

The South Orange Gaslight



Parking Authority announces new jitney route

To accommodate commuters from the Newstead and Wyoming neighborhoods, South Orange's second jitney route began trial runs on Aug. 25. Riders are not being charged during the trial period, which will extend for 60 days.

The new jitney runs to and from the South Orange Train Station. Every weekday morning, it stops five times at each of nine intersections. The schedule is timed to meet five NYC Express departures, between 6:35 a.m. and 9 a.m.; and three Hoboken Express departures, between 6:39 a.m. and 8:17 a.m.

The evening schedule accommodates six NYC Express arrivals, between 5:22 p.m. and 7:48 p.m.

More route information and schedules are available on the bus, in the Parking Authority office at Village Hall, or online at www.southorange.org. Or call (973) 378-7715, x2037. ▲



SOPAC selects Clearview Cinemas to run five-screen Cineplex

The South Orange Performing Arts Center has selected Clearview Cinemas to operate the movie theater portion of its forthcoming arts complex. The five-screen Cineplex is expected to open next August.

Clearview will use the destination to showcase the best in commercial, art and independent films. The company is a subsidiary of Cablevision Systems Corporation and currently operates 53 movie theaters in the New York metropolitan area.

The 14,000-square-foot Cineplex will contain 600 seats on two levels with a full service concession stand. Each cinema will be equipped with the latest digital sound technologies, high-quality projection and automated ticketing machines.

Free parking for 265 cars will be available on evenings and weekends in the adjacent NJT parking lot.

SOPAC, now under construction, as shown above, is at South Orange Avenue and Trenchard Place, behind the NJ Transit station. In addition to housing the Cineplex, the 34,000-square-foot arts center will feature a 415-seat live performance space and a large community room for meetings and private events. The performance space is scheduled to open in fall 2006.

SOPAC is an independent nonprofit corporation managed by a 20-person board of governors. ▲

Get your tickets for
Giants of Jazz VIII
Saturday, Oct. 15
See Baird Insert, inside

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BUSINESS spotlight

Berc's Fine Art

Berc Ketchian has long admired South Orange for its artistic bent, so it was no surprise when he evolved his former working studio into a gallery at 12 South Orange Avenue. Ketchian's architecturally appealing gallery opened in July, primarily featuring his own oil and watercolor paintings, sketches and architectural artifacts. As one Ketchian fan put it, "Berc's gallery is like an amusement park for artists."

A grand opening is planned Oct. 15, from 4 to 8 p.m.

The gallery is notable because of Ketchian's own renown. His works can be seen in galleries in the U.S., Turkey, Italy and Montreal. This December, he will be an exhibitor at The Biennale, an international art exhibit in Italy.

An eight-year resident of South Orange, the artist hopes one day that his location will become part of an "artists' way." In fact, his gallery offers a terrace view of the spot where a sculpture by famed South Orange artist Tony Smith is planned for permanent placement.

Ariyoshi, a Japanese restaurant serving sushi and teriyaki, opened Aug. 8, at 56 West South Orange Avenue (previously Taste of Asia). The restaurant is open daily except Sunday and offers eat-in or take-out options. Owner Linda Chia is a resident of West Orange.

The Goat Café (formerly the Dancing Goat) at 21 South Orange Avenue, has a new owner. Denise Stennett says the café offers "food, coffee, tea, an art gallery, live entertainment and we're still dancing!"



It was South Orange resident Nancy Heins-Glaser who inspired the new Village documentary "Once Upon A Gaslight..."



The exterior view of Berc's Fine Art, at 12 South Orange Avenue. Entry is from the Sloan Street parking lot.

Once Upon A Gaslight ... Village documentary premieres Oct. 1

It's finished! Four years of taping remembered stories, collecting still photos, digging through public and private records, and constantly raising funds. On Oct. 1, the 55-minute documentary film, "Once Upon A Gaslight ... A Walking Tour of South Orange," will premiere at South Orange Middle School.

"This is a red-carpet event for the citizens of South Orange," said Nancy Heins-Glaser, the visionary who inspired the film as a "love letter to the community" and a personal quest to learn more about her own hometown.

Since 2001, Heins-Glaser has spearheaded the sprawling undertaking that involved hundreds of volunteers and continual fundraising. She established the nonprofit South Orange Productions/Film Collaboration Group, which owns zero cameras and no lighting equipment. Continual borrowing of technical equipment was an essential part of

the process.

Heins-Glaser and her team mustered buy-in from dozens of cultural, educational, business and civic groups who contributed information and assistance. The Village Board of Trustees provided the initial \$2,000 in seed money, and near the end, the state Council on the Arts granted another \$2,700.

But it was the volunteers themselves who did most of the fundraising, particularly with their New Year's Eve program, South Orange Illumination, now an annual tradition of sidewalk candlelighting throughout the town.

The newly canned film will premiere on Oct. 1 at 6:45 p.m. Reservations are required and donations of \$1 per seat are requested to help jumpstart the middle school's new drama club. To reserve your seat, call (973) 761-5739. ▲

In The Schools

■ Four 2005 Columbia graduates

received the 2005 Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship, an annual award of \$1,500 for four years of college. Rebecca Brady, Alexander Kramer, Philip Solomon and Meredith Steck are among 204 New Jersey seniors who received the award.



■ **An article by CHS junior Reni Calister** appears in a recent edition of Classical New Jersey Society Journal, a music magazine. Calister wrote about the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra program that 20 Columbia students attended at NJPAC. She has been invited to submit more articles for future editions.

■ **CHS students recently won national awards** for outstanding television journalism among high school students. The awards were given by The

Foundation of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

In the public service category, Ashley Good won for her video, "Eat Your Vegetables." In the Excellence in News category, Rebecca Hilton and Alessandra Bellizia won for "Silent Night."

In the regional competition (New York, New Jersey and Connecticut), Rebecca Adelson and Kerry Szydowski were first place winners in the Excellence in News category. Columbia's two national winners, Good and Hilton/Bellizia were also first place regional winners.

Regional honorable mentions went to Michael Rubin and Campbell Morrissy for "Gambling Your Life Away" (sports category) and to Anna Robilotta and Maura Flanagan for "Studio Soap" (arts and entertainment). ▲

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**Sept. 11- Oct. 16
'Essex Exposed 4: A
Juried Exhibition'**

An exhibit showcasing 45 paintings, drawings, photographs and sculptures by 37 Essex County artists is on display now at Pierro Gallery. "Essex Exposed 4, a Juried Exhibition," is a biennial event featuring artists who live or work in Essex County.

Gallery Director Judy Wukitsch said, "Essex County is an area rich in diverse artistic talent," and the show "affirms the gallery's commitment to local visual artists."

This year's Juror's Award winners were South Orange artist Sarah Petruziello and Kathleen Heron from East Orange.

Other South Orange and Maplewood exhibitors include Susan Napack (photography), Larry Dell (sculpture), Scott Sendra (painting), and Jennifer Takahashi (painting).

The show's juror was Rocio Aranda-Alvarado, curator of The Jersey City Museum.

Pierro offers free database workshop for artists

Pierro Gallery and the New York Foundation for the Arts will offer a free professional development workshop for artists on Sept. 27, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the gallery. "NYFA Source...the Place for Answers" will be a working overview of the NYFA Source database.

Artists can learn about current artistic funding and partici-

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South Orange artist Sarah Petruziello is a Juror's Award winner in this year's Essex Exposed exhibit, now at Pierro Gallery. Shown here is her drawing, "Beautiful (American Odalisque)," graphite on paper.

Dessert & open mike

As part of the annual Two Towns/One Book program, the South Orange Library is hosting a dessert and open-mike event, "Celebrating Race," on Sept. 14, at 7 p.m.

For the fourth year in a row, the South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition, the public libraries in both towns, and Seton Hall University are coordinating a community-wide reading program aimed at promoting racial harmony.

The 2005 book selection is "How Race is Lived in America: Pulling Together, Pulling Apart."

Reading the book is not necessary to attend "Celebrating Race." All are invited to eat, talk, and share music, poetry or a reading. For more information call (973) 762-0230, or send e-mail to librarian@sopl.org.

Newstead 5K, Sept. 17

The 3rd annual Newstead 5K run, 2-mile walk and kids' fun run is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17, at 9 a.m. (Rain date Sept. 24.) Events will begin and end at the South Mountain Annex, 112 Glenview Road. Registration is at 8 a.m.

Proceeds will be donated to the South Mountain Elementary School's physical education department to purchase a rock climbing wall. P.E. teacher Jeff Kaesshaefer will run in the 5K and host the kids' fun run. For information, visit www.southorange.org or call Helen DuBoway at (973) 763-5733.

Catch improv laughs at Dreamcatcher

Multiple Personality Disorder, the improvisational comedy troupe of Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre

(headquartered at Baird Community Center), will perform on Saturday, Sept. 17, in a show for the whole family. The troupe brings audience ideas to life with hilarious and unpredictable results. Tickets are \$10. For reservations or information, call (973) 378-7754, x2228, or visit www.DreamcatcherRep.org.

Brunch with Tiffany

A jewelry fashion show featuring items from Tiffany & Co. (The Mall at Short Hills) will be held Oct. 2, at Mayfair Farms in West Orange. Two organizations will benefit: the media center at Marylawn of the Oranges High School, and the North Jersey chapter of Links, Inc. A silent auction and brunch are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Marylawn is a private college preparatory school for young women, founded by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. The Links, Inc. is an international women's service organization devoted to ensuring the culture and economic survival of African-Americans. For information and tickets, call (973) 762-9222, x23.

Seniors head to Niagara Falls

A five-day, four-night trip to Niagara Falls is offered to South Orange senior citizens, from Oct. 10 to 14. Travelers will stay at a motel on the Canadian side. The per-person, double-occupancy rate is \$516, including breakfasts and dinners. Activities include two tours of the falls, a visit to Casino Niagara, an IMAX movie, day trip to Toronto, and a winery tour. To reserve, call Amy Dombrowski, (973) 763-7397.

Library Events

'Let's Talk About It'

Jewish Literature, Reading & Discussion Series

"Demons, Golems and Dybbuks: Monsters of the Jewish Imagination" is the theme of a free five-part exploration of contemporary and classic Jewish literature and culture. The South Orange Library received a grant to host the series developed by Nextbook and the American Library Association. Jewish scholars will lead the discussions.

In the first program, Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m., participants will explore the book "Satan in Goray" by Isaac Bashevis Singer. Registration is required at www.sopl.org, or contact Nancy Chiller Janow at (973) 762-0230 or njanow@sopl.org.

'Honoring Differences'

A September 11 commemoration

Bring your heart and mind to join in this interfaith commemoration and discussion. Hard questions will be explored: Where is the line between adhering to beliefs and respecting opposing views? Can we move from tolerating to valuing the difference? The 3 p.m. panel discussion on Sept. 11 will include eight leaders from a variety of faiths.

Discussion group begins its 20th year

Be enriched, enlightened, and entertained by professors, authors, politicians, and many others. The 20th year of Thursday library discussions will begin Sept. 22. All sessions are at 1 p.m.

■ Sept. 22 - "The Constitution and the Bill of Rights: Their Relevance Today," with Essex County College history professor Eugene Lieber.

■ Sept. 29 - "Chimeras: Stem Cell Research Blending Human and Animal Cells," with James Shreeve, author and science writer for the New York Times.

■ Oct. 6 - "World Political Update," a lecture by Douglas Simon, professor of political science at Drew University.

■ Oct. 13 - No presentation due to Yom Kipur.

Special Programs

■ S. O. Book Review Group (adults) - Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m., "The Birth of Venus," by Sarah Dunant.

■ Star Book Group (grades six and up) - Sept. 9, 4 p.m., "Chasing Vermeer," by Blue Balliett. Oct. 7, 4 p.m., "Kensuke's Kingdom," by Michael Morpurgo.

■ Open Stage Teen Poetry Reading (9th grade and up) - Sept. 15, 7 p.m.

■ Creative Writing Class with local author Holly Scalera - third Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. No writing experience necessary.

■ Storytimes for all ages resume the week of Sept. 18th. Call for details.

Wednesday at the Movies

All shows at 1 p.m.

- Sept. 14 - The Upside of Anger.
- Sept. 28 - The Wedding Date.

It's Family Fun Day for the whole Village!

A first-of-its-kind Village event, "Kids at Heart" Family Fun Day, is planned for Saturday, Sept. 24, from noon to 3 p.m., at Baird Community Center. The packed schedule of free activities includes pitch and chip, basketball drills and skills, baseball blues, tennis fun, a track and field extravaganza, soccer, hula hoop, tug of war, a toy boat regatta, inflatables, and arts and crafts.

In addition, three fundraising events are planned: a car wash to benefit the South Orange Rescue Squad, a dunk tank to benefit the Children Together organization, and an adult charity softball game to benefit the Kristin and Oscar Renda Assisted Fund.

"Kids at Heart" was inspired by SHU 500, a Seton Hall organization that encourages community volunteerism among students. South Orange is coordinating and funding all events and SHU students will help run the events. For more information, contact Andy Brady at (973) 762-0359. ▲

SETON SCENE

Poets Mariani & Merwin to appear at Walsh Library

• Paul Mariani, author of "Death, Transfigurations and The Great Wheel," Sept. 22, 7 p.m., at Walsh Library.

• W.S. Merwin, Author of "Present Company and Migration: Selected Poems, 1951-2001," Oct. 6, 7 p.m., at Walsh Library.

For more information call (973) 761-9000, x5105.

African-American Photo Journal

"Small Towns, Black Lives: African-American Communities in Southern New Jersey," a photographic journal by Wendel A. White, Sept. 2 to Oct. 21. Opening reception Sept. 15, 6 to 9 p.m. Lecture by White at 7 p.m. For information, call (973) 275-2033.

Multicultural Films & Lectures

- The Defiant Ones, Sept. 19.
- Do the Right Thing, Oct. 3.
- Unchained Memories, Oct. 11.

All events are free and take place at Walsh Library, at 6:30 p.m. Call (973) 275-2792.

Anti-Italian Film Screening

"Anti-Italianism: Discrimination and Defamation in the History of Italian Americans," Oct. 12, 5:30 p.m., at Walsh Library. Call (973) 275-2926. ▲

Newcomers to be welcomed Sept. 18

New to the Village in the past 18 months? If so, come to "Newcomers Day" on Sunday, Sept. 18.

And "Oldcomers": please join the fun and introduce yourselves!

Meet key Village leaders, chat with representatives of more than 20 civic organizations, register to vote, hear local musicians and enjoy refreshments and activities for the kids.

A booklet of important resident information will be available.

The reception is from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at Meadowland Park, next to Baird Community Center on Mead Street. If it rains, events will move inside The Baird. ▲

Fall 2005

Public Works Programs

Residential

This year's leaf removal schedule will be announced in the October 2005 Gaslight. Residents are kindly asked not to place any leaves in the street before the announcement, as the Village will be operating under new state Department of Environmental Protection guidelines for leaf removal. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

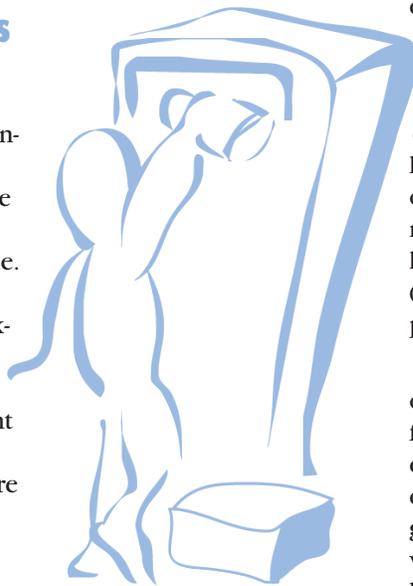
Branches & Shrubs

From Sept. 19, 2005 through early April 2006, trimmings and branches cannot be left out for pick-up. They may be brought to the Public Works Recycling Depot at 300 Walton Avenue.

PLEASE NOTE: The last scheduled date for pick-up of branches prior to leaf season is in September. An appointment is required. Call the DPW, (973) 378-7741, on or before Sept. 19 to schedule your pick-up. Branches must be under four inches (4") in diameter for pick-up or drop-off. No roots or stumps are accepted.

Grass Clippings

Grass clippings must be placed in plastic bags between the curb and sidewalk for removal by the South Orange Disposal Company. Two bags per week are permitted on the second day of a resident's regular garbage collections. For info, call (973) 762-3880.



Toter Schedules

The 2006 toter schedule will be an insert in the December 2005 Gaslight. Please remove and save for reference. The schedule is also available year-round on the township Web site, www.southorange.org, or at Baird Community Center, the library, the Department of Public Works office or Village Hall.

Year-Round Recycling Depot Drop-Offs

Allowed: Glass food and beverage containers, aluminum cans, #1 plastic containers (such as some soda and water bottles, milk and detergent containers), newspaper, high-grade paper, branches no larger than four inches in diameter, crushed corrugated boxes, leaves (in spring and fall only), items made entirely of metal (not heavily rusted), kitchen appliances, and tires (each affixed with a sticker purchased from Village Hall).

Not Allowed: Sheet or window glass, aluminum foil, propane bottles, full or empty paint cans, household debris, garbage, roof shingles, plastic bags, doors and windows with glass and/or hardware, railroad ties, pressure-treated wood, construction material (tiles, plaster, sheet rock, paneling, wood with nails, painted wood), furniture, tree stumps, brush larger than four inches in diameter, grass, plastic bags, Styrofoam.

Final Container Day Sept. 24

The last household drop-off day for 2005 is Saturday, Sept. 24, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Residents making drop-offs at the Public Works Garage, 300 Walton Avenue, must bring two proofs of residency. No commercial vehicles are permitted.

Permitted: furniture, mattresses, appliances, toys, radios, TVs, and strollers. Also, leaves packed in brown biodegradable paper bags, and branches measuring four inches or less in diameter.

Not Permitted: Paint cans (full or empty), propane bottles, hazardous chemicals/materials, construction materials, grass clippings, household garbage, car/truck parts, batteries, or railroad ties. For questionable items, call Public Works.

For More Information

on Public Works programs, call (973) 378-7741, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



In Touch

with Village Government

General Info.
(973) 378-7715
Emergency, 911
Clerk's Office, x1
Administrator, x2
Construction, x3
Tax Collector, x4
Assessor, x5
Welfare, x5
Finance, x6
Engineer, x7
Parking Auth., x8
Health Officer
x2012
Animal Control
378-7745
Fire Dept.
378-7751
Library
762-0230
Police Dept.
378-7775
Public Works
378-7708
Recreation &
Cultural Affairs
378-7754
Recycling Info. &
Street Dept.
378-7741
Water Service
266-8869

To submit information for *The South Orange Gaslight*, send to Editor Robin Patric, c/o Village Hall

Tutors needed

Help a struggling student succeed

When they're struggling with their studies, South Orange students from kindergarten to 12th grade often are referred by teachers or guidance counselors for outside tutoring. Many are teamed with ACHIEVE volunteer tutors – South Orange and Maplewood residents numbering in the hundreds who have signed up to help over the past eight years.

ACHIEVE is a partnership between the South Orange and Maplewood schools and the South Orange-Maplewood Education Foundation. The program trains adults, plus high school and college students to be tutors.

Volunteers may choose the age group, subject area and scheduling they prefer. Tutor training workshops, led by school district teaching staff, are provided several times a year. Volunteers also may choose special training, such as Reading Readiness and Reading Acquisition for Young Children.

Being an ACHIEVE tutor "is a great opportunity to give back to our community in a direct and meaningful way," said Director Deborah Prinz. "And while you're at it, why not put your employer to work for ACHIEVE too? Many corporations offer time off for community service and/or Employee Volunteer Grants that benefit non-profit service providers like ACHIEVE."

For information, or to register for fall training, contact Prinz at (973) 762-5600, x1851, or e-mail her at dprinz@somsd.k12.nj.us. ▲

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■ **Gio Tech (67 South Orange Avenue):** Return (or exchange) converters and remote controls, Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ **Guyway Travel (67 Valley Street):** Pay bills, Monday to Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; or Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. ▲

Coalition seeks marketing experts

The South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race is looking for a freelance publicist to help the coalition in its marketing efforts. The person needs good knowledge of our community and would work on a per-assignment basis.

The Coalition is also looking for volunteers with marketing expertise to assist the committee with its program to promote our two towns.

Freelancers or volunteers should contact Coalition Marketing Co-chair Natalie Thigpen at nthigpen@aol.com. ▲

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pate in live database searches related to their own careers.

Melissa Potter, a program officer for information and research at NYFA, will provide tips and tricks for getting the most out of NYFA programs and resources.

The program is administered by the Essex County Division of Cultural and Historical Affairs and is partially funded by the New Jersey State Council for the Arts.

For information, call (973) 378-7755, or visit www.pierro-gallery.com. ▲



Farmers Market

While you're shopping for produce, stop by the Main Street South Orange booth for weekly recipes and free samples made with Jersey Fresh produce.

The market continues every Wednesday, from 2:30 to 7 p.m. at Meadowland Park Duck Pond. Five Jersey farms offer produce, flowers, and homemade foods. For information, call (973) 763-6899.

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