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# LETTER FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT



Summer is officially here, and that means, outdoor dining, concerts and movies on Flood's Hill, weekend music in our downtown, our Farmers Market, block parties, and the pool! These past months have been busy, and I'm so pleased to share some highlights:

- The Village received an S&P bond rating upgrade from AA- to AA, our second consecutive increase. It's a testament to our strong operating performance throughout the pandemic, growth in our fund balance, and sound financial policies and practices.
- The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs has awarded us \$233,000 to complete ADA accessibility upgrades to 133 Fairview Avenue, our new community center in Seton Village.
- Eleven affordable housing units at the Taylor Vose project are now being marketed to income-eligible individuals and families in compliance with our Housing Element and Fair Share Plan. You can apply at [www.AffordableHomesNewJersey.com](http://www.AffordableHomesNewJersey.com).
- The Village Hall Restaurant, Beer Garden and Event Hall will be opening very soon. I promise you it will have been worth the wait. You will also notice that our historic clock tower has been restored to its former glory.
- PSEG will be performing several upgrades to infrastructure and circuits that will have positive impact on thousands of our residents. In the upcoming months, you will notice more work being done – these are not repairs, but long-overdue and multi-million-dollar investments to increase reliability, resiliency, and redundancy throughout town. This includes a Seton Place/Irvington Avenue project, a reclosure project in Upper Wyoming, and a Load Relief Project currently underway, where new circuits are being installed. The result will be fewer disruptions (outages) and much faster restoration.
- After several years of work, the new South Essex Fire Department, which has been unanimously approved by the governing bodies of South Orange and Maplewood, was enacted in July. The merger of our fire departments, which is the first of its kind in New Jersey, keeps all fire houses open, will result in more firefighters per tour, maintains/improves response times, and will result in significant taxpayer savings (\$1.6M estimate by the NJDCA Local Assistance Bureau).

As a final note, we're hoping for a more environmentally friendly and peaceful summer. Please be advised that **the use of gas-powered leaf blowers during summer months is prohibited in South Orange.** Let's all do our part to comply. Happy Summer!

*Sheena Collum*

Sheena C. Collum  
Village President



# VILLAGE HIGHLIGHTS



## PUBLIC ART THE MURAL VOLUNTEERS AND ORGANIZERS

Seton Village NPP sponsored this year's ArtBender celebration, held on June 4. The event included more than 20 events and performances throughout South Orange, as well as a community mural installation. The mural, designed by artist Kathryn Hall, is on the corner of Ward Place and Irvington Avenue. Stop by and check it out! Special thanks to Village President Sheena Collum and Trustee Summer Jones for working with the property owner to allow us to put public art back at this location.



## RENDERING GOLD STAR GARDEN & AMPHITHEATER

On Memorial Day, the Meadowland Park Conservancy unveiled its spectacular vision for a Gold Star Garden & Amphitheater, the evolution of the park's Memorial Rock area next to the pond. The project will create a new destination that focuses more attention on the Memorial Rock area and the gold star families who have lost a loved one, and celebrates the selfless contributions of veterans and active service members connected to South Orange. Designed by South Orange resident and renowned architect and urban space designer Michael Imranyi, the space will feature new pathways, a gently sloped natural amphitheater and a ground-level stage area in front of Memorial Rock for intimate presentations such as readings, jazz or chamber music ensembles, and spoken word. To learn more and sign up for updates, visit meadowlandpark.org and click on "GS Garden."

## SOUTH ORANGE TREE CANOPY

South Orange planted 175 new street trees throughout all neighborhoods this May, continuing the canopy-restoration initiative to increase the number and variety of species planted. If you see one, feel free to water it. The first two years of a tree's life are particularly precarious, so every little drop helps.

- Street trees are planted in the right of way, which is shared with street signs, traffic signs, streetlights, and various underground utilities. Not all seemingly open strips of grass are ideal for an eventual full-size tree.
- Right of way exists even if there is no sidewalk.
- South Orange's official tree inventory is maintained via collaboration with and by the generous sponsorship of Seton Hall University.
- To request a tree for your street, use SoConnect ("Report a Concern" on the Village website) or call 973.378.7741 x1.
- Residents are not permitted to prune or remove municipal street or park trees.



# VILLAGE HIGHLIGHTS



## South Orange Parking Locations [www.southorange.org/185/Parking-Authority](http://www.southorange.org/185/Parking-Authority)

Short Convenient Reasonable

- SLOAN ST (Shopper)**  
Time: 3 Hour Limit  
Rate: \$1.00 per Hour
- FIREHOUSE (Use pay stations in Sloan St. lot)**  
Time: 2 Hour Limit  
Rate: \$1.00 per Hour  
EV Charging, Scooter, Zip Car
- LIBRARY**  
Time: 12 Hour Meters  
Rate: \$0.50 per Hour
- TAYLOR PLACE GARAGE (Shopper)**  
Time: 2 Hour Limit  
Rate: \$0.50 per Hour  
EV Charging
- SCOTLAND RD. (Shopper)**  
Time: 2 Hour Limit Rate: \$0.50 per Hour
- SOUTH ORANGE AVE. (Shopper)**  
Time: 4 Hour Limit Rate: \$0.50 per Hour
- RIVERSIDE (Shopper)**  
Time: 2 Hour Limit Rate: \$.50 per Hour
- THIRD ST. GARAGE**  
Left Side, Daily Mon-Sat, 5am-6pm \$1.00 per Hour \$7.00 Max  
Right Side, Permit Reserved Mon-Fri 5am-9:30am  
Any Available Space Mon-Fri 9:30am-6pm \$1.00 per Hour \$7.00 Max  
Any Space Sat, 8am-6pm \$1.00 per Hour \$7.00 Max  
Parking is Free on Sunday No Overnight Parking
- NJ TRANSIT at SOPAC**  
Yellow Spaces "First Come-First Serve" Mon-Fri 5am-9:30am \$5.00 Daily  
White Spaces Permit Reserved Mon-Fri 5am-9:30am  
Any Available Space Mon-Fri 9:30am-6pm \$1.00 per Hour \$5.00 Max  
No Overnight Parking 2am-5am Free on Sat-Sun

## Walking Distance Guide



## SOUTH ORANGE PARKING AUTHORITY RELEASES PARKING GUIDE

This handy South Orange Parking Guide, complete with walking distances, is available for download at [southorange.org/185/Parking-Authority](http://southorange.org/185/Parking-Authority). Bookmark it on your phone or print it and keep it in your glove compartment for a handy guide when visiting South Orange.



On June 5th South Orange Trustees and guests gathered to raise the Pride Flag and officially kick off a month of activities in SOMA, including dances, parades, picnics, films & more.

# VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT



## MOSAIC AT SOUTH ORANGE

In April the South Orange planning board approved Mosaic at South Orange. This mixed-use development, at 8 Second St, will include 42 residential units and a ground-floor community space. Its prime downtown location faces Sloan Street and runs parallel to the New Jersey Transit commuter train line.

benefits. In addition to the community workspace for local artists and makers, the project will allow for wider sidewalks in this busy pedestrian location and add artistic crosswalks to improve safety and enliven the area.

Demolition of the existing structures (the former Wells Fargo Bank) will begin this summer; construction is expected to take 18 to 24 months.

As part of the redevelopment plan, the Village negotiated significant community

## VILLAGE HALL TAVERN & BEER GARDEN



**VILLAGE HALL TAVERN & BEER GARDEN INTERIOR RENOVATION**



**VILLAGE HALL TAVERN & BEER GARDEN EXTERIOR RESTORATION**

In other development news, the Village has received word that the long-awaited Village Hall Tavern & Beer Garden is expected to open in late summer. A sneak peek at the renovation of the former Village Hall revealed that it has definitely been worth the wait. The craftsmanship and attention to detail are outstanding. We hope to see you there this summer!

# VILLAGERS OF THE MONTH



## MAY 2022

### Ahadi Bugg-Levine

The name Ahadi Bugg-Levine is synonymous with commitment to community. In May 2022, Bugg-Levine was selected as Villager of the Month based on her community engagement in South Orange. She was nominated by Trustee Summer Jones after they worked together on Black History Month 2022. "Without Ahadi, we would not have such a comprehensive children's booklist for all children within South Orange, along with a template for future Black History Month programming," said Jones. Bugg-Levine is also the board president for JESPY House. In this capacity, she has worked closely with the Village and nonprofit developers to help bring additional affordable housing opportunities to South Orange for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. To read more about Bugg-Levine, visit the Villager of the Month page on the South Orange website:

[southorange.org/756/Villager-of-the-Month](https://southorange.org/756/Villager-of-the-Month).



Villagers of the Month are nominated by members of the community for their extraordinary dedication to South Orange. The Community Relations Committee, which is the Village's longest-running advisory committee, selects the awardees. To nominate a Villager of the Month, visit the South Orange website at [southorange.org/756/Villager-of-the-Month](https://southorange.org/756/Villager-of-the-Month).

# VILLAGE SPOTLIGHT



## FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends of the South Orange Public Library was formed in 2006. Its members, or "Friends," support the library with volunteerism, fundraising, and amazing collaboration with the library and other organizations. The Friends believe in nourishing a love of reading and lifelong learning. They help support the library's children's summer reading program, maintain several of the Little Libraries around town, and purchase books for the SOPL collection. They hold an annual jewelry sale to supplement their other fundraising activities. The Friends of SOPL, a nonprofit organization, seeks to expand its membership both to raise money for the library and to engage a larger core of active community members of all ages in its activities. To learn more about the Friends of South Orange Public Library, visit South Orange's Villager Spotlight page: [southorange.org/808/Village-Spotlight](https://southorange.org/808/Village-Spotlight).





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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

**And, the tip list goes on...**

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## RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS



### SOUTH ORANGE SUMMER NIGHTS! Wednesdays, July & August

South Orange Summer Nights returns with summer concerts in July and movies in August. Once again, Flood's Hill is the place to be each Wednesday evening. Summer Nights is produced jointly by the South Orange Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs and the South Orange Performing Arts Center.

#### SOUTH ORANGE SUMMER NIGHTS CONCERTS, 7:30pm

- July 6: Stuff Brothers.
- July 13: SOMA Rocks.
- July 20: Radio Petty.
- July 27: Gravy Train.

#### SOUTH ORANGE SUMMER NIGHTS MOVIES, 8pm

- August 10: Soul.
- August /17: Luca.
- August 24: Sing 2.
- August 31: Jungle Cruise.

#### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tues, August 2, at 4pm at Flood's Hill. The movie Encanto will be shown at 8pm.



## YOGA OUTSIDE

Every Saturday 8 AM  
Father Vincent Monella Community Center  
133 Fairview Avenue

Weather permitting  
June - August 2022

setonvillage.org



FREE

### SETON VILLAGE NPP

This summer, there are lots of things planned for Seton Village. Among them is "Yoga Outside" at the Father Vincent Monella Center, 133 Fairview Ave. Every Saturday at 8am, weather permitting.

### SOUTH ORANGE HEALTH FAIR



Save the date for the South Orange Health Fair: Sat, September 10, from 10am to 2pm, at the South Orange Firehouse, 56 Sloan St. Stop by for free health screenings and the latest news on health care trends and COVID-19-related information. Details will be posted on our website later this summer: southorange.org.

### SOUTH ORANGE COMMUNITY DAY

Mark your calendars for this year's Community Day (formerly known as "New Comer's Day").

**Sunday,  
October 2,  
1-3pm.**



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES INITIATIVES

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

South Orange Village is pleased to announce another affordable housing opportunity at the new development currently under construction at 52 Vose Ave in South Orange. This redevelopment project, under the leadership of Village President Sheena Collum and Planning & Economic Development Committee Chair



Bob Zuckerman, "brings many community benefits to South Orange," said Collum. "Bringing these affordable rental units to the heart of our downtown is something we can all be proud of." These one-, two-, and three-bedroom units boast many amenities and should be ready for occupancy by fall. Call 609.664.2769 x5 for details and qualification information.



## ROADS AND CROSSWALKS

The South Orange Village Trustees, the Department of Public Works, and our Village engineer worked closely with the Public Safety Committee to identify and fund a restriping program for crosswalks and roads in need. "The restriping will begin this summer and is going to be fairly extensive. Our goal is to improve pedestrian safety throughout the Village," said committee Chair Donna Coallier. South Orange will also begin milling and paving roads throughout the Village. "This year's plan includes 2.5 times more roads than usual due to the damage caused by Tropical Storm Ida. We understand the inconvenience experienced when roads are closed and ask for the community's patience as we work toward smoother and safer driving," added Village President Sheena Collum. To get text or email alerts about road closures, sign up at [southorange.org/610/South-Orange-Alerts](https://southorange.org/610/South-Orange-Alerts).



## SOUTH ORANGE LEAF BLOWER REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE MAY 2022.

### NEW LEAF BLOWER REGULATIONS

Under the leadership of Village Trustee Bill Haskins, the South Orange Board of Trustees passed an ordinance limiting and regulating the use of leaf blowers. These new regulations came after months of research, community input, and careful consideration by the Trustees and the Village administration. The new regulations, which went into effect in May, seek to calm, limit, and regulate the use of all leaf blowers as follows:

- All leaf blower use, gas and electric, will be restricted to specific times throughout the year. The use of any leaf blower by any person or entity is permitted only as follows:
  - Mon – Fri, 8am – 6pm.
  - Sat – Sun 10am – 4pm.
- The use of **gas-powered leaf blowers** will be prohibited from May 1 through September 30 of each year.
- All leaf blowers shall meet applicable United States Environmental Protection Agency and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection standards.

Visit [southorange.org](https://southorange.org) for more details, including the full ordinance.

## WATER METER REPLACEMENT



Trustee Bill Haskins has been working closely with the South Orange Water Utility on a plan to replace every water meter in the Village and to implement a software app that reads the new meters hourly. The new software system will provide a significant improvement in understanding the daily functioning of the water system, allowing more timely responses to individual account situations as they arise. Additionally, we'll leverage this installation process to identify the material makeup of the incoming water service line to each home, verifying whether each is lead or galvanized, and allowing us to inform homeowners who have lead lines servicing their homes. More information on this process and lead line replacement will be provided in the coming months.

# VILLAGE HAPPENINGS



## SOUTH ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER CALENDAR

This summer is full of "Oceans of Possibilities" at your library! Below are some events taking place at the South Orange Public Library. Many are part of the summer reading program, which is open to all ages, toddler through adult.

For a full event schedule, and to check out the exciting updates on Phase 2 construction plans for the library, visit [sopl.org](http://sopl.org).

**Mon, July 11**  
10am: Adult computer class  
3pm: LEGOmania

**Tue, July 12**  
11am: Toddler storytime  
3pm: Ice Cream Community: Village President Sheena Collum  
5pm: YA author visit: Melanie Conklin

**Wed, July 13**  
11am: Wednesday Wiggles  
1pm: Creative writing  
4pm: All-ages storytime at the South Orange Community Pool

**Thu, July 14**  
3pm: Teen Xchange Workshop  
4pm: Virtual author talk: Mary Pope Osborne  
6pm: Special conversations: YA author Amelia Kahaney

**Fri, July 15**  
1:30pm: Friday Feature: Luca (G)

**Mon, July 18**  
3pm: Minecraft

**Tue, July 19**  
11am: Toddler storytime

**Wed, July 20**  
11am: Wednesday Wiggles  
4pm: All-ages storytime at the South Orange Farmers Market

**Thu, July 21**  
3pm: Ocean Odyssey: DIY aquarium  
4pm: Virtual author talk: Lauren Wolk  
6pm: Ocean Pots: Sip & Paint (teens)

**Fri, July 22**  
1:30pm: Friday Feature: Encanto (PG)

**Mon, July 25**  
10am: Adult computer class  
3pm: LEGOmania

**Tue, July 26**  
11am: Toddler storytime  
3pm: Ice Cream Community: Police Chief Ernesto Morillo  
7pm: Library Book Group: Nemesis

**Wed, July 27**  
11am: Wednesday Wiggles  
1pm: Creative writing  
4pm: All-ages storytime at the South Orange Community Pool

**Thu, July 28**  
11am: Boogie Woogie Babies  
3pm: Teen Xchange Workshop  
6pm: Special conversations: Nicole Rudick

**Fri, July 29**  
1:30pm: Essex County Environmental Center: Amazing Water

**Mon, August 1**  
3pm: Minecraft

**Tue, August 2**  
11am: Toddler storytime  
6pm: Collaborative art: Painted Mason jars

**Wed, August 3**  
11am: Wednesday Wiggles  
4pm: All-ages storytime at the South Orange Farmers Market

**Thu, August 4**  
3pm: Ocean Odyssey: DIY submarine  
6pm: Magic and comedy with Brian Richards

**Fri, August 5**  
1:30pm: Friday Feature: Sea Beast (PG)

**Mon, August 8**  
10am: Adult computer class  
3pm: LEGOmania

**Tue, August 9**  
11am: Toddler storytime  
3pm: Ice Cream Community: South Essex Fire Department

**Wed, August 10**  
11am: Wednesday Wiggles  
4pm: All-ages storytime at the South Orange Community Pool

**Thu, August 11**  
3pm: Teen Xchange Workshop

**Fri, August 13**  
1:30pm: Friday Feature: The Bad Guys (PG)

**Mon, August 15**  
Celebrate Reading Day!

**Tue, August 16**  
11am: Toddler storytime

**Wed, August 17**  
11am: Wednesday Wiggles  
4pm: All-ages storytime at the South Orange Farmers Market

**Fri, August 19**  
1:30pm: Friday Feature: Clifford: The Big Red Dog (PG)



## SOPAC

After nine months of remediation and restoration following Tropical Storm Ida's destruction, SOPAC is back! SOPAC has a new stage and orchestra pit, freshly painted walls, and modern carpeting throughout all three floors of the building. Visit SOPAC soon: [SOPACnow.org/events](http://SOPACnow.org/events).



### UPCOMING PERFORMANCES INCLUDE:



#### A sample of exhibition selections

#### 'INSPIRED MINDS: Young Artist Exhibition'

This visual arts program is designed to strengthen the impact of arts and arts education through the local school districts. This year, the INSPIRED MINDS exhibition returns to the Herb + Milly Iris Gallery for a gallery exhibition, after two years of drive-through showcases. The 2022 show, on display through August 14, includes more than 70 pieces created by 60 students from 14 Essex County high schools. To view the Flickr gallery for this exhibition, visit [sopacnow.org/gallery](http://sopacnow.org/gallery).



#### Weds, July 6 & August 3, at 7:30pm Laughs in the Loft

Hosted by Joe Larson, Laughs in the Loft is a monthly series featuring stand-up comics from our own backyard, Brooklyn, and beyond! Each Laughs in the Loft event features several comedians in a New York City-style showcase. The performers are announced approximately two weeks prior to each show.

#### Fri, September 9, at 8pm Ryan Hamilton

Ryan Hamilton was named one of Rolling Stone magazine's Five Comics To Watch. The wholesome, Idaho-bred comic's Netflix special, Happy Face, was called "the special you can't watch enough times."



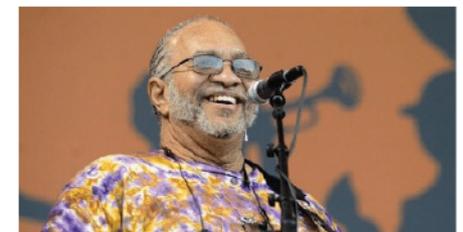
#### Sat, September 10, at 7pm and 9:30pm Peabo Bryson

Dubbed "King of the Balladeers," Peabo Bryson is a two-time Grammy-winning vocalist. This legendary voice of love offers a timeless mix of pop, soul, and R&B.



#### Sun, September 11, at 7:30pm Maria Bamford

Comedian Maria Bamford is revered for her deeply personal comedy as well as her dead-on impressions. Stephen Colbert called her his "favorite comedian on earth," and Judd Apatow said she is "the funniest woman in the world." Bamford is the first female comic to have two half-hour Comedy Central Presents specials.



#### Thu, September 15, at 7:30pm George Porter Jr. & Runnin' Parners

A forefather of funk, George Porter Jr. is best known as a member of the Meters, the New Orleans-based, Grammy-winning R&B group he formed with Art "Poppa Funk" Neville, Leo Nocentelli, and Joseph Zigaboo Modeliste.



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Montrose Park is the historic neighborhood of South Orange and identified by its distinct collection of stately turn-of-the-19th early 20th-century architectural styles including Victorian, Colonial Revival, Queen Anne, Tudor and Shingle Style homes.

The Montrose Park Historic District Association promotes activities that preserve and protect the historic character of the Montrose Park District of South Orange.

Join our mission by becoming a member and support our efforts to enrich the quality of life for all residents.

Did you know?  
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## CHANGES AT VILLAGE HALL

**This past June, South Orange Village said goodbye to two longtime South Orange employees: village administrator Adam Loehner and health officer John Festa.**



**ADAM LOEHNER**

Loehner stepped down on June 30 to take a job in Livingston. "Mr. Loehner's contributions and commitment to the Village throughout his nine years of service as an administrator and deputy administrator cannot be overstated," said Village President Sheena Collum. "During his tenure, we worked to secure five major redevelopment projects, increased our fund balance, improved our S&P rating, and effectively ushered in a new leadership team consisting of eight department heads. All of this puts us in a strong position moving forward."

"Adam will be greatly missed," Collum continued. "On behalf of my colleagues and community, we wish him much success. The Village has begun a search for his replacement, and we hope to announce a new administrator soon."

At the same time, we welcome two new professionals to our staff: acting health officer Candice Davenport and senior social worker Michelle Fiederer.

Davenport is a health officer, public health nursing supervisor, and health educator in neighboring Maplewood. She has worked closely with the South Orange Health Department on many initiatives—especially in coordinating our communities' response to the COVID-19 public health crisis. Davenport can be reached at 973.762.8120 or [healthofficer@southorange.org](mailto:healthofficer@southorange.org).

Fiederer joins us through our contract with Jewish Family Service of MetroWest New Jersey as our social worker focusing on our senior population. Fiederer can be reached at 973.986.4321 or [socialworker@southorange.org](mailto:socialworker@southorange.org).



**JOHN FESTA**

Festa, South Orange's health officer since 1992 and a 32-year employee of the Village, retired on June 2. "Congratulations to health officer John Festa on his retirement," said Collum. "John has served our community as an exemplary public servant and led us through some of the most challenging times imaginable with professionalism, compassion, and tireless dedication. For the last two and a half years, John has worked seven days a week coordinating our pandemic response. My colleagues on the Board of Trustees and I offer our sincere thanks and admiration for all that he has done for South Orange during this public health crisis and for his 32-plus years of service to our community."



## SUMMER HOURS

Through Labor Day, the South Orange Municipal Offices, Recreation Department, Police Records Bureau, and Department of Public Works will remain open until 7pm on Mondays. The hope is that these extended Monday hours will provide residents with more flexibility in conducting business with these municipal departments. Please note: These offices will close at 1pm on Fridays through Labor Day.

## OPEN LATE ON MONDAYS

For your convenience village hall offices will be open late on Mondays this summer

**7:00 PM THROUGH LABOR DAY**

## BODY-WORN CAMERAS

The South Orange Police Department is proud to join the growing ranks of law enforcement agencies that have deployed body-worn video cameras on police officers. All uniformed police officers assigned to the Patrol Division will be utilizing these cameras to increase the quality of interactions with our community and to capture encounters more accurately.

The cameras shall be used as per the South Orange Police Department's Body-Worn Camera Policy, which is in accordance with guidelines established by the New Jersey attorney general and directives issued by the Essex County Prosecutor's Office. These cameras are worn by SOPD officers on the front of their uniforms. For more information on this initiative, visit [southorange.org/921/SOPD-Body-Worn-Camera-Initiative](http://southorange.org/921/SOPD-Body-Worn-Camera-Initiative).

## INTRODUCING THE SOUTH ORANGE BODY-WORN CAMERA INITIATIVE



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