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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

WELCOME

Dear Neighbors,

As you know, policies and decisions are being made in Washington that impact all of us, from health care and education to environmental protections and civil rights. While changing the national political climate might seem out of reach, we are not powerless. Our words and actions matter. I encourage you to pay attention, get involved, volunteer for organizations that support those who are most vulnerable, and fiercely advocate for policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all our community members.

My colleagues on the Village Council and I have been working closely with our partners on the Board of Education, state leaders, and congressional representatives on topics ranging from federal appropriations to protecting LGBTQ+ and immigrant members of our community.

Locally, our municipal budget remains uninterrupted by actions occurring at the federal level but is significantly affected by the state. In just three years, health care costs for employees have risen 45 percent (16 percent this year alone). Before beginning our budget workshops, we started with a baseline of a 5 percent increase. Other significant challenges ahead of us are the various capital projects we've identified within the community that we've had to prioritize, with renovations to the South Orange Public Library being at the top, followed by the River Greenway Project and Cameron Recreation Area; all three projects have grants that offset costs to our taxpayers.

This November, we will ask for your support in increasing funding for our Open Space Trust Fund, an initiative that will support critical community projects. From upgrading field conditions and lighting to replanting trees and revitalizing parks such as Grove Park, Farrell Field, and Founders Park, this fund will help us complete essential improvements across our neighborhoods. Please join us at upcoming community meetings to learn more.

Finally, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the extraordinary women who were honored this March for Women's History Month. Their dedication, talent, and service inspire us all. A special shoutout to Nicole Josey, Susan Haig, Elizabeth Petroccia, Simone Anthony-Brown, Mona Karim, Geetanjali Mehra, Stacey Ross-Trevor, and Violet Kessler, whose contributions enrich our community in immeasurable ways.

Together, we can continue to build a brighter, stronger future for our community. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to making our village a wonderful place to live.

With gratitude and optimism,

Sheena C. Collum
Mayor

IN TOUCH WITH VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

MAYOR

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973.378.7715 x 2

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Jen Greenberg
Karen Hartshorn Hilton
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Julie Doran
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GENERAL INQUIRIES

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Clerk's Office, x 1

Building & Code, x 3

Tax Collector, x 4

Assessor, x 5

Finance, x 6

Engineering & Zoning, x 7

Parking Authority, x 2037

Health, x 7710

Water Service x 7760

Public Works

973.378.7741

Recreation & Cultural Affairs

973.378.7754

Fire Department

973.762.3200

Library

973.762.0230

Police, nonemergency

973.763.3000

Rescue Squad

973.762.5647

Animal Control

908.722.1271



VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

SOUTH ORANGE DOWNTOWN NEW BUSINESSES

South Orange Downtown is buzzing with new energy! To kick off 2025, three exciting new businesses celebrated grand openings after launching in late 2024. With more than a dozen new openings and expansions last year – and more on the way – downtown is growing. We have fresh bakeries, distinctive boutiques, and vibrant restaurants. Come explore, shop local, and discover what's new. Visit southorangedowntown.org for the latest.



The businesses listed below are either new or celebrating expansions or new locations:

- **Atlantic Medical Group Primary Care**
Taylor/Vose
- **Bakes by Izzy**
108 W. South Orange Ave
- **CannaBoy TreeHouse Dispensary**
57 W. South Orange Ave
- **The Chatterbox Books**
126 South Orange Ave
- **Classic Man Cut & Shave**
15 Village Plaza
- **Clay by Indigo Road (second location)**
Talyor/Vose
- **Craft Club Studio**
122 South Orange Ave
- **E. Daniel Vasquez Consulting LLC**
50 W. South Orange Ave
- **GameChanger**
209A Valley St
- **Jus' Tacos**
6 Village Plaza
- **Keepsake Studios**
111 South Orange Ave, Suite 28
- **Medusa's Gyros**
135 South Orange Ave
- **Moxie Salon and Beauty Bar**
9 W. South Orange Ave
- **Pet Wants**
63 South Orange Ave (new location)
- **Playa Bowls**
209 Valley St
- **S.O.C.A. Tattoo Studio**
75 South Orange Ave, Suite 206
- **Sonny's Bagels**
125 South Orange Ave (expansion)
- **Sotheby's International Realty**
6 Sloan St
- **Trilations Inc.**
50 W South Orange Ave

SOUTH ORANGE DOWNTOWN EXPANDS CLEANING PROGRAM

South Orange Downtown is proud to introduce an in-house cleaning program to keep the district spotless and welcoming. Clean Team Ambassador Tarrance Hunt is out daily, ensuring the streets stay clean, assisting visitors, and fostering strong relationships with local businesses. His efforts help create a more vibrant, inviting downtown – so be sure to say hello when you see him around!



VILLAGE HAPPENINGS CONTINUED



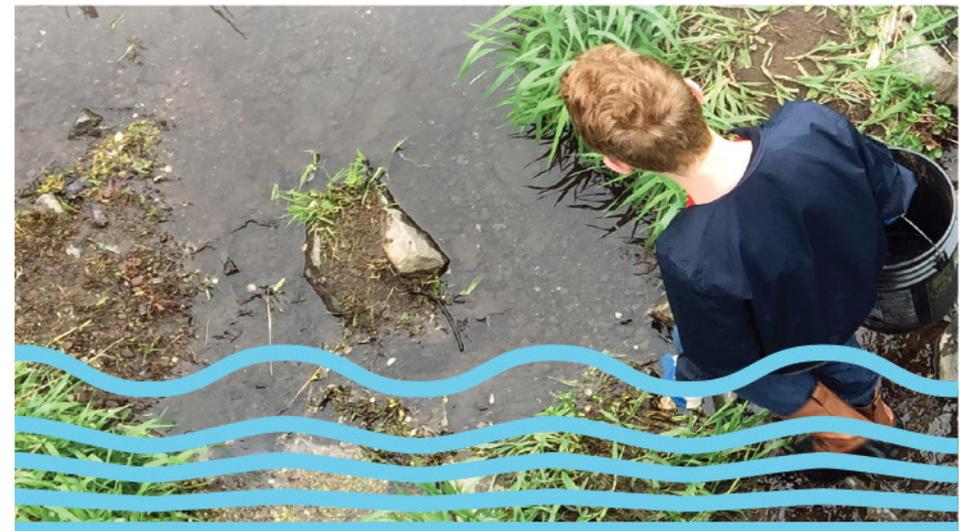
SETON VILLAGE

Big improvements in Seton Village! Phase 1 of the Tree Well Rehabilitation Project is complete, featuring 14 expanded tree pits, three replaced vacant tree wells, and repaired sidewalks – all designed to improve pedestrian safety, reduce tripping hazards, and enhance the Streetscape. These upgrades address vital infrastructure needs while making Seton Village more attractive, walkable, and sustainable. Visit setonvillage.org to learn more, and follow @SetonVillageSouthOrange on social media for updates.

RIVER DAY

RIVER DAY 2025: SUNDAY, MAY 4, 11AM–2PM

South Orange River Day is an annual community gathering during which we clean up our section of the Rahway River while celebrating environmental awareness and education. Volunteers for this family-friendly river cleanup will meet at the Skate House by the pond in Meadowland Park, off Mead Street. Rain date is Sunday, May 11. For registration information, updates, and rain date notifications, follow South Orange Village (@southorangevillage) and the South Orange Environmental Commission (@sogreenteam) on social media.



VILLAGE HAPPENINGS CONTINUED



THE CO-LAB RETAIL MARKETPLACE CELEBRATES ONE YEAR OF SUPPORTING LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS

Located in the heart of downtown South Orange, the Co-Lab is a beautifully curated retail space dedicated to supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs in our community. Over the past year, it has provided a platform for more than 30 businesses to showcase their products, test new ideas, and connect with customers. With a rotating lineup of member retailers and pop-up vendors, there is always something new to discover. Stop in at 57 South Orange Ave and discover the Co-Lab's latest offerings. Hours are Wednesday-Saturday, 11am-6pm, and Sunday, 11am-5pm. Business owners, artists, and crafters interested in exploring retail opportunities should stop by the Co-Lab or reach out to info@colabsouthorange.com or 973.307.0344 to learn more.



Meet Libby. The one-tap reading app from your library

SOUTH ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY Libby: revolutionizing library access

The Libby app, developed by OverDrive Inc., makes borrowing digital books, audiobooks, and magazines easy and convenient. With just a few taps, you can access an extensive collection on your smartphone or tablet.

Simply sign in with your library card, and you'll have access to bestsellers, scientific journals, Grammy-winning audiobooks, and more. The app's intuitive interface allows you to search by title, author, or genre. Plus, you can download borrowed content for offline reading – perfect for commuting or travel.

Libby also offers customization options, such as adjustable font sizes and background colors. You'll find thousands of magazines, including popular titles such as The New Yorker, and you can receive alerts for new issues.

Need help getting started?
Call the library at 973.762.0230.



SOUTH ORANGE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (SOPAC) Spring is here and SOPAC's season is in full bloom.

SOPAC's upcoming educational and family-friendly events include:

- **Treasure Island** (April 12 at 1pm): A fun performance by the Panto Company, with a postshow meet and greet; kids can come dressed as swashbucklers!
- **Peter and the Starcatcher** (May 1-3 at 8pm and May 4 at 2pm): A magical show presented in partnership with Seton Hall University.
- **Glenn Miller Orchestra** (May 15 at 7:30pm): Enjoy classic big band tunes for all ages.
- **Inspired Minds: Young Artist Exhibition** (dates to be determined): Celebrate the talent of our local students at the Herb + Milly Iris Gallery.

SOPAC
SOUTH ORANGE
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

BUY
TICKETS
TODAY!



KIDS + FAMILY PANTO'S TREASURE ISLAND

Sponsored by BGR

**SAT, APR 12
AT 1PM**



**THE MACHINE
PERFORMS PINK FLOYD**
Wish You Were Here & Animals
SAT, APR 5 AT 7:30PM



**THE GLENN MILLER
ORCHESTRA**
THU, MAY 15 AT 7:30PM



JOE DEROSA
SAT, JUN 7 AT 7:30 PM



SKERRYVORE
SAT, JUN 21 AT 8PM

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
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PUBLIC WORKS



SHORTENED LEAF PICKUP WINDOW

Leaf pickup from streets is scheduled to begin on November 10 and end on December 10. The scheduled period has been reduced from previous years, both to decrease the likelihood of flooding and to mitigate traffic and safety risks. Be sure to inform your landscapers!

Upcoming Public Works events*

- **Electronic waste drop-off days:**
March 22 and June 7
- **Spring cleaning:**
March 31 through April 28
- **Mulch and humus delivery:**
April 23, May 28, and June 25
(by appointment via our website)
- **Container days:**
April 19, May 17, and June 21
- **Branch pickup:**
June 24, July 22, and August 26.

*See the Village website and online calendar for more information on these events and services:
southorange.org/235/Public-Works.



RECYCLING PAYS OFF

In 2024, South Orange Village deposited more than 1,306 tons of recyclable material at our sorting facility in Keasbey, New Jersey – 54 tons more than in 2023. Our community averaged 51.29 tons of commingled material (plastic, glass, and metal containers) and 57.62 tons of fiber material (cardboard, paper, and newspaper) per month in 2024.

In addition to traditional curbside recycling, you can now recycle single-use film plastic in drop boxes located at 5 Mead Street, 76 South Orange Avenue (Suite 302), and 298 Walton Avenue; common batteries can be recycled in a drop box at 298 Walton Avenue. Look for more recycling options in 2025.

LEAF BLOWER RESTRICTIONS

Restrictions on the use of gas-powered leaf blowers begin on May 1 and continue through September 30. For details, visit southorange.municipalcodeonline.com, click on "Part II General Legislation," and scroll to "187-1 Leaf Blowers."



VILLAGE CONNECTIONS

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-Alerts 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.



'NOTIFY ME' SUBSCRIPTIONS

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.



Nominate a Villager of the Month

Do you know someone who lives or works in South Orange who makes our community brighter and more vibrant?

Celebrate their contributions by nominating them as a Villager of the Month. Embracing diversity of all kinds, this award honors individuals who embody the qualities that make South Orange shine. To submit a nomination, visit southorange.org/756/Villager-of-the-Month and tell us why your nominee deserves this honor!



VILLAGE COUNCIL INITIATIVES

2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

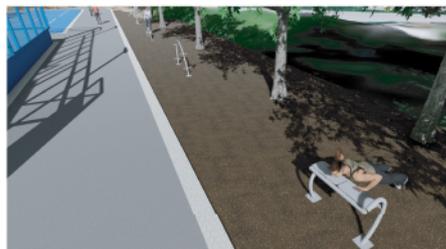
The South Orange Village Council held departmental budget hearings on January 25 and February 1, during which department heads presented their 2024 achievements, their goals, and their 2025 budget requests. These annual hearings offer residents the chance to engage directly with the budgeting process, ask questions, voice concerns, and provide feedback before the 2025 budget is finalized and introduced. The hearings foster transparency, encourage public participation, and help create a budget that aligns with the community's priorities and needs.

Following these hearings, Village administration reviewed the feedback and input from both the public and the Village Council. A first-round budget was presented to the finance committee, led by Councilwoman Karen Hartshorn Hilton, on February 28. After incorporating final adjustments, the 2025 budget was introduced to the Village Council in March, with a final vote expected in April.

For more details on the budgeting process, visit southorange.org/156/budget-financial-documents.

To view or download the departmental budget presentations, visit southorange.org/documentcenter/view/12998/2025-departmental-budget-presentation-PDF

Cameron Recreation Area Plans



VILLAGE COUNCIL INITIATIVES CONTINUED

OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND REFERENDUM

South Orange Village is considering a referendum to increase the Open Space Tax Levy, currently set at \$0.01/per \$100 of assessed value, to support the preservation and enhancement of parks, recreational facilities, and natural areas. This initiative aims to provide long-term funding dedicated to park improvements and environmental conservation efforts that benefit our community, such as the Cameron Recreation Area Improvements, scheduled to begin this spring (scan the QR code below to view the schematics). Other examples are: the River Greenway Project, Crest Drive Park improvements, Founders Park improvements, Farrell Field court improvements, new lights in Meadowland Park, Chyzowych Field improvements, Grove Park improvements and playground accessibility modifications.

What is an Open Space Trust Fund Referendum?

This is a voter-approved initiative that provides funding "dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of open spaces, farmland, historic sites, and recreational areas" in New Jersey. These referendums allow municipalities and counties to establish or renew dedicated funding sources, typically through a small property-tax levy, to support land acquisition, land improvements, conservation, and stewardship efforts.

The Open Space Trust Fund aims to:

- Preserve environmentally sensitive lands and water resources
- Maintain and improve parks, recreational facilities, and trails
- Protect farmland and historic sites from development
- Enhance community resilience against flooding and climate change.

By supporting this referendum, voters will help sustain South Orange's commitment to environmental stewardship and quality-of-life improvements.

Your input is essential to this process. The municipality is holding a series of public meetings to discuss the proposed referendum, answer questions, and gather feedback from residents. We encourage participation from all community members, including local park conservancies, environmental groups, and other stakeholders, to ensure that this initiative reflects the priorities of our residents.

Meeting dates and locations, updates, and other information can be found on the Village website: southorange.org. We invite you to share your thoughts and learn more about how this effort will help maintain and enhance our open spaces for future generations.



SCAN ME



1. Greenway Path
12' wide Porous Asphalt with Belgian Block Curb
2. Picnic Grove
Stabilized Decomposed Granite with Picnic Tables and Festival Lighting
3. Natural Turf Lawn
4. Resiliency Adventure Garden
Rain Garden Plantings, Native Plant Gardens, and Interpretive Signage with Children's Garden Features
5. Rain Garden
6. Paddle Tennis Courts with Lighting
7. Pickleball Court
8. Basketball Half Courts
9. Fitness Equipment
10. Seating Area
Shade Sail and Café Tables on Permeable Pavers
11. Riparian Buffer
Native Plantings for Soil Stabilization and Habitat Restoration
12. Backless Benches
13. Buffer Plantings

LETTER FROM COUNCILMEMBER KAREN HARTSHORN HILTON

Dear Neighbors,

It is with mixed emotions that I am announcing my resignation from the Village Council, effective April 15. After living in the community for 30 years, my husband and I are returning to Massachusetts, where we met nearly 40 years ago.

We have loved living in South Orange. When we first arrived, I stayed home with our growing family. We raised all four of our children here. I spent what little free time was available in the nonprofit sector, volunteering in the community and eventually training progressive women to run for office.

In 2017, I put this experience to work and was elected to the Village Council (then called the Village Board of Trustees). I was reelected to a second four-year term in 2021.



Historic Village Hall

During my eight years in office, I've worked to make life better for all of South Orange's residents. I've helped make our budgeting process more transparent and our finances more stable, which has led to an improvement in our bond rating; I've worked closely with our Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, and I've made our recycling efforts more effective and more efficient.

But I'm most proud of the work I've done in ensuring that future residents will continue to benefit from the investments we have made in our village.

Representing the council throughout the successful reconstruction and reopening of the Baird Community Center is one of the major highlights of my time here.

I am equally proud of the work I've done for the South Orange Public Library, which will be just as successful. I began working toward renovating our library, including the Connett Building, even before I joined the council. My 50th birthday party (some years ago) was the first of many fundraisers dedicated to this effort. I went on to serve as president of the library board; founded the Foundation for the South Orange Public Library; and, as a councilmember, helped secure state and local funding for the renovation. I'm excited that we are nearly ready to sign the contracts that will initiate construction on this project.

I want to thank all the current and past Village Council members, especially Mayor Sheena Collum. I also applaud all of the Village staff, especially Julie Doran, our esteemed village administrator, and the hundreds of volunteers I have had the honor to work with throughout my tenure.

It has been a true honor to represent the residents of South Orange. Jim and I will always treasure the friendships and community work we have accomplished.

Karen Hartshorn Hilton
Councilmember



FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE ELECTIONS

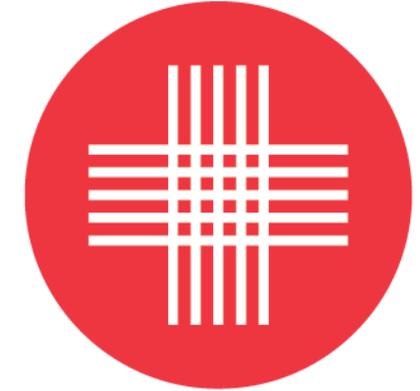
The local municipal election has moved from May to November. It will now take place with the general election in November.

Please make note of these important dates for the upcoming June primary.

- April 16: last day for party declaration
- May 20: last day to register to vote; the clerk's office will be open until 9pm for late-night voter registration
- June 3: last da to apply by mail for a vote-by-mail ballot
- June 10, primary election day: the polls will be open from 6am to 8pm

RENTAL REGISTRATION

All single- and multifamily rental property owners are required to register their property with the clerk's office annually. **Registration expires on August 31**; late fees will be assessed beginning on September 2. Renewal applications open on August 1. For more information, contact the clerk's office at clerksoffice@southorange.org.



FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY ZUFALL HEALTH VISIT AT THE BAIRD CENTER

Second Wednesday of Each Month
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
The Baird Center
5 Mead St South Orange, NJ 07079

Free Services Available

- Health insurance enrollment information
- Information about our affordable medical, dental, and behavioral health services
- Quarterly Free COVID FLU Vaccines
- Quarterly Free HIV Screenings

Vaccine Information

- Flu vaccine available for adults 19+.
- It is safe to get both your 2024/2025 Formula COVID and Flu vaccines at the same time!
- Bring your insurance card to the appointment

Registration
Call 973-325-2266 ext. 1040
Registration is encouraged but walk-ins are welcome

zufallhealth.org

SOUTH ORANGE RESCUE SQUAD

**SOUND THE SIREN
5K RUN/WALK**

**SUNDAY
MAY 4TH**

REGISTER NOW: TINYURL.COM/SORS5K

FROM THE TAX OFFICE

2025 sewer payments were due on March 10, with a 30-day grace period ending on April 8.

The 2025 second-quarter tax installment is due on May 1.

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/Check-Pay-My-Taxes-Online:

- To verify tax/sewer balances, click "Make an online tax payment," then fill out the "Tax information look-up" form.



- To pay tax and/or sewer balances, select the appropriate payment tab above the "Tax information look-up" 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 by selecting the "Tax collector" and "Tax collector news" options.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS

For the first time, New Jersey residents can apply for three property-tax relief programs – Senior Freeze, ANCHOR, and Stay NJ – on a single application form, the PAS-1. This form can be used by both homeowners and renters. There will no longer be ANCHOR-H or ANCHOR-T applications. New Jersey residents who were 65 and older, or who were recipients of Social Security disability during the 2024 tax year, may be eligible to file a PAS-1. ANCHOR homeowner recipients are no longer required to have an identification number and a PIN to file for benefits. The deadline for submitting a 2024 tax year property-tax relief application is October 31, 2025. Applicants have two ways to file:

- They can file a paper PAS-1 form, which covers all three property tax programs: ANCHOR, Senior Freeze, and Stay NJ.

New Jersey Property Tax Relief
For Senior Homeowners and Renters Age 65 and Over

Three Programs, One Combined Application

Based on 2024 Residency, Income, and Age

File by October 31, 2025

Eligibility requirements, including income limits, and benefits available for all property tax relief programs are subject to change by the State Budget.

For program details, scan the QR code or visit: bit.ly/NJPropTfRelief

Senior Freeze
NJ residents born before 1950 or permanently disabled residents receiving Social Security disability payments as of 12/31/23 may be eligible if you:
- Owned and lived in your home for most of the 2024 tax year and applied for your benefits before 12/31/24 or through December 31, 2025.
- Had property taxes by June 1, 2024 less by the 31st day.
- Owned the 2024 and 2025 residence in NJ.

ANCHOR
Affordable NJ Communities for Homeowners & Renters
Property Tax Relief For:
- Homeowners Earning \$250K or Less
- Renters Earning \$25K or Less

Stay NJ
For Senior Homeowners
- Age 65 or over in 2024
- 2024 Income below \$500,000
- Owned and lived in your home for all of 2024

Step 10 benefits are calculated after ANCHOR and Senior Freeze benefits are determined. If you qualify for all three programs, the total 10 benefit will be 10% of your property taxes up to \$25,000 minus any payments received through ANCHOR and Senior Freeze (2024 benefits up to \$16,000).

- They can file the combined application online at propertytaxreliefapp.nj.gov. There will be no auto-file for these applicants.

The 2024 property tax benefit is capped at \$6,500. Feel free to contact the tax office with any questions: **973.378.7715 x4**.

SOUTH ORANGE SENIOR BUS: NEW PHONE NUMBER

Say goodbye to long phone trees and extensions! The South Orange Parking Authority (SOPA) recently introduced a new direct phone number for the South Orange Senior Bus: **973.821.5866**.



SOPA offers a 21-passenger, ADA-compliant bus for older adults with service destinations within South Orange. The schedule, subject to change, is as follows:

- Monday thru Friday:** 10am–3pm
- Holidays:** See below
- GROCERY SHOPPING:**
- Second and fourth Wednesdays,** approximately 10:30am–12:30pm: ShopRite in West Orange
- First and third Thursdays,** approximately 10:30am–12:30pm: Trader Joe's in Millburn.

Many older adults use the bus to attend activities and classes at the Baird Community Center, including the game group on Mondays at 1pm, the caregivers support group, and art and exercise classes. Whether you're going out to lunch, going to medical appointments, visiting friends, going to a salon, or shopping at local businesses, you can get a ride to any location in South Orange **free of charge**. To reserve a ride, call in advance (**973.821.5866**) for curb-to-curb pickup. Be sure to specify whether a bus with a wheelchair lift is needed. Those traveling with a wheelchair are encouraged to have an aide. SOMA Two Towns for All Ages also plans special bus trips to museums, parks, Paper Mill Playhouse, and other nearby attractions. Recently, 20 residents enjoyed a tour of the South Mountain Reservation and a shopping trip in South Orange. They quickly dubbed it the "party bus." Local historian Bryn Douds shared fascinating facts about the town, its houses, and its people.

For more information about how South Orange is helping older adults age in place, contact SOMA Two Towns for All Ages at soma2towns@gmail.com.

SENIOR BUS 2025 HOLIDAY CALENDAR – NO SERVICE

Wednesday	January 1	New Year's Day
Monday	January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday	February 17	Presidents' Day
Friday	April 18	Good Friday
Monday	May 26	Memorial Day
Friday	June 20	Juneteenth Observance
Friday	July 4	Independence Day
Monday	September 1	Labor Day
Tuesday	November 11	Veterans Day
Thursday	November 27	Thanksgiving
Friday	November 28	Day after Thanksgiving
Wednesday	December 24	Christmas Eve
Thursday	December 25	Christmas

Service may be interrupted due to inclement weather, driver absence, and/or unforeseen circumstances.



FROM THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



The primary responsibility of South Orange police officers is to serve the community of South Orange Village through uniformed patrol. When off duty, officers have the opportunity to apply for side jobs and extra-duty assignments. These assignments fall into two categories: traffic and security.

- Traffic officers monitor and direct both vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- Security officers oversee events and locations, ensuring the safety and well-being of all and maintaining order.

These assignments are contracted through a third party, which compensates both the officers and South Orange Village, and are not funded by South Orange taxpayers.

Officers working traffic assignments wear a neon-colored "traffic" shirt and/or vest. They are responsible for ensuring public safety at a specific site. Officers in security roles may wear a uniform or plain clothes, depending on the assignment.

RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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SOUTH ORANGE **SUMMER** NIGHTS

Join us on WEDNESDAYS this Summer in Meadowland Park!

JUNE: Skate House Sessions

JULY: Summer Concerts

AUGUST: Moonlit Movies

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RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

SOPAC
SOUTH ORANGE POLICE ASSOCIATION

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT



164 VALLEY STREET

The proposed residential development at 164–168 Valley Street is being presented by Hero Development LLC, with architectural plans by Earl Jackson Architecture Workshop.

Property overview:

- Current use: Auto repair shop and parking lot
- Lot size: 40,039 square feet
- Property shape: T-shaped

Proposal highlights:

- Residential units: The development aims to include 40 market-rate units and 10 affordable units, ensuring a balance of housing options.
- First responders' suite: A dedicated space for first responders is also included, emphasizing community support.
- Commercial space: The first and fourth floors will feature commercial space, with the fourth floor linked to a rooftop gallery.
- Residential amenities: Fourth floor.
- Outdoor spaces: At the rear of the second floor and on the fifth floor (rooftop).
- Parking: The development will include 58 parking spaces, to accommodate both residents and visitors.

Next steps:

A Redevelopment Plan incorporating the design and requirements for this project, as well as other improvements envisioned by the Master Plan, will be drafted and presented for public review and approval. Once the new Redevelopment Plan for Valley Street is adopted, projects can proceed for site plan approval through the Planning Board.



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A LIFETIME OF SKILLS.**

REGISTERING NOW FOR FALL 2025

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EMERGENCY ALERTS

ALERTS & NOTIFICATIONS SIGN-UP:
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**SOUTH
ORANGE**
VILLAGE

Municipal Offices
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