

# The South Orange Gaslight



## DOWNTOWN Biz Buzz

### Voro Restaurant

Voro will open this spring at 52 Vose Avenue, former home of Giorgio's restaurant. Owners Darcy Smith, a Ford model, and entertainment lawyer David Kokakis, also own Andavi restaurant in New York City. Their planned menu is inspired by the food regions of Spain, France, Greece, Portugal and Italy. Wine vintages from all over the world will appeal to aficionados and casual drinkers alike. The lounge features comfortable leather couches and chill-out music.

### Valley National Bank

Valley National opened Jan. 2, at 115 Valley Street. Services include seven-day drive-up or walk-up ATM (7 a.m. to 7 p.m., night drop, business services, home equity loans, mortgages and community programs. Lobby hours are Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., plus Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Washington Mutual Bank

Washington Mutual opened in January at 18 South Orange Avenue, former home of Town Hall Deli.

### Relocations

■ Victor's Florist has moved across the street to 128 South Orange Avenue. Owner Lenny Zieff says the shop is the oldest business in town. He bought it from the previous owner in 1966.

■ Angelo's Custom Tailoring, formerly at 9 Vose Avenue, relocated on Dec. 1 to 282 Irvington Avenue.

■ Town Hall Deli is moving to 60 Valley Street, the former Midas Muffler building at the corner of First Street. Owner Tony Wonski said environmental testing of the one-time gas station has delayed opening, but all clearances have been issued. Site plans are in progress.

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## Fire dept. wins \$99,000 safety grant

The South Orange Fire Department has received a \$99,000 federal Fire Act grant for improved health and safety within the department's headquarters.

Fire Chief Jeff Markey said a trio of technological devices will "create a safer work environment for the firefighters."

■ **A diesel exhaust removal system.** Diesel exhaust is a known carcinogen and since fire trucks are started in the garage, creating a cloud of black smoke, people in the building are subjected to the fumes. The new system will capture 100 percent of the diesel particulate and expel it from the garage before it enters the interior.

■ **An emergency generator.** When a power failure occurs, the

emergency generator will power the entire building within 15 seconds. Previously, said Markey, the department used a portable generator with only enough power to run the lights, the garage doors and the telephones.

■ **A fire detection system.**

Garaged fire trucks run continuously on systems that keep the batteries charged. A short in a vehicle could spark a fire and people elsewhere in the building would be unaware of the danger. "We've always had smoke detectors, but this is a full detection system," said Markey.

South Orange competed with departments across the country to obtain the grant. ▲



## Seven S.O. police to cycle 300 miles in memorial fund-raiser

Seven South Orange police officers will bicycle 300 miles to Washington, D.C. in mid-May as part of the 9th annual Police Unity Tour, the annual fund-raiser for the National Peace Officers Memorial. The solemn memorial in the nation's capitol lists the names of all U.S. law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty.

Participating from South Orange are Director James Chelel, Sgts. Ed Schmidt and Ed Heckel, Det. Brian McGuire, and Officers Zoe McFadden, Dawn Corrigan and

Adrian Acevedo.

Starting in Livingston, and detouring to Ground Zero in New York, the South Orange riders will be among 700 officers from across the country. They will average 75 miles per day for four days, arriving in Washington on May 12.

The Unity Tour is the memorial's largest annual fund-raising event. Since the tour started in 1997, riders have raised more than \$1.5 million. Each rider must raise a minimum \$1,500 to help pay for

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## Two Towns planning patriotic extravaganza

A 40-minute musical suite inspired by the people, history and diverse cultures of South Orange and Maplewood will be premiered on July 3. Internationally renowned composer Janet Albright has been working on the project for one year.

South Orange/Maplewood is one of five communities nationwide participating in this year's Continental Harmony Project, an initiative of the American Composers Forum and the National Endowment for the Arts. The project brings together composers and communities to create original musical works reflecting the history, culture and spirit of each community.

The South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race applied for the grant and dubbed their winning application "Two Towns in Harmony."

Last year, they screened 20 composer applications and selected Janet Albright. Since last March, Albright, who normally lives in Virginia and Germany, has been residing with local families and sharing their community perspective.

At the same time, she is working with local music groups to compose the original suite for voice and instruments. Her blending of classical, jazz, and gospel music – all inspired by her collaborators' thoughts on freedom and American patriotism – will be debuted at an Independence Day celebration on July 3. More than 300 local musicians, amateur and professional, will participate.

The day's events will include a community-wide block party, with plenty of food and musical performances by local organizations. Sculptures and banners – the work of local artists and children – will surround the performance area. ▲



### Harmony Project organizers still need musicians & volunteers:

Instrumentalists for Albright's composition. Contact:

- Mary Barbiarz (973) 762-1416, mbstirling@aol.com  
- Benjamin Williams (973) 761-1249, tboneben@juno.com

Visual artists for publicity and literature. Contact:

Dave Gilbert (973) 275-6314, tigerdave1@comcast.net.

Block party musicians. Contact: Jim Buchanan jbuchbass@aol.com

Working committees and sponsorship opportunities. Contact:

- Ron Carter (973) 761-1291, rcarter31@aol.com  
- The Community Coalition (973) 761-6116, info@twotowns.org.

## Could you be the next Ken Jennings?

Even if you're not ready for "Jeopardy," you can still trot out your trivia skills at the community Quiz Bowl, the annual benefit program of the nonprofit South Orange-Maplewood Education Foundation.

You and your team can support our public schools by participating in an age-specific trivia contest on Sunday, April 17, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Columbia High School.

The event is sponsored by Valley National Bank, a newly arrived member of the Village business community.

Teams of three to five people compete in specific age groups. Entry fees range from \$75 to \$300. Question categories include everything from presidents to pop culture to potpourri.

Proceeds support SOMEF programs including the ACHIEVE Volunteer Tutor Program, Teacher Grants, and the CHS Auditorium Restoration Fund. For registration forms or further information, call Meryl Levine (973)763-6535, or Patti Coleman (973) 761-0727, or go to somef.org. Enter by mid-March to ensure a spot for your team. ▲

## Fire Dept. urges support for burn victim program

Since 1986, the South Orange Fire Department has raised more than \$10,000 for burn victims by collecting aluminum cans and converting them to cash at a local recycling center. The money is donated to Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation.

Fire Chief Jeff Markey said the program has been ongoing for 20 years, and collection receptacles are always located in the firehouse driveway next to First Street. Villagers are encouraged to help out by depositing their aluminum soda and beer cans (only). For information, call the fire department at (973) 378-7751. ▲

## This spring, a new spin on the historic house tour

Montrose Park is just one of South Orange's historically important neighborhoods, and, until now, the only one featured in the annual "Montrose in May" historic house tour.

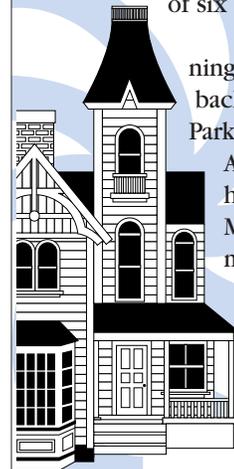
Starting this spring, two Village historic societies have agreed to run the show in alternate years, widening the traditional focus.

"The Neighborhoods of South Orange" is the working title for the new, bi-annual house tour, this year being planned by the South Orange Historical and Preservation Society. The society's focus will be on Prospect Avenue and Our Lady of Sorrows Church. The tour is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SOHPS also is adding new attractions for home décor enthusiasts, particularly unique table settings created by tabletop designers in each of six featured homes.

Next year, planning duties will swing back to the Montrose Park Historic District Association, which has run the popular Montrose in May for many years.

Volunteers are needed to help with this year's event. For information, contact Mary Kay Mitchell at (973) 762-7078 or send e-mail to jmkmitch@optonline.net. ▲



## Police fund-raiser

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the journey and provide a donation to the memorial fund.

South Orange's officers need sponsors to aid in their effort. All donations are tax deductible. For information, contact Sgt. Ed Heckel at (973) 763-3000. Or visit the Police Unity Tour Web site at www.policeunitytour.com ▲

## Maria Film festival to showcase cutting-edge directors

Award-winning films and videos by some of the nation's most prominent and cutting-edge filmmakers will be shown at the South Orange Library on Tuesday, April 12, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The library is hosting the annual Black Maria Film and Video Festival.

This year's selections include:

- "Bergenline," by Rob Meyer, a film short about the people, places, sights and the sounds of busy Bergenline Avenue in Hudson County, an area enlivened by the Latinos who live, work and socialize there.

- "And There After," by Hosup Lee, a documentary about a Korean War veteran and his Korean wife who live a hardscrabble life but project indomitable spirit.

- "Little Red Jiving Hood," by Ben Hillman, a musical spoof of the fairy tale with singing trees and a house made of bagels.

Admission is free. For more information, call (973) 762-0230 or send e-mail to [pkalb@sopl.org](mailto:pkalb@sopl.org). ▲

## SETON SCENE

**Multicultural Film & Lecture Series**, at Walsh Library. Free Admittance. Call (973) 275-2792.

- March 30, 6:30 p.m., "Earth on Edge," Bill Moyers' in-depth documentary about global warming.

- April 4, 4 p.m., "The Last Samurai," a 19th century U.S. Cavalry officer and Civil War veteran (Tom Cruise) is recruited by the Japanese military to modernize their army.

- April 5, 6:30 p.m., "Rhapsody in August," a woman who survived the atomic blast at Nagasaki assists her resistant grandchildren in coming to terms with the event.

- April 6, 6 p.m., "Zatoichi," a blind samurai brings justice to the helpless and surprise to his enemies.

- April 13, 6:30 p.m., "Jesus on Film," a lecture by Professor Pamela Grace, City University of New York.

**Poetry-In-The-Round presents Jonathan Franzen**, author of "The Corrections," Thursday, April 7, 7 p.m., at Walsh Library. Admission is free. Call (973) 761-9000 ext. 5105.

**"The Tallis Scholars,"** Tuesday, April 12, 8 p.m., Kozlowski Auditorium General admission, \$18; seniors and students, \$12. Call (973) 275-2450.

Plus, "Music at the Intersection of the Sacred and Secular," pre-lecture concert featuring Professor Gloria Thurmond and members of The Tallis Scholars. April 12, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Free admission.

## PIERRO GALLERY OF SOUTH ORANGE

On Exhibit Mar. 23 - May 15

## *As She Sees It; Eight Artists*

A range of styles, mediums, and subjects are explored from the varied perspectives of eight women: Olga Alexander, installation; Rose Barron, photography; Rayna Gillman, mixed media prints; Nanci Hersh, mixed media; Kate Jackson, paint/mixed media; Susan Lisbin, sculpture; Diane Savona, mixed media fiber; and Nancy Tobin, paper collage.

- Opening Reception: Sunday, April 3, 2 to 4 p.m.

- Gallery Talk: May 1, 3 p.m., "19th, 20th, 21st Century Women Artists," with artist and art historian Kaaren Patterson. ▲

## Call for artists

South Orange and Maplewood artists are invited to join the second annual South Orange/Maplewood Artist Studio Tour, a chance to share your art and work environment with the public. The tour takes place Sunday, June 5, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sponsors are the Pierro Gallery of South Orange, 1978 Maplewood Arts Center and SOMA ARTNET.

For a minimal fee, participants receive postcards for their personal mailing lists, ads in targeted publications, a large mailing sent by sponsoring organizations, and a broad public relations plan.

Limited alternative space is available to artists with small or inconvenient studios or local artists with out-of-town studios.

For more information, send e-mail to [arleneivert@mac.com](mailto:arleneivert@mac.com) or [pierrogallery@southorange.org](mailto:pierrogallery@southorange.org), or call (973) 378-7754. ▲

## *Dreamcatcher Theatre*

- **"Old Friend: Melodies and Memories,"** final weekend, Mar. 18, 19 and 20. Singers Harry Patrick Christian and Laura Ekstrand draw from a variety of musical styles, from pop to Broadway, to answer life's timeless questions: What's important? What endures in our hearts year after year? A bit of pain and much laughter are found in this unique cabaret experience. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Standard tickets, \$25; \$18 for students and seniors. For information, call (973) 378-7754, ext. 2228, or visit [DreamcatcherRep.org](http://DreamcatcherRep.org)

- **"Multiple Personality Disorder,"** Dreamcatcher's improvisational comedy troupe presents its spontaneous comic creations staged for one night only, Saturday, April 9, at 8 p.m. All tickets are \$10. Call early to reserve, (973) 378-7754, ext. 2228, or visit [DreamcatcherRep.org](http://DreamcatcherRep.org). ▲

# MEET the performers in new jazz series



T.S. Monk

T.S. Monk, Earl May and Don Braden are among the world's greatest contemporary jazz musicians and all happen to live right here in South Orange. Every third Saturday, starting in March, they will be the performers in a new, up-close series called "Jazz at the Baird."

Baird Theater's intimate size will allow jazz enthusiasts the unique opportunity to meet and chat with the performers while also enjoying their music.

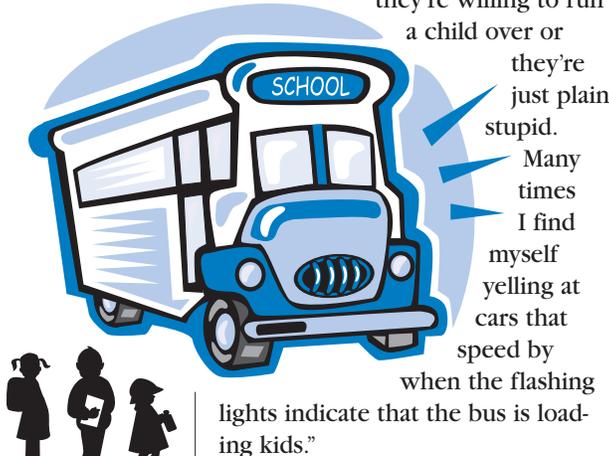
T.S. Monk and Friends will be the series opener on Saturday, Mar. 19, followed by the Earl May Quartet on April 16, and the Don Braden Trio on April 16. Each concert starts at 8 p.m.

The series is presented by the Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs, which is revising its former spring and fall jazz series. The new format includes five months of intimate jazz concerts from January to May. (The full five-month schedule will be in place next year.) To round out the musical year, the department will continue its summer outdoor concert series and the tour-de-force Giants of Jazz in the fall.

Advance tickets for Jazz at the Baird are recommended. Costs are \$12 for Friends of the Arts, levels II and III; general admission, \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. Tickets may be purchased in person at Baird, on-line at [southorange.recware.com](http://southorange.recware.com), or by calling (973) 378-7754 or 7755. ▲

## Don't ignore those flashing school bus lights

"Every morning I begin my day by taking my child to the bus stop on my corner," says South Orange resident Maria Glasser. "Either people are so rushed that they're willing to run



a child over or they're just plain stupid. Many times I find myself yelling at cars that speed by when the flashing

lights indicate that the bus is loading kids."

For Maria and all concerned residents, the South Orange Police Department provides this summary of driving rules regarding stopped school buses:

- Drivers on either side of a two-lane road must stop at least 25 feet from a stopped school bus with a flashing red light.

- On roads with multiple lanes, all vehicles traveling the same direction as a school bus must stop at least 25 feet in back. Vehicles on the opposite side of the highway must reduce speed to 10 mph.

- Drivers approaching a four-way intersection from any direction must stop even if the bus is on a corner not directly in their path.

- When a bus is parked at the curb of a school or other school-related facility, drivers on the same side of the street may pass without stopping but must reduce speed to 10 mph.

There's good reason to heed the law: improper passing of a school bus is worth five points on your driver's license. In addition, a first-time offender can be fined at least \$100 plus imprisonment and/or community service for up to 15 days. Subsequent offenses are punishable with a fine of at least \$250 and 15 days' imprisonment. ▲

## In The Schools

### On the Principal's List



Fourteen students were named on the 2003-2004 Principal's List of students who received straight As in all major courses throughout the year. Included are Rebecca Brady, Victoria Fox, Judith Garber, Ben Gluckstern, Lauren Miller, Jane Nelson, Jacob Nettleton, Matthew Schutzer, Diane Slutsky, Ken So, Ryan Thompson, Erica Welner, Joanna Wnorowski and Allison Zimmer.

### Academic Prestige

Early acceptances for next year's college freshmen are already in. Among those with prestigious acceptances are: Alessandra Bellizia, Emerson; Amira Karriem, Princeton; Alissa Lance, Cornell; Abbey Marr, George Washington University; Sara Okin, Tulane and Vanderbilt; Rebecca Rojer, Harvard; and Chris Yergan, Yale.

### Sports Achievement

- Dana Grant, a sixth-grader at South Orange Middle School, won a bronze medal in figure skating at the Garden State Games, a qualifier for The State Games of America, a national figure-skating event in Colorado Springs. She also won a silver medal at the Midlantic Skating Competition in New York.

- The Columbia High School girls' indoor track and field team won two recent competitions: the Iron Hills Conference-Iron Division championship (second consecutive year), and the Essex County track and field championship at Seton Hall.

- Six CHS fencers competed in the national Junior Olympics held in Texas in February. seniors Greg Saunders and Martha Drattler; juniors Kristen Lynch, A'sha Brumant and Sam Prentice, sophomore Abby Caparros-Janto and Jefferson student Brian Kaneshige.

- The CHS Girls' Fencing Team won numerous competitions at the Santelli tournament against 24 top teams. The saber and foil teams placed first and the epee team placed third.

### Musical Excellence

Violinist Logan Takahashi, bassist Corey Schutzer, and bassoonist Ray Bilter, all members of the Columbia High School Orchestra, were accepted into the prestigious New Jersey Region I Orchestra, which performed Feb. 13. Bilter also played in the North Jersey Region Wind Ensemble. ▲

# Cultural Arts Programs - Spring 2005

## High School & Adults

### Ceramics

Learn techniques, glazes in greenware ceramics, finishing and how to personalize various molds. Also, hand building with clay. Eight Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Check for starting date. Instructor Tina Torre. Fee: \$80.

### Craft Jewelry Making

Basic jewelry design techniques with beads and wire. No soldering. Simple tools are used. Wednesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., with instructor Lara Danmola. Fee: \$89, plus a \$20 supply fee.

### Drawing Plus 3

For high school students with drawing experience. Hone skills and eye-hand coordination. Thursdays, 5:30 to 7 p.m., with instructor Lynne Buschman. Fee: \$89.

### Glass Bead Making

Using a torch, learn techniques for making various beads and small objects. Mondays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Instructor Laura Korowitz. Fee: \$221.

### Life Drawing Open Studio

Draw from a model, independent of an instructor. Wednesdays, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Registration: \$20. Model fee: \$70 (payable in cash at registration time).

### The Bee for Today's Quilter

Join our new-fashioned quilting bee! Bring your own project or work on the class project. Learn new techniques. Fridays, 9 to 11 am. Instructor Mindy Schreff. Fee: \$101

### Art with a Master

Students of all levels, in all mediums, work with a model. Individual attention and critiques are key. Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon, and/or 12:30 to 3 p.m. Master Artist Philip Sherrod. Fee: \$125. Model fee: \$70.

### Portraiture in Pastels: Figure, Light, Composition

Study the model's form, color and value relationships, and natural light. One live model will pose throughout class. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Instructor Ellen Eagle. Fee: \$149. Model fee: \$76.

The South Orange Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs offers year-round programs for children and adults. For detailed listings and on-line registration, visit [southorange.recware.com](http://southorange.recware.com). Or call us at (973) 378-7754.

## Pre-School to 4th Grade

### Art Exploration

Children ages 3 and 4 experiment with paint, collage, clay and sculpture. Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., or 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Instructor: Carmen Miranda Bury. Fee: \$61.

### Art Expressions

Begin to develop individual skills in drawing, painting, collage, sculpture, clay and print-making. Grades 1 to 4, Wednesdays, 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Instructor Lynne Buschman. Fee: \$61.

### Concocting in Clay

Making animals, aliens, masks and more. 1st to 5th graders learn hand-building and glazing techniques. Tuesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Platypus Pottery. Fee: \$61. Materials fee: \$20.

### Creative Movement

Boys and girls ages 3 and 4 explore singing, dancing, seasonal themes and props. Wednesdays, 1:45 to 2:30 p.m. Instructor Nancy Vader. Fee: \$61.

### Discovering Ceramics

Grades K-4 learn building and glazing techniques. Saturdays, 9:30 to 11 a.m., instructor Tina Torre. Fee: \$89. Materials fee: \$10

### Guitar Instruction

Learn beginning acoustic and electric guitar instruction, including notes, chords, picking and strumming. Instructor Tom Morris. Eight Saturday classes. For 2nd and 3rd graders, 11 a.m. to noon; 4th graders, 10 to 11 a.m. Fee: \$61.

### Kinder Art

Half-day kindergartners develop skills in painting, collage and sculpture. Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m., or 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., with instructor Carmen Bury. Fee: \$61.

### Sing-Along, Play-Along with Me

Children ages 2 to 4, with caregivers, learn the fun and fundamentals of music while singing, dancing and playing rhythm instruments. Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Instructor Marilyn Lehren. Fee: \$61.

## Registration Info

- ✓ Registration begins Mar. 1
- ✓ Open registration begins Mar. 7
- ✓ Current S.O. Recreation & Cultural Affairs ID badges are required
- ✓ Credit card payments accepted
- ✓ For more details or to register online, visit [southorange.recware.com](http://southorange.recware.com)

## Drop-In Week, Mar. 14-19

Wanna take a peek at a particular class in progress before registering for spring? Study this list of spring classes and check for the same class in the winter schedule, either online at [southorange.recware.com](http://southorange.recware.com), or by phone (973) 378-7754. Then drop in to see if the class suits you.

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## 5th to 8th Graders

### Drawing Plus 1

Grades 5 to 7 learn drawing basics for still life, people and landscapes. Wednesdays, 5 to 6 p.m., instructor Lynne Buschman. Fee: \$61.

### Drawing Plus 2

For 7th and 8th graders with some drawing experience. Sharpen your skill and eye-hand coordination. Thursdays, 3:45 to 5:15 p.m., instructor Lynne Buschman. Fee: \$89.

### Bas-Relief Mural: Sculpting, Moldmaking, Casting

Use clay to sculpt a three-dimensional bas-relief flat panel. Make rubber mold and casts, then add paint or patina to each. Fridays, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Instructor Nora Chavooshian. Fee: \$89. Materials: \$25.

### Guitar Instruction

Beginning acoustic and electric guitar instruction covers notes, chords, picking and strumming. Instructor Tom Morris. Eight Saturday sessions. Fifth graders, 10 to 11 a.m.; 6th to 8th graders, 9 to 10 a.m. Fee: \$61.

### Flamenco Dancing

Traditional and improvisational techniques emphasize foot, arm and hand movements. Thursday classes. Beginners, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Advanced, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Dancer/Instructor Toni Messina. Fee: \$77.

### Self Defense for Girls

Girls in 5th grade to high school gain confidence from safety tips, self-defense techniques and possible solutions. Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., with Sensei (instructor) Terriann Moore-Abrams. Fee: \$61.

### Plyometric Training

Student athletes improve balance, speed, quickness, vertical jump and lateral movement. Five Saturdays. Grades 6 to 8, 9 to 10 a.m. Grades 9 to 12, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Fee: \$55.

### YogaEd

This Los Angeles-based and nationally recognized program combines yoga with science-based exploration of body, mind and self. Grades 3 to 8, Thursdays, 7:15 p.m. Fee: \$77.

## Fitness & Body

### Karate

Children in 3rd to 8th grades learn discipline, conditioning and movements for various belt proficiencies. Wednesdays, 5:15 p.m. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Fee: \$53.

### Classical Ballet

Discover body movement and placement while interpreting rhythms and musical beats, correct position, posture and step combinations. Fee: \$61.

- Ages 2-3, Fridays 12:45-1:30 p.m., instructor Pam Rainey
- Ages 4-5, Fridays 1:30 p.m., instructor Pam Rainey
- Grades 1-2, Fridays 4:30 p.m., instructor Elaine D'Addezio

### Tap & Ballet

Saturday morning dance classes combine tap and ballet. Grades 1 and 2, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Grades 3 to 5, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Instructor Jen Da Silva. Fee: \$61.

### Hip Hop

Learn the newest steps in this most contemporary dance form. For grades 6 to 8. Saturdays, 11:30 to 12:30, with instructor Jennifer (aka "Future") DaSilva. Fee: \$61.

Need more details? Visit [southorange.recware.com](http://southorange.recware.com) or call (973) 378-7754

## Spring 2005 Sports Programs

### Girls Softball Tryouts

Tryouts for the traveling South Orange girls softball team will be Saturday and Sunday, Mar. 12 to 13, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Meadowland Park. Interested players should meet at the Baird Center on Mar. 12, at 1 p.m., rain or shine. Tryouts are open to girls in grades six through eight who reside in South Orange. Players compete in the Suburban League, made up of teams from nearby communities, including Maplewood, Millburn, Caldwell, West Orange and Verona.

### Track & Field Registration

The Jaguar Track Program is open to boys and girls, ages six to 18. The program aims to develop skills, promote physical fitness and build self esteem. Athletes compete in local, regional and national meets. Outdoor events include short- and long-distance track events plus long/high jump, hurdles, discus, shot-put and turbo javelin.

Registration will be at the Baird Center, Wednesday, Mar. 16, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Mar. 19, from 10 a.m. to noon. Athletes must bring three copies of their birth certificate or passport. For more information, call Daneen Cooper (973) 763-0617 or Andrea Johnson (973) 762-0910.

### Employment Opportunities

Applications are being accepted for these part-time seasonal positions:

- Lifeguards for the South Orange Community Pool
- Summer Camp Counselors
- Field Maintenance Personnel

Applicants must be age 16 or older. Interviews are scheduled for early April. Applications are available at Baird Center or online at [southorange.org/recreation.asp](http://southorange.org/recreation.asp).

### Renew your ID Badge NOW

All South Orange Recreation & Cultural Affairs ID badges must be updated for the current year. This pass is required for admittance to the community pool and to register for many department programs.

# Spring/Summer 2005 Public Works Services

## 2005 Container Days

Saturdays: April 23, May 21, June 25,  
July 23, Aug. 27 and Sept. 24.

On these dates, residents may discard unwanted household items at the DPW Yard. Special disposal containers will be provided. Additional container days during the course of the year will be announced in this publication.

### General Guidelines

- Two proofs of residency required for entry.
- Commercial vehicles prohibited.
- Hours: 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
- Arrival: no later than 1:30 p.m.

### Permissible Disposals

Furniture or mattresses, appliances, branches under four inches in diameter, metal items, toys, small household items, tools, strollers, and playpens.

Note: metals and appliances must be separated from other household items.

### Non-Permissible Disposals

Paint cans (empty or not), propane bottles, any hazardous chemicals or their containers, construction materials, grass clippings, household garbage, car/truck parts, batteries of any size, stumps, root sections, branches measuring more than four inches in diameter, and railroad ties. DPW staff will prohibit other items as necessary.

## April 4 - May 9 2005 Spring Clean-Up Branches & Leaves

The following materials can be placed at curbside for township pick-up:

**(1.) Branches** - Must be less than four inches in diameter. Branches measuring two inches or less in diameter should be tied into bundles with cord or twine. Branches may never be placed in the street or on sidewalks, but on the grass strip between the curb and sidewalk, or on the grass just beyond the curb if no sidewalk exists. Beginning June 1, appointments may be made for branch pick-up. The first pick-up will be June 28.

Not Permitted: roots, stumps, or branches larger than 4" in diameter.

**(2.) Leaves, Yard Clippings, Garden Rakings** - Material must be placed in brown biodegradable paper bags only. Bags may be placed between sidewalks and curbs, but not on sidewalks or in the street.

Leaves cannot be raked into the street. Loose leaves or material in plastic bags will not be picked up.

Residents who disregard guidelines one and two can be charged with violation of the Municipal Housing Code.

### Placement Restrictions

- Materials cannot be placed at curbside until April 4.
- The last date for placement is Monday, May 9.

## Grass Clippings

South Orange Disposal will pick up grass clippings in plastic bags only, from April 1 to Nov. 1. Limit: two bags per week and 30 pounds per bag. Proper placement is at the resident's curb on the second garbage collection day of the week.

## Humus & Shredded Wood

Residents only may pick up small quantities of these materials at the DPW facility.

■ **Humus** - decomposed leaves, finely textured and dark colored, frequently used as a soil supplement for gardens and flowerbeds. It can be mixed with soil for enrichment.

■ **Shredded Wood** - double-hammer-milled, medium-textured, hardwood mulch used as an attractive top dressing for gardens and flowerbeds, or around trees. It may contain bits of rock or other materials, and has not been treated in any way.

Beginning Tuesday, Mar. 29, the township will accept appointments for free delivery of humus and shredded wood to South Orange residents. The first delivery date will be Tuesday, April 19.

### Ordering

- For a delivery appointment and form, or more info, call (973) 378-7741.
- Only one product may be ordered each month.
- Quantities per household are limited.
- Products are delivered loose to the driveway, just past the sidewalk.

South Orange Department of Public Works, 300 Walton Avenue, (973) 378-7741



## Library Events

For info call (973) 762-0230

### Mobile computers enhance small group activities

A mobile computer lab used only within the South Orange Public Library is rolling between stacks, into meeting rooms and anywhere in the library where small groups can make use of five wireless laptops.

The new mobile lab has come about largely due to the anonymous donation of a former Villager. It enhances existing programs like author study and storytime sessions by incorporating online exploration. Or in the case of Marilyn Lehren, teacher of "Songs and Stories," it provides a means to explore computer-aided musical composition.

Library users are encouraged to develop their own ideas for small computer-related classes, such as software training, research techniques, blogging, etc. Ideal class size is three to eight people. Library staff will teach some classes or find special teachers as necessary.

For further information or to suggest a class, call (973) 762-0230, or send e-mail to [librarian@sopl.org](mailto:librarian@sopl.org), or visit [www.sopl.org](http://www.sopl.org).

### Library Discussions

Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m.

- Mar. 17 - "The Bagpipe in Myth and History."
- Mar. 24 - "The Wonders of Technology."
- Mar. 31 - a music and theater performance by Montclair State students.
- April 7 - scenes from "Arsenic and Old Lace," performed by Seton Hall students.
- April 14 - "Management of Nature - America's Sacred Sites on Federal Land."

### Special Groups

- S. O. Book Review Group (adults) - April 4, 7:30 p.m., "Kindred," by O. Butler.
- Star Book Group (grades six and up) - Friday, April 1, 4 p.m., "The Amulet of Samarkand," by Jonathan Stroud.
- Open Stage Teen Poetry Reading (9th grade and up) - Thursdays, Mar. 17 and April 21, 7 p.m.
- Creative Writing - April 19, 7:30 p.m. No experience necessary.

## S.O./Maplewood Adult School

### Future Friend or Foe?

The South Orange/Maplewood Adult School offers this four-part series on global politics at the Columbia High School library, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. each session. Admission, \$13. For information, call (973) 378-7620.

- Mar. 14 - "Major Shifts in American Foreign Policy."
- Mar. 21 - "The Expanding European Union."
- Mar. 28 - "Next Steps in Central Asia."
- April 4 - "Turkey: An East-West Bridge?"

### Women & War: Rethinking Security & Democracy

Dr. Amy Higer, international relations teacher at City College of New York, will discuss how wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have raised questions about using force to create democratic societies. She also will explore how U.S.-led wars affect women both at home and abroad. The lecture takes place at South Orange Middle School Little Theater, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$6. For information, call (973) 378-7620.

### Bridging the Gap Between Science and the Humanities

Sara Schechner, curator of Harvard University's collection of scientific instruments will speak on Monday, April 11 at Columbia High School. Schechner is a science historian and author of books relating to science. Her talk, "Building Museums - Bridging the Gap between Science and the Humanities," is aimed at increasing public appreciation of science.

The event is sponsored the South Orange/Maplewood Adult School, in conjunction with the annual Don Hamingson Literary Showcase. The presentation is from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the new cafeteria. Tickets are \$6. For information, call (973) 378-7621. ▲

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