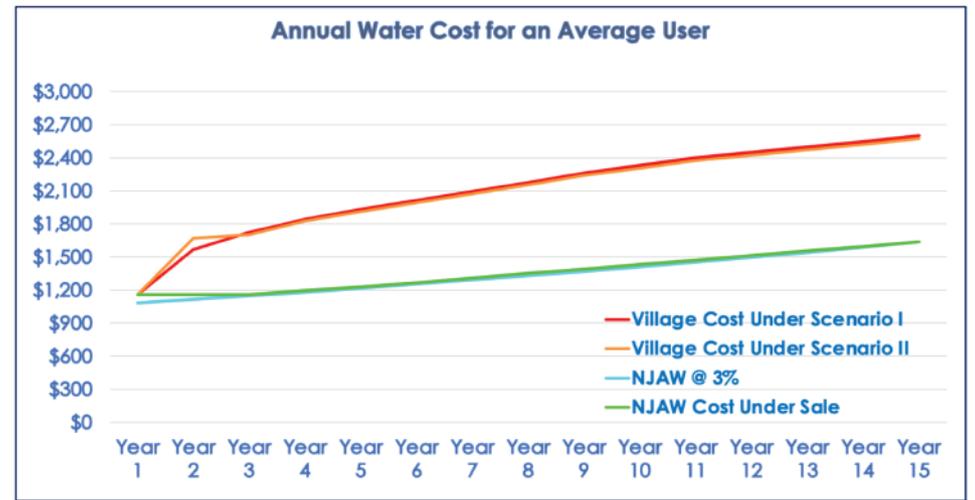
If a majority of residents vote yes, the Village would be able to adopt a resolution to proceed with the contract, which would include commitments from NJAW to:

- Purchase the system for \$19.7 million
- Invest an additional \$50 million in infrastructure upgrades over the next 10 years
- Offer rate stabilization to our residents with a phased-in approach to rate setting
- Provide the replacement of all lead lines on the utility and customer side

If a majority vote no, the Village will retain its water system and continue with the necessary capital improvements, utility-side lead line replacement, and other investments required to keep the system running safely and effectively.

The Village has invested more than \$18 million in capital improvements to our water system since 2017. However, we face the need for substantial additional investments in the coming years. To continue operating the system and cover these costs, we will have to impose a significant increase in water rates.

If South Orange retains ownership of the water system, the average water rate is projected to increase by 74 percent over the next six years. In contrast, if the Village accepts the NJAW proposal, the increase is expected to be just 9 percent over the same period.



*The average South Orange customer uses 9,000 gallons of water per month. After a six-year set-rate schedule, NJAW would slowly increase the South Orange Village rate to match the NJAW rate.

Background

In September 2022, Mayor Sheena Collum established a water utility task force to evaluate the most efficient and cost-effective structure to deliver high-quality and safe water to the residents and stakeholders in South Orange.

The formation of the task force was precipitated by four critical issues:

- NJAW indicated that it would no longer continue to offer operations and management for the South Orange Water Utility after the current agreement expires in July 2026.
- The cost and financial impact of the state-mandated identification and replacement of lead/galvanized lines and the direct costs to homeowners.
- The Village currently holds \$18 million in long-term debt related to the water system.
- The Village, which does not own its own water supply, anticipates the cost of bulk water purchases to increase in the future due to stricter environmental and testing regulations.

"The question we had to ask ourselves, and by extension the water utility task force," said the mayor, "required us to consider (without limitation) capital investments, consequential water rate(s), staffing, operations, maintenance, alternative ownership structures, and potential sale of the utility to a private regulated utility. After an exhaustive investigation, the task force issued a report and set of recommendations, which led us to the referendum before voters this Election Day."

Detailed information

Visit southorange.org/civicalerts for more details, including task force reports, answers to frequently asked questions, and recordings of community discussions about the proposed sale.



SCAN ME

Key facts

South Orange customers can expect rate predictability under NJAW:

- Five-year rate schedule upon NJAW taking ownership, with a rate hold for the first two years and 3 percent annual increases in years three through five
- Rates regulated by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

The \$19.7 million purchase price would allow the Village to pay off the water utility debt; the remainder of the purchase price would be applied to municipal debt.

NJAW has committed to \$50 million in infrastructure investments by 2035, including:

- Identification and replacement of all lead and galvanized service lines, starting immediately after NJAW takes ownership
- Replacement of the Crest Drive standpipe within five years of ownership, to address New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection requirements and secure this important water storage facility
- Rehabilitation of the main reservoir and the Newstead watersphere to strengthen the system's resilience and address deficiencies identified by the Village
- An aggressive water main replacement and rehabilitation program
- A comprehensive analysis of the system to prioritize other system improvements

RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

SOUTH ORANGE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Dear South Orange Residents,

I'm pleased to introduce myself as the new executive director of the South Orange Performing Arts Center. Whether we have already met, in the community or at the theater, or we have yet to meet, I'd like to invite you to stop by and say hello.

I was born in Ukraine and have spent my career as an arts administrator with a passion for bringing people together. I believe the arts are our bridge to connection and the heartbeat of a thriving, inclusive community. This is why South Orange already feels like home to me.



As we begin our 19th cultural season at SOPAC, I'm reminded of SOPAC's resilience – throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Tropical Storm Ida, and shifts in funding and leadership – which is a testament to the community we call home. Here in South Orange, I see so much positivity and potential. I stand on the shoulders of all the leaders and partners who have come before me, ready to build on their tremendous work with passion and resourcefulness.

Our season features Grammy Award-winning artists, Rock & Roll Hall of Famers, national touring talent, and local favorites. Select a familiar sound, or dare to sample something new.

Artistic experiences do not just happen to us; join us to create meaningful moments and memories. My hope is to build on SOPAC's cultural impact across our community, and to foster new pathways for connections and belonging.

I look forward to welcoming you to the theater.

Warm regards,

Lana Rogachevskaya

P.S. I invite you to explore different ways to support our work at SOPAC and within the community by visiting sopacnow.org, and to share your valuable perspective by emailing me at listening@sopacnow.org.

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SOUTH ORANGE
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

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TICKETS
TODAY!



VALERIE SIMPSON & FRIENDS

Sing Ashford & Simpson

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AT 8PM**



MASTERS OF THE TELECASTER
ft GE Smith, Larry Campbell, Jim Weider
**SAT, NOV 2
AT 8PM**



GIANTS OF JAZZ
**SAT, NOV 30
AT 8PM**



LADIES OF LAUGHTER
**THU, NOV 21
AT 7:30PM**



HOLIDAY STOMP
With The Hot Sardines
**FRI, DEC 6
AT 8PM**



THE LAST WALTZ CELEBRATION
Featuring The THE BAND Band & Special Guests
**SAT, NOV 23
AT 8PM**



MANDY GONZALEZ
Home for the Holidays
**SUN, DEC 8
AT 7:30PM**

SOPACnow.org | (973) 313-2787

SOUTH ORANGE
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
ONE SOPAC WAY
SOUTH ORANGE, NJ 07079



Made possible by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.



SETON VILLAGE

Food Truck & craft beer FESTIVAL

Friday, Oct. 18
5-10pm

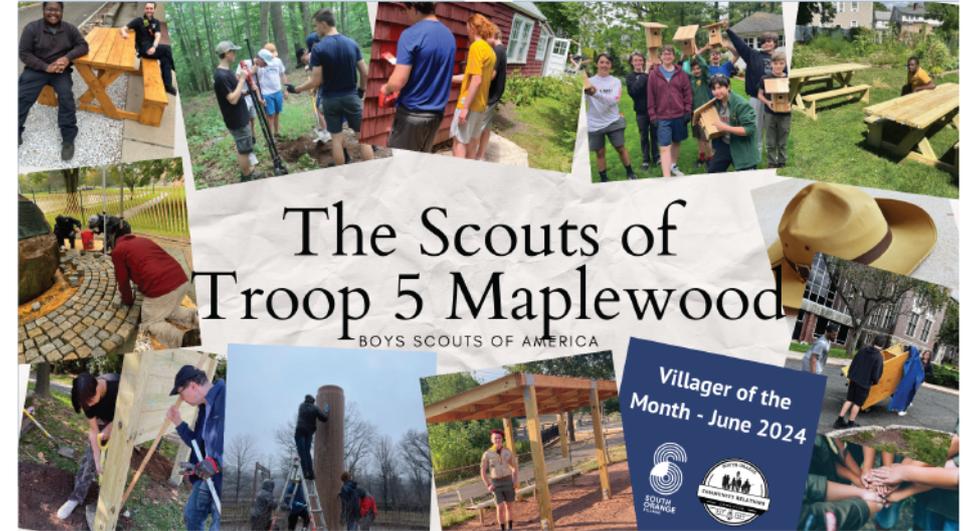
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HOLA FEST

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THE BAIRD

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VILLAGERS OF THE MONTH



JUNE 2024: BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 5

South Orange Village and the Community Relations Committee recognized the members of Boy Scouts of America Troop 5 as Villagers of the Month for their outstanding contributions to the community. Troop 5, established in 1920 and sponsored by the Maplewood Rotary Club, has consistently fostered leadership, character, and community spirit among its members. The troop, representing families from Maplewood and South Orange, engages in a range of service projects, including several Eagle Scout projects that have significantly benefited the local area.

The scouts recognized for their Eagle Scout projects are:

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| • Jack Barnett | • Alexander Lopes | Additionally, current Eagle Scout candidates Chris Ferrell and Tim Vande North are working on projects to refurbish a battle tank and renovate garden benches, respectively. The Council and mayor commend these scouts for their dedication and lasting positive impact on the community. |
| • Rome Brachfeld | • Jacob Pross | |
| • Max Coey | • Aidan Sheridan | |
| • Henry Donat | • Jacob Tinkelman | |
| • Ola Fawole | • Lukas Wurster | |
| • Grant Huebner | | |

VILLAGE SPOTLIGHT DIVISION OF VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

Seton Hall University's The Division of Volunteer Efforts (DOVE) was founded in 1990 and aims to raise the SHU Seton Hall community's awareness of social injustice by directly serving others. Stemming from a desire to affirm all people's dignity and put faith into action, this service supports Seton Hall's commitment to developing compassionate individuals. DOVE volunteers tallied more than 13,500 service hours in the 2023-2024 academic year, with more than 2,500 of those served locally, in South Orange, Orange, Newark, Elizabeth, and Maplewood. DOVE's program also takes students out of their local environment to learn about poverty in other areas of the United States and abroad. For more information on DOVE's outreach programs, visit shu.edu/dove/love-thy-neighbor-local-outreach.html.



VILLAGE NEWS



FROM THE TAX OFFICE

Final tax bills for 2024 were mailed in September. Fourth-quarter tax payments are due November 1, 2024.

Please note that postmark dates are not honored as dates of receipt, and postdated checks will not be accepted. A 10-day grace period is granted every quarter. After 10 days, taxes are considered delinquent, and interest is charged from the original due date. As a reminder, taxes are due quarterly, on February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1.

Taxes can be verified and paid 24/7 at southorange.org/302.

- To verify tax/sewer balances, click "Make an online tax payment," then fill out the "Tax information lookup" form.
- To pay tax and/or sewer balances, select the appropriate payment tab above the "Tax information lookup" section on the same page.

To receive text and/or email reminders prior to due dates, as well as other tax-related communications, sign up for notifications at southorange.org/list.aspx and select the "Tax collector" and "Tax collector news" options.

The deadline for Senior Freeze (property-tax reimbursement) applications is October 31, 2024. Please submit your Form PTR-1 or PTR-2 for certification of paid taxes to the tax office as soon as possible – do not wait until the last week. Forms can be found at nj.gov/treasury/taxation/ptr/.



SEWER AND WATER AID

New Jersey SHARES' Municipal Customer Assistance Program provides sewer and water assistance grants to income-qualified households experiencing a temporary financial crisis. Eligibility is based on household size and income. Households with an income at or below 400 percent of the federal poverty level can receive up to \$200 per municipal utility used per calendar year.

If you have questions, contact the tax office at 973.378.7715 x4.

NJ SHARES MCAP INCOME GUIDELINES	
Household Size	Gross Monthly Income
1 Person	\$0 - \$5,020
2 People	\$0 - \$6,813
3 People	\$0 - \$8,607
4 People	\$0 - \$10,400
5 People	\$0 - \$12,193
6 People	\$0 - \$13,987
7 People	\$0 - \$15,780
8 People	\$0 - \$17,573
9 People	\$0 - \$19,367
10 People	\$0 - \$21,160
11 People	\$0 - \$22,953
12 People	\$0 - \$24,747

For households greater than 12 people, add \$4,793 per additional person.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
 Website: www.NJSHARES.ORG
 Toll Free: 866-657-4273
 Email: info@njshares.org

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REVIEW THE PROGRAM GUIDELINES OR TO APPLY

VILLAGE NEWS CONTINUED



FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

All single- and multifamily rental property owners are required to register their property with the clerk's office annually. Registration expired on August 31. If you have not registered your property, please do so immediately; late fees will apply.



GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

Important dates for the upcoming elections:

- October 15: last day to register to vote; the clerk's office will be open until 9pm for late-night voter registration
- October 29: last day to apply by mail for a vote-by-mail ballot
- November 5, Election Day: the polls will be open from 6am to 8pm

For more information, contact the clerk's office at clerksoffice@southorange.org or 973.378.7715 x1.

The cafe and lounge at THE BAIRD is OPEN!!

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

PAPER PLANE & THE PLAYER AGENCY

- Coffee
- Food
- Beer
- Wine
- Games!!

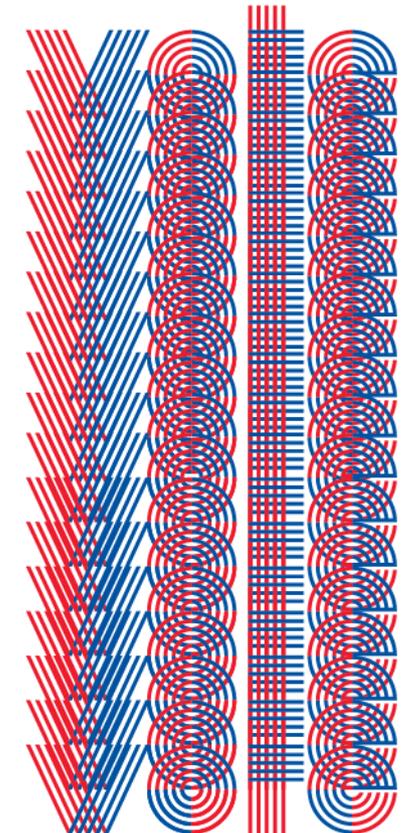
Come join us for a morning pick me up with Paper Plane Coffee, an exciting game with friends, or have a relaxing drink outside on the covered patio.

www.playeragencygames.com • www.paperplanecoffee.com

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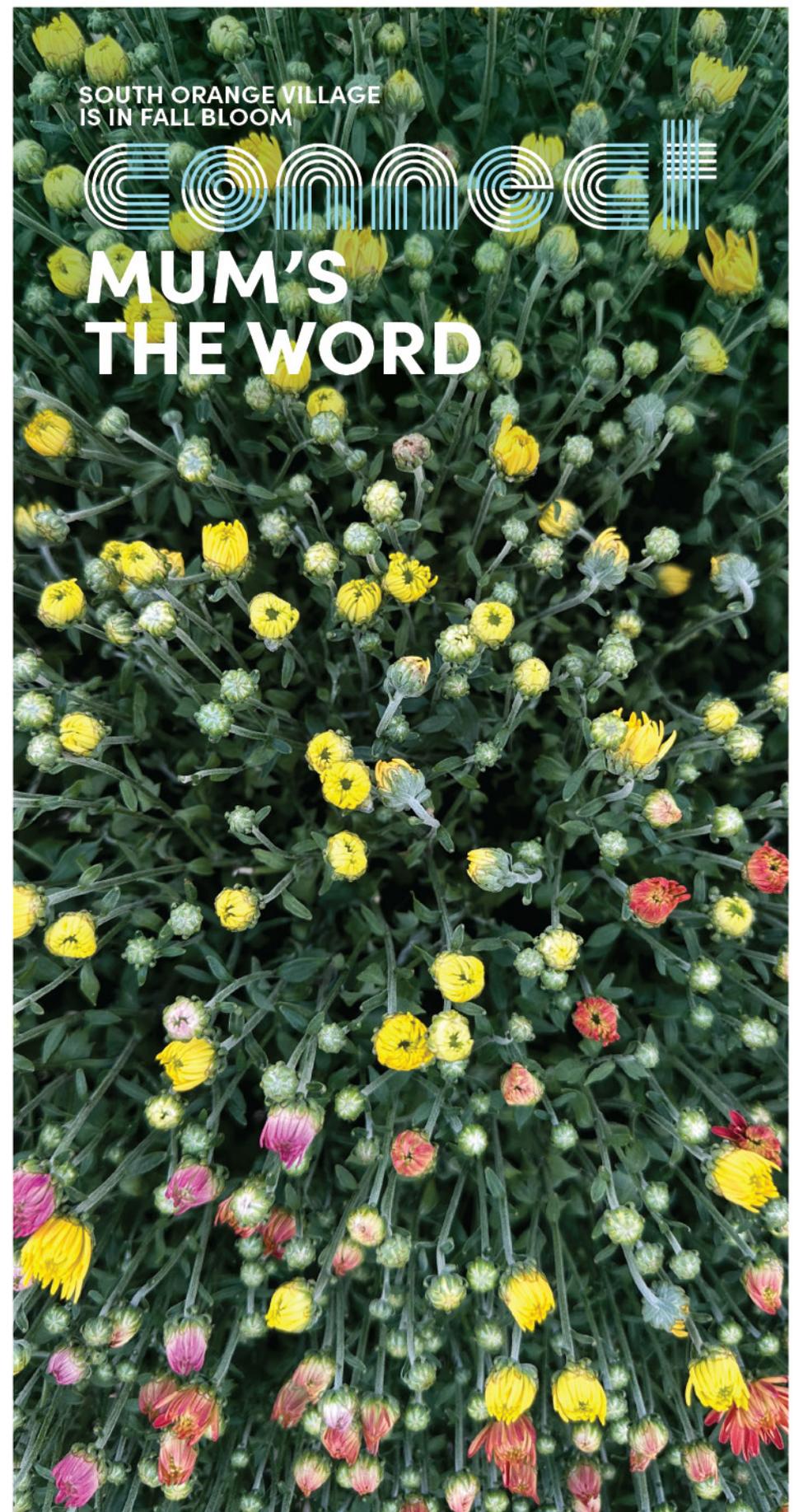


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