

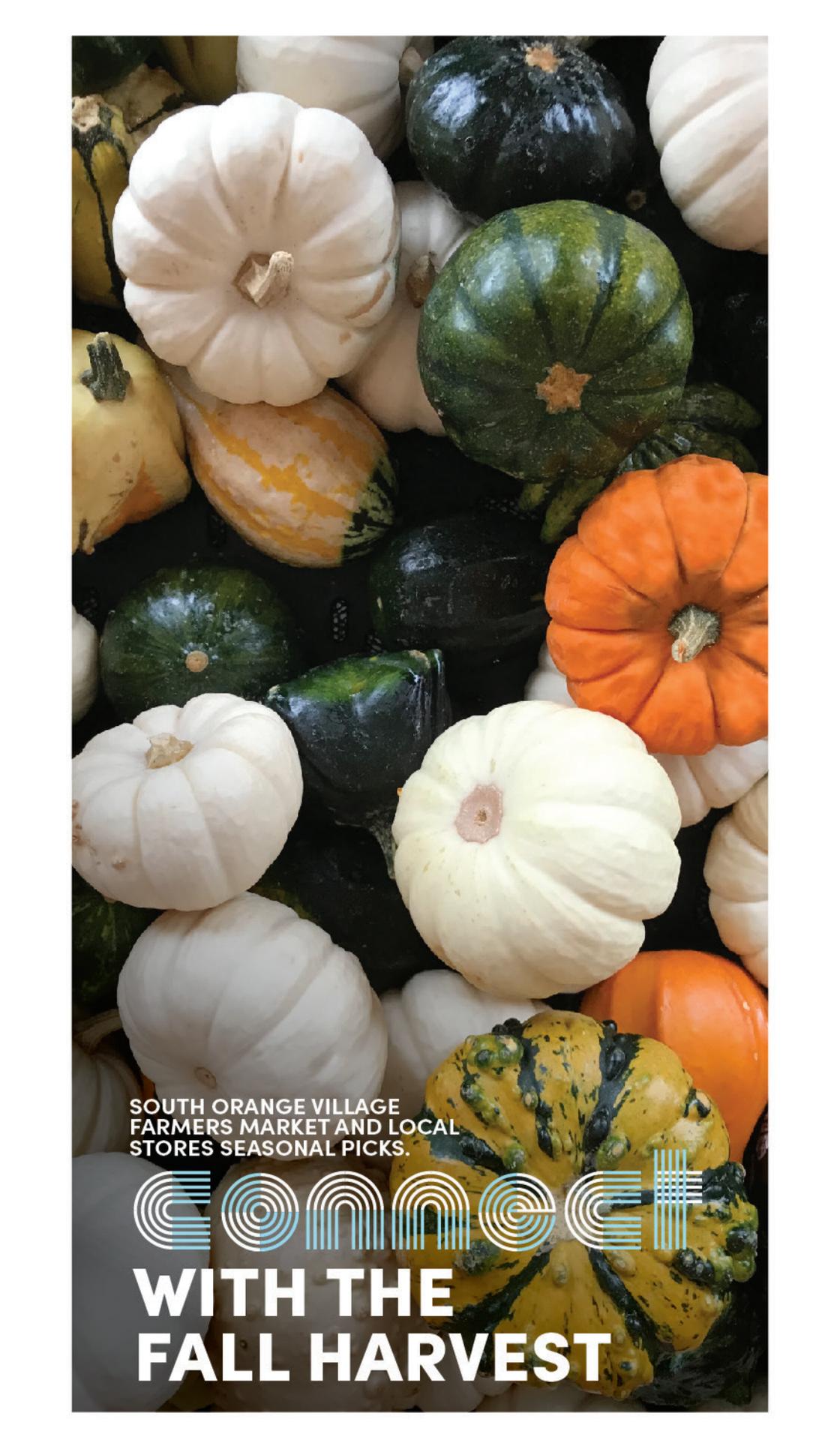
# The Gaslight

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VILLAGE  
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SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE  
FARMERS MARKET AND LOCAL  
STORES SEASONAL PICKS.



**WITH THE  
FALL HARVEST**



# LETTER FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

## IN TOUCH WITH VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

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The leaves are changing, the temperature has finally dropped, the block parties are spectacular, and I can't think of a more beautiful place than our lovely Village, which continues to bustle with activity and excitement.

Pedestrian safety continues to remain a priority. Hopefully, you have seen the results of a very ambitious crosswalk program where the Village has contracted to install 174,000 feet of stripes to improve visibility. No parking zones have been reinforced with delineator posts as a reminder that vehicles should not park or idle near traffic lights, stop signs, or crosswalks. Essex County is also undertaking significant intersection safety improvements that will begin next year and include intersections along Valley Street, South Orange Avenue, Prospect Street, and Ridgewood Road. The long-awaited Village Hall Restaurant will have its grand opening this fall. I'm also pleased to share that local resident and restaurateur David Massoni has announced the opening of Massoni Ristorante above Ashley Marketplace, a long-vacant 10,000 SF space formerly occupied by 1 South. The new restaurant will feature traditional Italian dishes from all corners of Italy and will open in late 2022. I hope everyone is hungry.

We have lots of redevelopment shovels in the ground. In July, senior staff at the New Jersey Economic Development Authority did a tour of eleven active project sites in our community. Shortly after, CEO Tim Sullivan released a statement commending our economic development strategies and alignment with the State's vision for affordable housing, equity and inclusion, and real estate development. Earlier this month, the Village was notified by New Jersey Future that the Taylor Vose redevelopment project would be receiving a "Smart Growth Award" at a ceremony to be held in November. This time next year, I'm confident our commercial corridors will be highly activated with new retail and restaurant offerings, the foot traffic to support our businesses, new housing opportunities, and big ratables to offset the costs of our many capital projects.

Speaking of capital projects, I have more exciting updates:

- We hosted a groundbreaking at 133 Fairview Avenue, our new community center in Seton Village, for ADA upgrades.
- The opening of the Baird is anticipated for March 2023 and will feature a new indoor field house, teen center, café, and art gallery.
- A contract for architectural services related to Phases 2-4 for renovating, repairing, and improving our soon-to-be 21st-century library complex has been awarded.
- Preliminary plans have been approved for the Cameron Recreation complex, which features basketball courts, pickleball, paddleball, a greenway path, a picnic grove, and a resiliency adventure garden.
- Road repaving, along with lead line identification and advanced meter infrastructure for our water utility, will continue as scheduled.

Finally, as we head into the holiday months, I strongly urge every resident to keep their money local, whether dining, shopping, entertaining, etc. Our small businesses are only as strong as our collective efforts to support them.

In partnership,

*Sheena Collum*

Sheena C. Collum  
Village President



# VILLAGE HIGHLIGHTS

## TRUSTEE BOB ZUCKERMAN RESIGNS

To the wonderful residents of South Orange,

As many of you may have already heard, I recently stepped down from my role on the Board of Trustees – the governing body in South Orange. My husband Grant and I made the decision earlier this year to sell our home and relocate to Asbury Park. Additionally, I am now working in Monmouth County running the

RiverCenter which manages the downtown Red Bank special improvement district. The move was bittersweet, as we loved living in South Orange for the eight years that we owned our home on Meeker Street, and I loved representing all of you on the Board of Trustees.



Being elected and serving on the South Orange Board of Trustees was truly one of the greatest honors of my life. I hope that my work chairing our Planning and Economic Development Committee, which included completing a new Master Plan, redeveloping our downtown, providing for more affordable housing and sourcing funds for our Seton Village initiative, just to name a few, has made a real difference in the quality of life for everyone who lives in and visits South Orange. I am also extremely proud of South Orange's incredible diversity and, of course, my status as the first openly-LGBT elected official to serve on the Board of Trustees. I am confident, however, that while I may have been the first LGBT Trustee, I certainly won't be the last.

Although I may not live in town any longer, you will still see me around at SOPAC, eating at one of our great restaurants, shopping at some of our incredible stores or just visiting with good friends. I want to thank Village President Sheena Collum, all my colleagues on the Board, and our staff and professionals for their hard work and for the wonderfully joyful experience I have had serving as a Trustee. You can always reach out to me personally at [zuckerbob@gmail.com](mailto:zuckerbob@gmail.com), and I've said on numerous occasions, it's not "goodbye" – just "see you later!"

All my best,  
Bob Zuckerman

(South Orange Village President Collum and the Board of Trustees appointed former Trustee Steve Schnall to serve the remainder of Trustee Zuckerman's term.)

## NAN SAMONS BENCH DEDICATION

On August 1, a bench in Grove Park was dedicated to Nan Samons, a longtime resident of South Orange who died on October 1, 2021, at the age of 95, after decades of community service. The event was attended by about 60 loving friends and community members, many of whom shared their memories of Samons.



Samons was a founding member of South Orange Seniors, an essential volunteer for the St. Barnabas same-day surgery unit, and a vital member of the South Orange Seniors Advisory Committee. She was also known for her expertise in knitting and needlework, which she generously shared.

Previously a tennis player and golfer, Samons lived a physically active life. She was an enthusiastic participant in Project Healthy Bones and a daily walker in the Grove Park neighborhood.

To this day, Samons continues to be sorely missed by the South Orange community. Her bench will help keep her memory alive.

# VILLAGE HIGHLIGHTS



## COMING SOON: SOUTH ORANGE ADOPT-A-STORM DRAIN PROGRAM

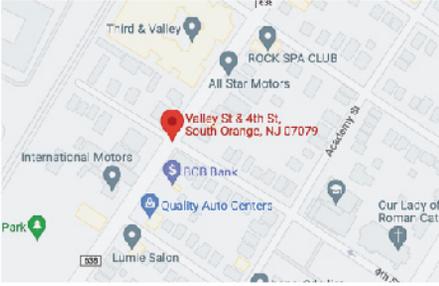
To improve stormwater flow, cleanliness, and safety, the Department of Public Works, Village engineer, and Environmental Commission and Green Team have teamed up to launch an adopt-a-storm drain program for South Orange. Volunteers will be able to sign up to adopt—and name!—a storm drain catch basin near their place of residence. South Orange has over 1,000 of these catch basins, which can easily become clogged with debris—sticks, leaves, refuse—that contributes to flooding and litter downstream. Just a few minutes of attention can keep plastic bottles and other detritus from going belowground, where they can cause significant drainage failures and safety issues.

If you are interested in helping to keep your block clear, email the SOEC at [environmentalcommission@southorange.org](mailto:environmentalcommission@southorange.org) and follow the SOEC&GT, @sogreenteam, to watch for the launch of this program in 2023.



**SOUTH ORANGE WELCOMED 9 NEW POLICE OFFICERS AND CELEBRATED PROMOTIONS AT THE 9/12 TRUSTEE MEETING.**

# VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT



## 4TH & VALLEY STREET

### MERIDIA | 4TH & VALLEY STREET

A 106-unit, mixed-use development is currently under construction at Fourth and Valley streets in downtown South Orange. The project is designed to promote development in a key location along Valley Street that will create a context-appropriate and attractive gateway to the downtown and contribute to the vibrancy and connectivity of the neighborhood. This site, located at the edge of the Central Business District and within walking distance of the train station, sets a precedent that will inform the broader vision for the Valley Street Corridor and will catalyze redevelopment in an area that is proximate to transit, the downtown, and the historic Academy Heights neighborhood.

#### Community Benefits

The Village was able to negotiate several improvements to the project that will provide high-quality and accessible public spaces. These include a public courtyard, improved sidewalks, and support for improved public parks in the area of the redevelopment:

- Sidewalks and the streetscape along the length of the Valley Street frontage shall include planting strips, street furniture, and extensions.
- The redeveloper will provide pedestrian crossing improvements at the intersection of Valley Street and Fourth Street.
- Where feasible, the redeveloper is providing cycling infrastructure.
- The redeveloper is making a \$250,000 contribution for improvements to public parks.

Construction is expected to be completed by the end of this year, with commercial and residential tenants taking occupancy in early 2023.



## SOUTH ORANGE COMMONS RENDURING

### SOUTH ORANGE COMMONS

The New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA) has awarded over \$5 million in tax credits to fund the development of the South Orange Commons affordable housing project to be located at 41-45 West Third Street in downtown South Orange. The project, a partnership between JESPY House, the Township of South Orange Village, Bergen County's United Way/Madeline Housing Partners, LLC, and Penwal Affordable Housing Corporation will provide affordable housing for low-income families and adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

"This is our very first 100-percent affordable housing project in town and augments the long list of current redevelopment projects underway with mandatory affordable housing set-asides consistent with the Village's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan. We also quintupled developer contributions into our Affordable Housing Trust Fund which enabled us to donate the land and parking to this project at no cost to our taxpayers," said South Orange Village President Sheena Collum.



# VILLAGERS OF THE MONTH



## JUNE 2022 MESKEREM HYMAN

Nelson Mandela once said, "The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow." He must have had 2022 Columbia High School graduate Meskerem Hyman in mind. Hyman was an influential leader at Columbia who stepped into the forefront by organizing a protest and march within our community after the killing of George Floyd; among other activities with the CHS Social Justice Club, she most recently organized a walkout protest against gun violence. Through her leadership in the Minority Achievement Committee Scholars Program, she actively worked to involve the MAC Scholars in the creation of a beautiful native wildflower meadow on the front lawn of CHS, adding to environmental sustainability through soil conservation and pollinator habitat enrichment. Meskerem is now a freshman at Cornell University, in the College of Arts and Sciences.



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Nominate a Villager of the Month today! Did you know that our Villager of the Month program honors residents within our community who are nominated by you? If you know anyone who should be considered for Villager of the Month, please submit a nomination through our online form at [southorange.org/756/Villager-of-the-Month](http://southorange.org/756/Villager-of-the-Month). The Community Relations Committee, which is the longest-running advisory committee to the Village, selects the awardees.





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## SELLER TIPS:

- 1 Don't over-upgrade
- 2 Take the HOME out of your house— hire a stager
- 3 Always be SHOW ready
- 4 Light it UP—when you have a showing
- 5 Half empty closets— shows more space for storage

## BUYER TIPS:

- 1 Hire a Buyer Agent that knows the inventory, town, streets
- 2 Look past the sellers stuff
- 3 Get pre-approved to help you decide how much you want/afford to spend for a home
- 4 Be open to different styles of homes
- 5 Focus on no more than two towns

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# RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

## PROGRAMS REGISTERING IN LATE OCTOBER



### **SOCCER CLINICS:**

Soccer clinics: Each session is designed with each player's soccer-related interests in mind and consists of warm-ups, technical ball skills, and age-specific drills. Participants can expect to improve their game play and just have fun!



### **RECREATION BASKETBALL:**

This in-town basketball league is for Maplewood and South Orange students in grades six to eight (no tryouts). Games are typically on Saturday afternoons in the South Orange Middle School gym.

### **BASKETBALL (FOR ADULTS OVER 30):**

This is a Thursday-evening pickup basketball program at the South Orange Middle School gym.



### **ACTIVE OLDER ADULTS:**

This program offers a variety of classes for anyone 55 years or older. Classes may include yoga, tai chi, art, Project Healthy Bones, and more. Most classes are offered on weekdays (dates and times to be determined) at the Loft at SOPAC.



### **SUNDAY SOCCER (FOR ADULTS OVER 30):**

The South Orange Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs sponsors this indoor soccer program for adults at the South Orange Middle School gymnasium. Players meet on Sunday mornings and play a series of short games in a round-robin schedule, six players per side. The style of play and rule modifications accommodate varied skill and age levels. Emphasis is on maintaining conditioning, improving skills, and having fun.



### **HIGH SCHOOL PICKUP:**

South Orange and Maplewood High School students interested in having fun and staying fit in a safe and supervised environment can sign up for the high school pickup basketball program! Under the supervision of Recreation Department staff, this is an open-gym program. Weekly play may include pickup games, three-on-three round robin, and other basketball games, to be determined by the participants. If there is sufficient interest and registration, teams may be formed for weekly league-like play and fun competition.

Visit our catalog for registration details and additional information:  
**[secure.rec1.com/NJ/south-orange-village-township-nj/catalog](https://secure.rec1.com/NJ/south-orange-village-township-nj/catalog)**

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES INITIATIVES



## THE FUTURE OF SOUTH ORANGE WATER UTILITY

South Orange Village owns and operates the South Orange Water Utility, which serves approximately 4,500 South Orange properties. Under the direction of water administrator Howard Levison, Trustee Bill Haskins, and engineering consultant ADR Environmental, the utility oversees all operations and infrastructure needs. By contract, New Jersey American Water performs the necessary operations and day-to-day maintenance, along with quarterly customer billing.

Faced with increasing capital expenditures necessary to manage an aging infrastructure system and ever-evolving compliance and water-quality regulations, South Orange Village is undertaking an in-depth evaluation of the long-term viability of the current ownership and maintenance structure of our water utility. The goal of this evaluation is to identify the most efficient and cost-effective structure to deliver high-quality and safe water to the residents of South Orange. The analysis will consider various alternatives, including the sale of the utility to a private entity.

A Water Utility Task Force has been established to conduct this analysis and present the findings and recommendations to the public. The task force comprises residents, Trustees, Seton Hall University staff, and Village administration staff and will be assisted by engineering consultants and finance advisors experienced with this type of analysis and valuation in New Jersey. The evaluation is expected to take 9 to 12 months. During this time, the South Orange Water Utility will continue to invest in the utility as needed to ensure residents receive the quality water service to which they are accustomed.

In addition to ongoing operations, maintenance, and water-quality testing, the water utility is currently managing several capital projects, including:

- Water meter replacement as necessary.
- Identification and replacement of utility side lead and/or galvanized water lines.
- Identification and homeowner notification of a homeowner side lead and/or galvanized line.
- System hydraulic study.
- Leak detection analysis.
- Well 17 rehabilitation and filtration system.
- Water sphere repair.

For more details on these projects, visit [southorange.org/574/infrastructure-maintenance-projects](https://southorange.org/574/infrastructure-maintenance-projects).



## WATER UTILITY FACTS & FIGURES



### 2022 WATER UTILITY BUDGET

**\$4,504,723**

(SELF FUNDED THROUGH  
FEES COLLECTED)



SERVES **4,500**  
**HOUSEHOLDS &  
BUSINESSES**



CONSISTS OF MORE THAN  
**70 MILES OF  
WATER MAIN**



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ARE DELIVERED

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HOLD A COMBINED TOTAL OF **3.7** MILLION GALLONS



Mark your calendar!

*The 19th Annual*

**South Orange & Maplewood**

# Artists Studio Tour

**November 5th & 6th, 2022**  
**Saturday & Sunday, 11 am - 5 pm**

The annual Artists Studio Tour celebrates the artists among us and helps make affordable, local art available to all. Both artists and art collectors alike look forward to this special event, when the local art scene throws its doors wide open. Wonderful art will be available to view in artists' studios, in local businesses, and in several local galleries.

We are always looking for artists, sponsors and volunteers. For more information, and to get involved, please visit us at:

**[studiotoursoma.com](http://studiotoursoma.com)**



# VILLAGE HAPPENINGS



## SOUTH ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

"Providing engaging, adult-oriented programs is just one of the many ways that South Orange Public Library is expanding its support for the community," shared SOPL Director Jill Faherty. "We've added a lot of recurring programs, as well as some unique, exciting one-time events that support this vibrant community." One example is the upcoming 4 Towns/1 Book discussion of *The 1619 Project* by Nikole Hannah Jones. The discussion will be moderated by Larry Greene, professor of history at Seton Hall University. The event is offered both via Zoom and in person at SHU's Jubilee Hall Auditorium on Thursday, October 13, from 6:30 to 8pm. Both print and digital copies of the book are available at SOPL.

The library has a variety of ongoing adult programs and services for all interests, and there are always new programs being added. Below is a list of some of the programs. Visit [sopl.org/events](https://sopl.org/events) for a full calendar of events.

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**Mon, October 10**

**10am:** Computer basics for adults

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**Wed, October 12**

**1pm:** Wednesday at the Movies

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**Thu, October 13**

**6pm:** Latinx Voices in 21st-Century Publishing

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**Mon, October 17**

**11am:** Older adults support group with social worker Michelle Fiederer

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**Wed, October 19**

**1pm:** Creative writing with Laura Sims

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**Mon, October 24**

**10am:** Internet basics for adults

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**Tue, October 25**

**7pm:** Book discussion group: "The Improbability of Love" by Hannah Rothschild

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**Wed, October 26**

**1pm:** Wednesday at the Movies

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**Thu, October 27**

**6pm:** Ben Gray: 'Podcasting 101: The Craft of Storytelling for Radio'

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**Wed, November 2**

**1pm:** Creative writing with Laura Sims

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**Thu, November 3**

**6pm:** "Busting the Myth of the 'Bad Girl' in Novels and Nonfiction," with Marcy Dermansky, Laurie Lico Albanese, and Katherine Dykstra

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**Wed, November 9**

**1pm:** Wednesday at the Movies

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**Mon, November 14**

**10am:** Computer basics for adults

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**Wed, November 16**

**1pm:** Creative writing with Laura Sims

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**Thu, November 17**

**6pm:** Lynn Melnick: "About Me, About Dolly: Writing Memoir Through a Pop Culture Lens"

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**Mon, November 21**

**11am:** Older adults support group with social worker Michelle Fiederer

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**Tue, November 22**

**7pm:** Book discussion group

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**Wed, November 23**

**1pm:** Wednesday at the Movies

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**Mon, November 28**

**10am:** Computer basics for adults

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**Wed, December 7**

**1pm:** Creative writing with Laura Sims

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**Mon, December 12**

**10am:** Computer basics for adults

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**Wed, December 14**

**1pm:** Wednesday at the Movies

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**Mon, December 19**

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**Wed, December 21**

**1pm:** Creative writing with Laura Sims

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**Mon, December 26**

**10am:** Computer basics for adults

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**Tue, December 27**

**7pm:** Book discussion group: "Circe" by Madeline Miller

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**Wed, December 28**

**1pm:** Wednesday at the Movies

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## BEYOND PROGRAMS

- Passes to the following museums and attractions can be checked out for one week: Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Cooper Hewitt, the Frick Collection, Montclair Art Museum, Morris Museum, Newark Museum, New York Historical Society, and Storm King Art Center. The library also offers discounted admission to Liberty Science Center.
- Home delivery service is provided by the Friends of SOPL.



## SOUTH ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Park-and-pick-up is available for those who prefer to get their books on the go. Just reach out to the library to request the materials you need and you will be notified when they are ready for pick-up.

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## SOPAC

### **Béla Fleck & Abigail Washburn**

Béla Fleck is a 15-time Grammy winner who has taken the instrument across multiple genres. Abigail Washburn is a singer-songwriter and clawhammer banjo player. Dubbed "the king and queen of the banjo" by Paste magazine, the two have a musical partnership like no other.

**Wed, October 26, at 7:30pm**

### **Jim Messina**

Jim Messina's legacy of making hit music spans five decades, three supergroups (Buffalo Springfield, Poco, Loggins and Messina), a vibrant solo career, and scores of producing and engineering credits.

**Thu, November 3, at 7:30pm**

### **Darlingside**

Darlingside, long praised for mesmerizing harmonies and wistful songwriting, has been described by NPR as creating "exquisitely arranged, literary-minded, baroque folk-pop." The group has been compared to Crosby, Stills, & Nash; Simon & Garfunkel; and the Byrds.

**Wed, November 9, at 7:30pm**

### **Paula Cole & Sophie B. Hawkins**

Carried by her powerful, radiant voice, Grammy winner Paula Cole has a musical catalog defined by honest lyrics that covers blues, jazz, folk, pop, gospel, and Americana. Multi-instrumentalist Sophie B. Hawkins, described by Rolling Stone magazine as a "somber folk singer, saucy pop gal, note-bending jazz chanteuse," has been tugging at heartstrings for decades with her captivating storytelling. Both singer-songwriters are known for indelible '90s hits—Cole for "I Don't Want To Wait" and Hawkins for "As I Lay Me Down."

**Thu, November 10, at 7:30pm**

### **Ain't No Mountain High Enough!**

#### **Valerie Simpson & Friends**

Valerie Simpson and her late husband, Nickolas Ashford, spent a lifetime writing chart-topping anthems for Motown and beyond. Known as Ashford & Simpson, the duo penned such timeless hits as "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," "Reach Out and Touch (Somebody's Hand)," and "I'm Every Woman" for Marvin Gaye, Diana Ross, Whitney Houston, and others before embarking on a performing career of their own. **Fri, November 11, at 8pm**

### **The Last Waltz Celebration featuring The THE BAND Band**

Relive the famous 1976 Thanksgiving concert the Last Waltz. Hear Eric Clapton's "Further on up the Road," Ronnie Hawkins' "Who Do You Love," Van Morrison's "Caravan," and many more of the songs from that night when The THE BAND Band performs.

**Sat, November 12, at 8pm**

### **An Evening With Josh Ritter**

Josh Ritter, a folk-rock singer-songwriter and novelist with an expressive voice, a keen wit and an evocative way with words has been described by The New York Times as "harking back to Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen, and maybe a little Mark Knopfler"; he was also named one of the 100 greatest living songwriters by Paste magazine.

**Thu, November 17, at 7:30pm**

### **BubbleMania! Comedy with a Drip!**

Comic bubble artist Casey Carle brings his amazing one-man show, combining spontaneous comedy, jazzy music, and, of course, brilliant bubbling!

**Sun, November 20, at 1pm**

### **Hot Sardines Holiday Stomp**

With the Hot Sardines, expect a raucous, razzle-dazzle celebration featuring classic jazz and swing holiday favorites, and original tunes performed by an eight-piece band. The band's brassy horn arrangements and rollicking piano melodies, combined with vocals from a chanteuse, will transport listeners to a past era.

**Thu, December 1, at 7:30pm**

### **Judy Collins**

Celebrate Christmas with Judy Collins. The Grammy-winning singer-songwriter known for her poetic storytelling style will perform holiday classics; songs from her latest album, "Spellbound"; and beloved songs culled from her six-decade career.

**Fri, December 2, at 8pm**

### **Martin Sexton**

Martin Sexton's spirited songs run the American musical gamut, incorporating soul, country, and blues. The guitarist has been praised for "his unpretentious heartiness" (New York Times) and his "soul-marinated voice" (Rolling Stone).

**Sat, December 3, at 8pm**

### **Sons of Serendip**

Skilled on the harp, cello, and piano, this quartet of lifelong instrumentalists and vocalists brings a harmonious synergy to the stage. Melding classical and pop, Sons of Serendip has opened for John Legend and has collaborated with several orchestras.

**Wed, December 7, at 7:30pm**

### **A Rockapella Holiday**

Add extra flair to this festive time of year with the energetic, all-vocal magic of Rockapella. Clap along to catchy, original pop songs and contemporary revisions of Motown and soul classics. The group may be best known for having created the theme song for the PBS geography game show "Where in the World Is Carmen Sandiego?"

**Fri, December 9, at 8pm**

### **Ann Hampton Callaway & Liz Callaway**

The Tony-nominated Callaway sisters are raising the roof with their new show, "Broadway the Calla-way!" Liz Callaway and Ann Hampton Callaway are one singular sensation. They'll sing showstoppers from "West Side Story," "Chicago," "Funny Girl," "Cats," "Carousel," "Wicked," and other Broadway shows.

**Sat, December 10, at 8pm**

### **Cherish the Ladies: A Celtic Christmas**

Cherish the Ladies, an all-female collective, captivates audiences and embodies the splendor of the Christmas season with their majestic vocals and stunning step-dancing.

**Sun, December 11, at 7:30pm**

### **Sweet Honey in the Rock: Holiday Show**

Sweet Honey in the Rock is an internationally renowned, Grammy-nominated a cappella ensemble with a nearly 50-year history of serving as musical missionaries for equality, empowerment, and education.

**Sat, December 17, at 8pm**

### **Nefesh Mountain: The Hanukkah Show**

Boundary-pushing group Nefesh Mountain combines elements of Americana, Appalachian bluegrass, Celtic folk, and Eastern European melodies with messages of inclusivity, diversity and hope.

**Wed, December 21, at 7:30pm**

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## SOMA FILM FESTIVAL RETURNS

**October 20-23, 2022** Now in its 7th year, the festival boasts a Locals Only!

programs with films made by and featuring talented SOMA residents, a kids and family program, as well as independent films from near and far. Visit [somafilmfestival.com](http://somafilmfestival.com) for info!



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## RECREATION DEPARTMENT EVENTS

### 10/30 at 3PM Cornhole 'O Ween:



The Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs is partnering with the Meadowlands Park Conservancy for our 3rd Cornhole Tournament. The event will be held adjacent to the Skate House and will comprise of 32 teams competing for cornhole glory. Costumes are encouraged! Sponsorship opportunities are available, for additional information please contact [recreation@southorange.org](mailto:recreation@southorange.org)

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## 11/11 at the Memorial Rock in Meadowland Park:

Join us on Veterans Day as we honor South Orange residents that made the ultimate sacrifice. We will be adding a memorial plaque to remember Lance Corporal Edward August "Augie" Schroeder II and Major Dwayne M. Kelly. Please visit the Village's website for additional details.

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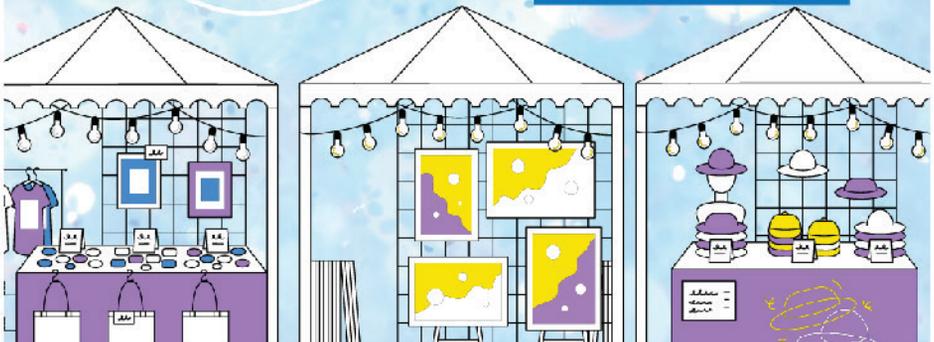
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3PM - 7PM

SLOAN STREET LOT



# VILLAGE NEWS

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Community Relations Committee, one of the oldest, most established resident-run advisory committees in South Orange, is in search of a chair. The committee focuses on welcoming newcomers into the community, uplifting the community and its members by reestablishing a digital version of Villager of the Month, supports communication between the town and the community, ensures that residents know how to report issues and grievances, and plans community-building events and activities.



## ANNOUNCING SO-MAC JOIN THE SOUTH ORANGE MOBILITY ACTION COMMITTEE

Do you want to help to make South Orange an even better place to walk, bike, and live? South Orange Village needs volunteers for the new South Orange Mobility Action Committee. SO-MAC will prioritize and address community mobility concerns related to walking, bicycling, and other ways to get around South Orange. We aim to calm traffic, improve public transportation access, and enhance local pedestrian and cycling experiences. We seek committee volunteers to work on mobility solutions, pursue grant funding, keep the community updated, plan fun events, and more. **Interested residents may fill out the volunteer application at [southorange.org/FormCenter/Applications-4/Boards-Committees-Commissions-Authoritie-43](https://southorange.org/FormCenter/Applications-4/Boards-Committees-Commissions-Authoritie-43). Please direct questions to SO-MAC Chair Julia Flath at [somobilityactioncommittee@gmail.com](mailto:somobilityactioncommittee@gmail.com).**



## WINTERIZE YOUR GARDEN WITH FREE MULCH

The Department of Public Works is providing free mulch for anyone who would like to prepare their garden for the winter. The benefits of mulching include preventing soil erosion, suppressing weeds, and insulating plant roots from temperature changes. Limited quantities are available for pickup on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring your own containers and shovels. Facility hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 7am-3:30pm, and Saturday, 8am-noon.





## GROVE PARK TREES

Through Labor Day, the South Orange Municipal Offices, Recreation Department, With heavy hearts we recently removed many large trees from Grove Park. Most were green ash trees that had been attacked by an insect called the emerald ash borer. The emerald ash borer is an invasive beetle that lays eggs in the bark of ash trees. The resulting larvae feed underneath the bark. This process deprives affected trees of water and nutrients, and the trunks and limbs quickly begin to break, in this case endangering visitors to the park. All affected trees eventually die.

South Orange Village and Montrose Park Historic District are using the devastating loss of these trees as an opportunity to undertake a comprehensive planning process for the future of Grove Park. We are taking a thoughtful approach to replanting, emphasizing tree species diversity and planting trees that are appropriate for the conditions found here.

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT NEWS

The South Orange Health Department has updates on everything from the upcoming flu season and COVID-19 vaccination information to the latest on the monkeypox and polio outbreaks. Visit [southorange.org/civicalerts.aspx?aid= for details](https://southorange.org/civicalerts.aspx?aid=for%20details).

**Suicide prevention:** Please note that 988 has been designated as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline's new nationwide three-digit dialing code.



## PARKING CHANGES ARE COMING TO SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

The South Orange Parking Authority will be moving to a pay-by-plate parking system using advanced, solar-powered pay stations. The new machines will replace the multispace pay stations, which have reached their end of life. The new pay stations are designed to make the parking process faster and simpler. Unlike the old pay-by-space system, involving entering a space number, drivers will now enter their license plate numbers at the kiosks to complete their transactions. Convenient payment options—including bills, coin, card, and mobile app—will still be available. More details coming soon.



## ELECTION INFORMATION

South Orange is seeking poll workers for the upcoming elections. If you are interested, please contact the clerk's office for more information at 973-378-7715 x1 or [clerksoffice@southorange.org](mailto:clerksoffice@southorange.org). Important dates for the upcoming elections are:

- October 18. Last day to register to vote. The clerk's office will be open until 9pm for late-night voter registration.
- November 1. Last day to apply by mail for a vote-by-mail ballot.
- November 8. Election Day.

For more information, please contact the clerk's office.

## RENTAL REGISTRATION

All 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. Contact the clerk's office at [clerk@southorange.org](mailto:clerk@southorange.org).



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