



**Events by, for and of interest to older residents of South Orange & Maplewood.
Free unless otherwise noted.**

January 2019

**Go to our website for detailed and up-to-date information:
www.SOMATwotownsforallages.org**

Happy and healthy New Year! If you have made resolutions, here is a good place to start looking to keep them. Did you know there are fitness classes every day of the week at The Baird, the Maplewood Senior Center or the Maplewood Community Center? Check them out on the towns' website site (under recreation) or under the health and fitness tab at www.SOMATwotownsforallages.org.

Mahjong Mondays - the free classes are full, but we will be starting Mahjong Mondays on January 28th, 1 - 3 pm. Just drop in to play, teach others or watch. Coffee, tea & cookies too!

“Tootsie” Tickets on Sales

Join the Maplewood Senior Center on a trip to see the new musical, “Tootsie.” Based in the hit movie with Dustin Hoffman & Jessica Lange, this new musical comes to Broadway this spring and the Maplewood Senior Center will take you there on April 17. Orchestra seat tickets are on sale for \$111 and include transportation via coach bus. To purchase tickets, call Michelle at (973) 763 0750 or go to the Maplewood Recreation website or <https://maplewood.recdesk.com/Community/Program> and choose “Senior Tootsie Broadway Show Trip.”
SPACE IS LIMITED - order your tickets early.

South Orange Maplewood Community Coalition on Race presents the 18th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Monday, January 21, 2 pm, Columbia High School.

Honor Dr. King through music, a sharing of interfaith readings, and an affirmation of Dr. King’s call to action and service. The keynote speaker is the Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey, Sheila Y. Oliver. There will be a Reception and Volunteer Fair following at 3:30 pm in the cafeteria. Donations of food pantry items, knitting yarn, old eyeglasses, children’s books (K-5th grade) and travel-sized toiletry donations are requested.

On the night of January 21st, residents are asked to light up the outside of their home with Luminaries as a sign of hope, sanctuary, peace, and solidarity with Dr. King’s vision of the Beloved Community. The Luminaries come four in a pack for a suggested donation of \$10 and it is a fundraiser for the Coalition. Purchase Luminaries at Words Bookstore in Maplewood, Sparkhouse toy store in South Orange or at the Coalition’s office.

American Theater Group at SOPAC: “Tell Then I’m Still Young”

Once again, the American Theater Group at SOPAC is offering SOMA seniors discount tickets and a pre-show reception for its new play on Thursday, January 24. For tickets, call the box office at (973) 313 2787 or order online at www.SOPACnow.org and use code ATGSOMA. To join us at the pre-show reception, call (973) 558-0863 or email SOMA2towns@gmail.com by January 22.

What's Going on in January:

Thursday, January 3

Library Lecture Series, South Orange Library, 1 pm

- Speaker: Joanne Middleton, Lecturer, Professor Emeritus Drew University
- Topic: Beginnings
- also - Jim Vagias, Producing Director of the American Theater Group in residence at SOPAC will talk about the upcoming production of "Tell Them I'm Still Young"

Monday, January 7

Computer Class, South Orange Library, 10 - 11:30 am

- Computer basics - no registration necessary

Maplewood Garden Club, Maplewood Main Library, 7:30 pm

- Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Houseplants
- Speaker: Stephen Barlow, owner of Barlow's Flower Farm in Sea Girt and named one of the "Top 40 Growers Under 40" by Greenhouse Product News.

Tuesday, January 8

Adult Health Clinic, Maplewood Town Hall, 10am - noon

Wednesday, January 9

Maplewood Senior Club Meeting, Maplewood Senior Center, 10 am

- Jim Vagias from the American Theater Group will talk about the upcoming play at SOPAC, "Tell Them I'm Still Young"
- Maplewood Police Dept. introduces "Operation Blue Angel"

Creative Writing Workshop, South Orange Library, 1 pm

Free Adult Health Screenings, Hilton Branch Library, 3:30 - 5 pm

- Blood pressure and carotid bruit screening, medication, weight & health counseling,

Read Around the World (Jordan), Maplewood Main Library, 7 pm

- "Mother of All Pigs: A Novel" by Malu Halasa

SOMA GrandNannies, Ethical Culture Society, 7:30 pm

- SOMA GrandNannies is a group of South Orange and Maplewood grandparents who take care of their local grandchildren full or part time.
- Ethical Culture Society (corner of Parker & Prospect in Maplewood)

Thursday, January 10

Write Your Memoir Five Minutes at a Time, Hilton Branch Library, 1 pm

- Prompt a journey of self-discovery that enables you to gain insights into your past. Made possible by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

Classic & Contemporary Book Discussion Group, Maplewood Main Library, 7 pm

- "Sister Carrie" by Theodore Dreiser.

Library Lecture Series, South Orange Library, 1 pm

- Guest speakers: Lisa Jordan, Director of Environmental Studies and Sustainability program & and Jason Jordan, Prof. of Political Science and International Relations at Drew University.
- Topic: The Politics & Geography of Inequality

Saturday, January 12

Yarn & Fiber Arts Group, Maplewood Main Library, 10 - Noon

- A gathering for people who knit, crochet, quilt, sew, embroider or do other creative things with yarn or fabric. Get feedback & advice. Bring your own supplies. All skill levels are welcome!

Art & Music Reception, Maplewood Main Library, 3 pm - 4 pm

- January exhibit is a two-person show featuring teacher Lorena Vera (acrylic, pastel, oil and watercolor) and student Mary Franklin (watercolor, acrylic, oil & collage). The artists will speak at 3:20. Live music will be provided by Steve Jones.

Sunday, January 13

Open Hearth Cooking: A Taste of History, Durand-Hedden House, 1 - 4 pm

- Durand-Hedden welcomes back Margaret Quinn, a veteran cook skilled in 18th century foodways to our annual historic cooking program honoring late longtime trustee, Irene Kosinski. Watch how it's done, breathe in the wonderful aromas in our historic house, and sample a few centuries-old treats. Children can try their hands at old-fashioned cooking chores like kneading dough, churning butter, and watch a spinster make yarn at her wheel.

Monday, January 14

S.O.S. - Try Something New, The Baird, 1pm

- Juanita Martin - Reiki, Master/teacher, vibrational sound therapist and crystal healer.

Wednesday, January 16

Just Lunch, Maplewood Senior Center, noon

- Start of a new series of casual lunches, no programming, just lunch.
- Free but call (973) 763-0750 by noon on January 15 to help us order food.

DME Fashion Show, Maplewood Senior Center, 1:00 pm

- Yes, you read that right - Maplewood Health Dept. accepts donations of durable medical equipment and in turn lends it out to residents of both Maplewood and South Orange who need them. Public Health Nurse Candice Davenport will strut her stuff as she shows off the equipment, what is available for you or your friend to borrow and how to use it to help you stay active, mobile & safe.

Wednesdays At The Movies, South Orange Library, 1 pm

- "Crazy Rich Asians"

Maplewood Senior Bus Goes to Union Shops

- Call (973) 763-5287

Thursday, January 17

South Orange Senior Circle, The Baird, 11 am

Library Lecture Series, South Orange Library, 1 pm

- Speaker: Roseann Bar, Dean of Business and Social Sciences at Ocean County College
- Topic: Sticks And Stones...Can Words Really Hurt?

In Search of Belonging: A Talk with Author Jillian Baez, Maplewood Main Library, 7 pm

- Jillian Baez is the author of In Search of Belonging: Latinas, Media, and Citizenship. Ms Baez will be in conversation with Ed Morales, author of Latinx: The New Force in American Politics and Culture.

Monday, January 21

Martine Luther King's Birthday, Municipal Offices Closed

Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Service, Columbia High School Auditorium, 2 - 3:15 pm

- Featuring Speaker Lt. Governor Shealia Oliver
- Followed by volunteer fair /reception 3:30 - 5pm, CHS cafeteria

Wednesday, January 23

Creative Writing Workshop, South Orange Library, 1 pm

Thursday, January 24

Overlook Health Van, Maplewood Town Hall, 10 am - noon

- cervical health, healthy eating/ active living, BMI and glucose screening provided

Library Lecture Series, South Orange Library, 1 pm

- Guest Speaker: John Gruesser, Author and Prof. of English at Kean University
- Topic: Edgar Allan Poe And His Nineteenth Century American Counterparts

"Tell Them I'm Still Young," SOPAC, 7:30 play, 6:30 pre-show reception

- Emmy Award winner Andre Braugher and Tony Award winner Michele Pawk star in this compelling world premiere drama.
- Special ticket price of \$19 (+handling fees) with code ATGSOMA at the Box office, (973) 313-2787 or www.SOPACnow.org.
- Pre-show coffee & dessert in the SOPAC lounge, 3rd Floor. Rsvp to (973) 558-0863 or SOMA 2towns@gmail.com.

Monday, January 28

Computer Class, South Orange Library, 10 - 11:30 am

- Email basics - no registration necessary

Mah jong Mondays, Maplewood Senior Center, 1 - 3pm

- Drop in to play Mah jong at the Maplewood Senior Center
- Coffee, Tea & Cookies

All About Bitcoin and Digital Currency, Maplewood Main Library, 7 pm

- Learn about Bitcoin and other digital or cryptocurrencies.

Book Discussion Group, South Orange Library, 7 - 8:30 pm

- "Amongst the Liberal Elite," by local author Elly Lonon

Wednesday, January 30

Wednesdays At The Movies, South Orange Library, 1 pm

- "Black Klansman"

Thursday, January 31

Library Lecture Series, South Orange Library, 1 pm

- Speaker: Donna Ritter
- Topic: History Through Weaving

Location Guide:

The Baird – 5 Mead St, S. Orange (973) 378-7754

Burgdorff Center – 10 Durand Rd, Maplewood

Dehart Community Center – 120 Burnett Ave, Maplewood (973) 763- 0750

Durrand-Hedden House - 523 Ridgewood Rd, Maplewood

Ethical Culture Society - 516 Prospect St, Maplewood

Maplewood Main Library – 51 Baker St., Maplewood (973) 762-1622

Maplewood Hilton Library – 1688 Springfield Ave., Maplewood (973) 762-1688

Maplewood Senior Center – 106 Burnett Ave., Maplewood (973) 763- 0750

Maplewood Municipal Building – 574 Valley St., Maplewood, (973) 762-8120

The Pierro Gallery – inside the Baird, 5 Mead St., S. Orange (973) 378-7754

South Orange Library – 65 Scotland Rd., S. Orange (973) 762- 0230

South Orange Village Hall – 76 S. Orange Ave., 3rd Floor (973) 378-7715

The Woodland - 60 Woodland Rd., Maplewood

Transportation:

South Orange Senior Bus (973) 378-7754 x1

Maplewood Senior Bus: (973) 763-5278

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