

The Township of South Orange Village

Historic Preservation Commission

we look to the future
by honoring our history

South Orange Ave. from Valley St., South Orange, N. J.



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Our Mission

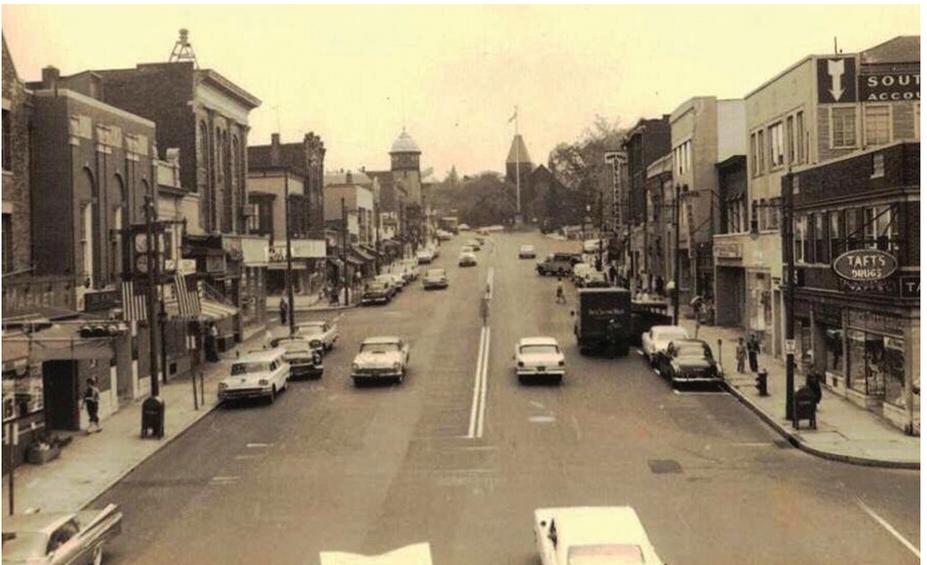
- We promote historic preservation in the Township of South Orange Village.
- We maintain a survey of historic properties, structures, sites and districts within the township.
- We create the Master Plan element that focuses on the history of South Orange and the preservation of our historic structures and neighborhoods.
- We advise the S.O. Planning Board and Zoning Board on applications for development on properties with designated landmarks or located in historic districts.
- We monitor and advise on new development as it relates to maintaining the integrity of the historical scale and harmony of the township.
- We determine whether to issue certificates of appropriateness for the demolition, relocation or subdivision of designated buildings/properties and buildings and properties in designated historic districts.

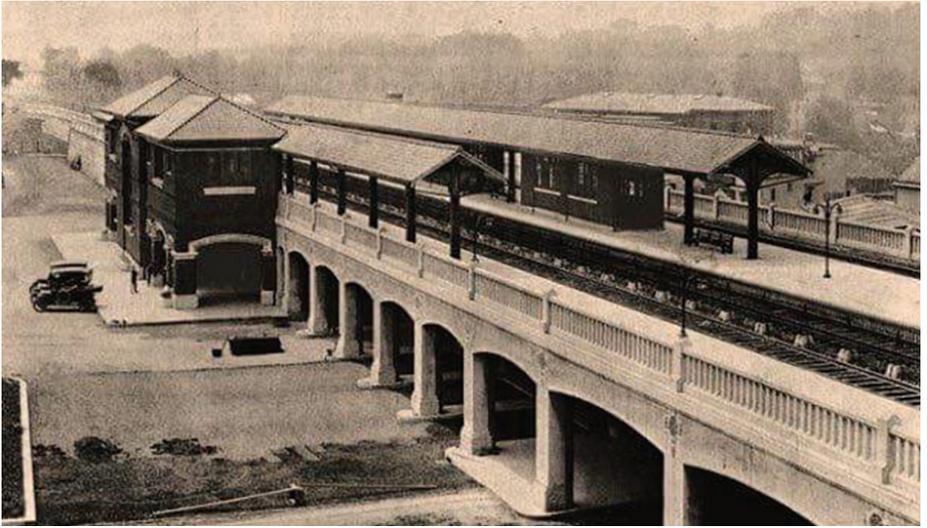
Who we are

Our commission is composed of South Orange residents who have expertise in:

- Building design and/or construction
- Architecture and/or architectural history

Commissioners are South Orange residents or South Orange business owners who have a demonstrated interest in or knowledge of South Orange history, and are interested in the history and preservation of South Orange.





What we do

The overarching goal of historic preservation is to foster ongoing appreciation, preservation, protection and enhancement of the historic buildings, structures, sites and objects, which comprise the historic character of South Orange. Our rich history and extensive inventory of historic resources are essential building blocks of the community's character. Protecting this history helps to retain the authentic sense of place that connects us with our past and informs the future. Our buildings, structures, neighborhoods, and landscapes have shaped the community's identity throughout its history. Preserving the significant and unique aspects of the built environment provides a sense of place and helps preserve community values for the future.

The HPC works to:

- Identify and catalog the historic and architecturally significant properties, buildings, structures, sites and objects;
- Promote an appreciation of our cultural, physical and architectural heritage, including historic landmarks, by engaging, involving and communicating with stakeholders and all residents about the importance of preserving the cultural heritage of the Village of South Orange;
- Regulate alterations to historic resources, in certain circumstances and in an appropriate manner, and discourage unnecessary demolition, destruction or other actions disruptive of historic resources;
- Maintain cohesive neighborhoods by promoting a compatible and harmonious context for historic buildings, structures, sites, and districts and by discouraging out of scale and other inappropriate new construction that would be destructive of the character of our historic neighborhoods.

In short, we work to preserve historic districts, properties, sites, structures and objects in the Township of South Orange Village.



The Board of Trustees of the Township of South Orange Village established the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) by Ordinance #2012-09. The responsibilities of the HPC are stated fully in Section 7 of Ordinance #2016-09. More information about the HPC can be found at: <https://www.southorange.org/326/Historic-Preservation-Commission>

Members

Jacob Levine, Chairman
Karen Marlowe, Vice Chairperson
Amy Dahn
Elyse Carter
Anina Rossen
Gretchen Schumann
David Wright
Jerry Sullivan (Alternate)
Karen Hartshorn Hilton, Trustee Liaison
William Sullivan, Commission Counsel
Ojetti Davis, Recording Secretary

Meetings

Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the South Orange Village Municipal Offices, at 76 South Orange Ave., unless indicated. Any meeting with a formal hearing is held at SOPAC. All meetings are open to the public in accordance with the requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" (Sunshine Law).

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