

The South Orange Gaslight



Local pay-to-play ordinance passes

It's barred in the state, and now there will be no pay-to-play in South Orange either! A Dec. 15 Village ordinance makes it crystal clear that political contributions made by businesses and individuals seeking Village contracts are now prohibited.

The new ordinance (chapter 27, article II) notes, "It has become commonplace for persons and business entities seeking no-bid contracts to make political contributions to persons and campaign organizations associated with contracting units of government."

Such practice "has a corrosive effect upon the political process." The ordinance bars contracting with any entity that made or promised a political contribution in the 12 months preceding advertisement for the contract.

Violators will be disqualified from future contracts for four years. Political contributions made before passage of the ordinance are not subject to the penalty. ▲

Postal delivery times changed across the Village

The South Orange Post Office has reorganized its delivery routes and as of Feb. 20, many residents are receiving mail at a new time of day.

Postmaster Kim Collins said the changes were made to even out the workload among all carriers. The former 21½ routes have been reduced to 19.

"It'll still be in the same window of operations," said Collins. For example, a customer who previously got delivery at the beginning of a route, around 11 a.m., could now get delivery at the end of the route, near 3:30 p.m. Others may notice less change or no change at all.

Most residents will have the same mailman/woman every day, whereas before, personnel often switched routes.

The biggest change is in "the hills" section of town, which will see a new mailman.

If you have questions about your mail delivery, call the post office at (973) 762-2872. ▲

Biz buzz

Welcome to two new downtown businesses:

Designer Loft West

7 Sloan Street

Villager Paulette Cleghorn and her Manhattan-based business partner Liz Sellassie celebrated the grand opening of their designer bridal salon on Feb. 20. It is the New Jersey branch of a thriving Manhattan store that attracts nearly one-third of its customers from New Jersey. "Why not make it more convenient for them?" asks Cleghorn. The inventory includes bridal gowns, bridesmaids' dresses, children's bridal fashions and bridal jewelry.



Inside

UPS Store

4 South Orange Avenue

George Berkeley of Maplewood opened a Village UPS Store on Feb. 10 offering standard "Brown" services: copies, mail boxes and overnight shipping. He's also a certified hazardous materials shipper for UPS, which means residents can go there to discard shipping peanuts, bubble wrap and compact fluorescent light bulbs. (The bulbs contain mercury.) The shop is also a "pack and ship promise location," meaning the store packs and ships for you with guarantees against loss or damage. ▲

The Gaslight is published six times a year for the residents and business community of South Orange Village.

March/
April 2009

■ Volunteer Summit V coming Mar. 15

■ Scholar-led book talk series & Black Maria Film Festival at S.O. Library

■ Fee increased for Recreation ID badges

■ Bookarts Roundtable presents 'Booked 6'

■ Special Insert: Spring/Summer DPW Services

■ Villager of the Month: Janice Newman Teetsell

Parking Authority Quick Facts

Did you know ?

- SOPA has extended evening jitney hours to meet the 8:32 p.m. train Monday through Friday.
- Every Village parking lot has brand new signage and place names that clearly designate lot usage and location.
- Residents on the commuter waiting list have been mailed a questionnaire to help update the waiting list.
- SOPA has initiated ongoing public/private partnerships to expand parking capacity.
- The Parking Authority is self-funded with revenue derived solely from permits, meters and management fees. ▲

South Orange Volunteer Summit

The South Orange Community Relations Committee turns the spotlight on volunteers and the work they do for so many. On Sunday, Mar. 15 from 2 to 4:30 p.m., representatives from dozens of volunteer community organizations will be on hand to talk about their missions and ways that local residents can help out. The fifth annual event takes place in The Loft at the South Orange Performing Arts Center. Refreshments will be provided. For information and to RSVP, contact CRC Co-Chairpersons Janis Zaveri KTjdz@aol.com, or Larry Branch, blarryb@aol.com. Or contact Village Clerk Lynne Cucciniello at (973) 378-7715 x1. ▲

Villager authors two new books

Michele C. Hollow, an award-winning writer and editor from South Orange, has authored two newly published children's books—"Grateful Dead: What a Long, Strange Trip It's Been" (Enslow Publishers, February 2009), and "The Everything Guide to Careers with Animals" (Adams Media, March 2009).

The Grateful Dead book was written for 12 to 16 year olds. "The best part of writing this book," said Hollow, "was meeting and interviewing Bob Weir," the band's lead guitarist and singer/songwriter. The book contains information on band members and "a bit of history about the 1960s-1990s."

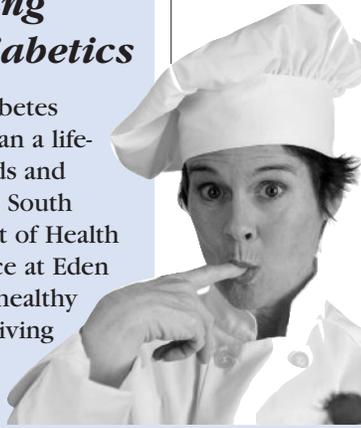
For "Careers with Animals," the author interviewed animal behaviorists, zoologists, veterinarians, dog and wildlife trainers, entomologists, biologists, and animal rescue workers.

Hollow's articles have appeared in The NY Times, The Philadelphia Inquirer, The Baltimore Sun, The Star-Ledger, Cat Fancy, Pet Style News, Woman's Day and more. Her website is michelechollow.com. ▲

Good cooking news for diabetics

Living with diabetes doesn't have to mean a lifetime of special foods and tasteless meals. The South Orange Department of Health and The Marketplace at Eden will present a free healthy cooking seminar, "Living with Diabetes," on Tuesday, April 21, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The presentation and cooking demonstration will be held at the second floor café of The Marketplace at Eden, located at 1 South Orange Avenue. To register, call the South Orange Department of Health at (973) 378-7715 ext. 7710. Note: space is limited. ▲



Town Hall Meeting April 15

The Board of Trustees has scheduled a Town Hall Meeting for Wednesday, April 15, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The Baird. All residents are invited to attend and informally discuss any topic of interest or concern with the Board of Trustees. Those who wish, can stay afterward and meet individually with a board member.

'Celebrate South Orange' needs you!

If you love the Village as much as Main Street South Orange loves it, then sign up to help organize "Celebrate South Orange," the June event that honors everything great about our town. An expanded community supper, lots of live music, and KidZone activities are among the plans for the third annual event. To volunteer, call (973) 763-6899 or send e-mail to director@MainStreetSouthOrange.org. Helpers are needed for many jobs, big and small.

More MSSO volunteer opportunities

- **Design Committee:** help create inviting window displays, signs, facades, sidewalks, lighting, landscaping and parking areas.
- **Promotions Committee:** help market the downtown's unique characteristics to shoppers, investors, new businesses and visitors. ▲

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Seton Hall scholar leads 'Love, Forgiveness & Wisdom'

The library has been awarded a grant to produce a five-part, scholarly book discussion series, "Let's Talk About It: Love, Forgiveness & Wisdom," starting Mar. 11 with "Sense and Sensibility" by Jane Austen.

Also in the series will be "History of Love," by Nicole Krauss, April 1; "Winter's Tale," by William Shakespeare, April 22; "The Essential Rumi," by Jalal al-Din Rumi, May 13; and "Atonement," by Ewan McEwan, May 27.

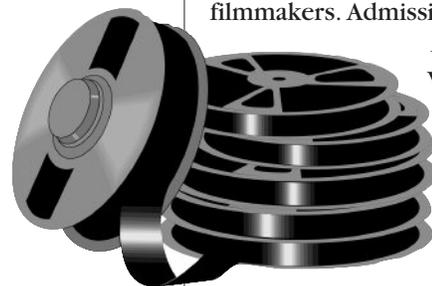
Resident scholar Karen Gevirtz, Ph.D., of Seton Hall University will help participants appreciate and interpret the works. Further discussion will be carried out with the Maplewood/South Orange Clergy Association. Participants are encouraged to attend all sessions to gain the most from the experience. Library copies of the books will be available on a first-come basis. For information, contact Nancy Janow.

Black Maria Film & Video Festival returns to South Orange

The 28th annual Black Maria Film and Video Festival will be presented at the library on Monday, April 13, at 7 p.m. Catch award-winning works by the nation's most prominent, cutting-edge filmmakers. Admission is free.

Among the works to be shown: "Ice Bears," "A Horse is not a Metaphor," "Bob's Knee," "ECT: Story of 2

women," "Hold the Soup (Matzo Ball Eating Competition)," "Yours Truly," and "Old Days." Call for details.



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Adult School offers more than 100 spring courses

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The Adult School will offer more than 100 courses this spring, including tributes to Abraham Lincoln, Charles Darwin and artist Paul Cezanne. Practical courses include beginning Spanish, money management and sewing. Among the semester's new classes are wine tasting, Indian cooking, Zumba, and eco-friendly home upgrades. Classes on career transition and do-it-yourself home projects also are available.

Adult School Special Events

- **Celebrity Readings:** Celebrities perform short stories, Mar. 30, 7:30 p.m. at SOPAC. Readers include actress/singer Suzanne Douglas, "Selected Shorts" host Isaiah Sheffer and Broadway actress Emily Zacharias.

- **Eva Samo Lecture Series:** "Our Complex Constitution," Mondays, 7:30 p.m., beginning Mar. 23 at Columbia High.

- **Behind The Lens:** with screen-writer and film director Pete Chatmon (CHS '95), April 29 at S.O. Middle School.

- **Community Summer Program:** Enrollment has begun for this creative arts summer camp, grades one to twelve, June 29 to July 24.

Calling "Know-it-Alls" of all ages!

■ **Question:** In the category of "Fun Family Fundraisers," what Jeopardy-style event supports the South Orange-Maplewood Education Foundation?

■ **Answer:** What is the SOMEF Quiz Bowl?

Teams of three to five contestants will compete in SOMEF's 2009 Quiz Bowl on Sunday, Mar. 29, 1 to 6 p.m., at Jefferson Elementary School. Players will answer age-specific questions in categories from "presidents" to "poets" to "pop stars."

All proceeds support teacher grants for classroom enrichment, continuing education for teachers, support for at-risk students and technology upgrades.

For entry forms and information, go to www.somef.org/quizbowl.html. Entry deadline: Mar. 6. Any questions,

contact Judy Rubashkin Martel at (973) 378-5948 or jeffmartel@comcast.net.

For an ad in the event program, contact Patti Coleman at (973) 761-0727 or colepeople@aol.com.

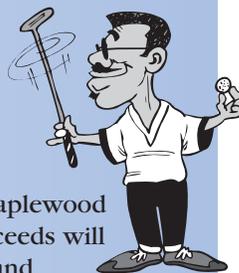
Oklahoma! at Middle School

South Orange Middle School will present the musical "Oklahoma!" on Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 5 at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$7 to \$15. For information call Sara Griffiths or Kathy Hester at (973) 378-2772.

Supper & Hoedown - To raise funds for the production, a southern-style supper and hoedown will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 6 in the school cafeteria and gym. Enjoy square dancing, horseshoe toss, apple bobbing, bean bag games and even a pie-eating contest. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$8 for children and free for kids under three.

Golfers Wanted!

The 11th annual Cougar Booster Golf Classic will be held on Monday, April 27 at Maplewood Country Club. All proceeds will benefit South Orange and Maplewood students who participate in extracurricular activities at Columbia High School. Tickets are \$225 including buffet brunch, golf, cart and dinner. To sign up, go to www.chs.cougarboosters.org/GolfClassic.htm. For information, contact Al Farah at (973) 763-6817 or send e-mail to: a7892@aol.com.



How Race is Lived in South Orange and Maplewood

This innovative program is part of the ongoing "Conversations on Race Series" presented by the South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race. True stories will be collected from local residents of all races, then brought to life by professional actors. Table discussions will follow. Tuesday, April 28, 7:30 p.m., location to be announced. For information, go to www.twotowns.org, or call (973) 761-6116, x6.

At Seton Hall

artsci.shu.edu/artscouncil • (973) 313-2787

- The Dick Hyman and Ray Kennedy Piano Duo, Mar. 31, 7:30 p.m. at SOPAC. Regular admission \$25, seniors and alums \$15.

- "God's Favorite," April 24 and 25, 8 p.m.; April 26, 2 p.m. at Seton Hall Theater. The setting of the Book of Job is transferred to contemporary Long Island in this Neil Simon comedy. Regular admission \$25, seniors and alums \$12.

Poetry at Walsh Library Gallery

- Mar. 4, 7 p.m. - Adele Kenny, author of 23 books and Burt Kimmelman, author of five poetry collections.

- April 2, 7 p.m. - Poet and critic Paul Mariani, professor of English at Boston College and author of six volumes of poetry.

On Stage at SOPAC

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- Mar. 3, 7:30 p.m. - The Brentano String Quartet & Seven Last Words of Christ. Presented by Seton Hall. Tickets \$8-\$25.

- Mar. 4, 8 p.m. - Danu, traditional music and songs from Ireland, \$32/\$40.

- Mar. 6, 8 p.m. - A Christian McBride Situation, with Ron Blake, DJ Logic and David Gilmore, jazz, \$35/\$28.

- Mar. 14, 8 p.m. - "A Couple of Blaguards," a theatrical production written by Frank McCourt & Malachy McCourt, \$42/\$48.

- Mar. 20, 8 p.m. - Oleta Adams, pop, gospel, adult contemporary music, \$35/\$45.

- Mar. 22, 3 p.m. - Juilliard@SOPAC, vocal arts ensemble, \$10-\$15.

- Mar. 27, 8 p.m. - An Evening with Robert Klein, \$45/\$50.

- Mar. 28, 8 p.m. - Joe Bonamassa with Marianne Keith, blues and guitar, \$42-\$62.

- Mar. 29, 3 p.m. - The Sippy Cups, family music, \$19.

- April 18, 8 p.m. - American Repertory Ballet, \$28/\$35.

- April 28, 7:30 p.m. - East Coast Chamber Orchestra, presented by Seton Hall, \$8-\$25.

- April 29, 7:30 p.m. - "When Words Are Not Enough," with Danny Aiello, Lucie Arnaz and Marian Seldes, \$25-\$65.

- May 1, 8 p.m. - "Mama's Night Out," a comedy, \$28/\$38.

- May 2, 8 p.m. - "Luna Negra Dance Theater, \$28/\$35.

- May 3, 3 p.m. - Elena Baksht, classical piano, \$15/\$20.

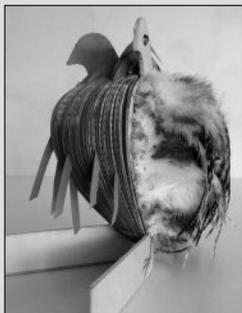
PIERRO GALLERY

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Bookarts Roundtable

Mar. 5-21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Bookarts Roundtable presents "Booked 6," an exhibit of selected art books crafted by BAR members. The unique creations hang, float, tickle, or crawl; some pop open or open on a hinge; others feature beaded bindings; and some tell a story while others wait for you to fill their pages.



- *Opening Reception:* Thursday, Mar. 12, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Lecture and slides by Emily Martin, 8 p.m.

- *Book Talk Luncheon with Miriam Schaar:* Wednesday, Mar. 18, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. As part of the event, guests will transform lunchboxes into works of art to be auctioned at a later event. Reservations are required by Mar. 11. Call (973) 761-7151. Cost: \$20 for BAR members, \$25 for nonmembers.

At this moment, she...

Mar. 29-May 10

Coming soon to the gallery, four artists use the female form and their unique styles to capture moments in time. View works by Christine Gatti (photography), Joan Goldsmith (mixed media), Steven Rice (drawing) and Anthony Santella (sculpture). Opening reception: Mar. 29, 3 to 5 p.m. Preceding Artists' Gallery Talk, 2 p.m. Gallery hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. or by appointment.

Studio Tour Artist Meeting

The sixth annual South Orange/Maplewood Artists Studio Tour will take place Sunday, June 7. Artists over age 18 who live or work in South Orange or Maplewood are invited to participate. An artists' meeting is set for Tuesday, Mar. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at Pierro Gallery. For information or an application, go to www.studiotoursoma.org.

2009 ID Badge Fee Increased

The Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs has increased the fee for identification badges from \$20 to \$30 per person. The change, effective immediately, applies to all new and updated badges. In addition, a maximum family fee of \$120 has been established as a cost savings for large families.

The badge provides residents with a \$10 discount on selected department programs (sports and cultural arts) throughout the year, and it is required for access to the community pool.

Badges can be purchased at any time for the current calendar year. They are issued in person at The Baird and two proofs of residency are required for purchase. There is no online registration, but application forms may be downloaded from The Baird's website. For more badge details go online to www.thebaird.org.

DREAMCATCHER REPERTORY THEATER

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www.dreamcatcherrep.org

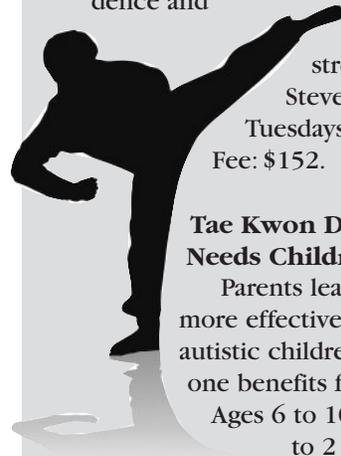
- "The Great God Money" is a comedy with music by Emily Davis. "Dot" is an ordinary person who believes that if she just had more money, all her problems would be solved. One day she takes an Alice-in-Wonderland journey through the bizarre Land of Money and discovers something unexpected about the almighty dollar and herself. Post-performance "talkbacks" will follow Sunday matinees. Fridays and Saturdays, Mar. 6 to 22, at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. Adults \$25, seniors \$20, students \$15.

- Multiple Personality Disorder, improvisational comedy created with audience input. Unpredictable fun for the whole family. Saturday, April 18 at 8 p.m. All tickets \$10.

SPORTS AT THE BAIRD

Tae Kwon Do for Adults

Learn practical self defense while conditioning the body, gaining self-confidence and



reducing stress. Instructor Steve Safran.

Tuesdays, 8 to 9:15 p.m.
Fee: \$152.

Tae Kwon Do for Special Needs Children

Parents learn to work more effectively with their autistic children, and everyone benefits from exercising.

Ages 6 to 10, Saturdays, 1 to 2 p.m. Ages 11 to 22, Saturdays, 2 to 3 p.m. Instructor Jeff Jacobs. Fee \$125.

Tennis Lessons

Classes for children and adults begin the week of April 6th. See the website for dates, times and fees.

Jaguar Track, Ages 6-18

In-person registration begins Wednesday, Mar. 18, at The Baird, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, Mar. 21, from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, see the website or contact Maurice Cooper at (973) 763-0617 or Andrea Johnson at (973) 762-0910.

PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

The seven-week, half-day program for age 4 through 8th grade, includes planned activities and supervised free time. Children are grouped by age and grade, meeting daily in the Meadowland Park/Cameron Field complex. Registration runs Mar. 1 to 15 at The Baird. The program extends from June 29 through Aug. 14. Details online. To register, bring your current photo ID badge. (See badge fee notice above.) Enrollment is limited;



a random lottery may be used to determine acceptance at some sites.

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

RESIDENTIAL DPW services



Spring
Summer
2009

Saturday Container Days

Drop-Offs at DPW Yard, 300 Walton Avenue

April 25, May 30, June 27, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
July 25, August 29, September 26 (no arrivals after 1:30 p.m.)

Special disposal containers are provided on site. To enter, two proofs of residency are required. The program is not open to commercial or industrial companies.

Permitted

Furniture, mattresses, appliances*, branches under 4 inches in diameter, toys, small household items, tools, strollers, playpens, empty paint cans (clean and with no lids), metal items.**

* Residents are encouraged to drop off metal during regular DPW hours: weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon.

** Separate metals and appliances from other household items and remove doors on refrigerators and freezers.

Not Permitted

Paint cans, propane bottles, hazardous chemicals or their containers, construction materials (such as tiles, plaster, sheetrock, paneling, wood with nails), roof shingles, grass clippings, household food items, car and truck parts, batteries of any size, stumps, root sections, branches measuring more than four inches in diameter, railroad ties, pressure-treated or painted wood, doors/ windows with glass or hardware, televisions and computer monitors.

No electronic components on container days.

No items listed under "Metal & Appliance Disposal."

Note: DPW staff reserves the right to prohibit other items as necessary. Call in advance to ask about a specific item.

Electronic

Seven Saturdays remain in the 2009 schedule for free electronic drop-off in South Orange and Maplewood. Villagers can drop off at the Public Works Yard in South Orange or the Maplewood Recycling Center. Proof of residency is required.

Saturday Drop-Offs

8 a.m. to noon
Mar. 7 South Orange
April 18 Maplewood
June 6 South Orange
July 18 Maplewood
Sept. 12 South Orange
Oct. 24 Maplewood
Dec. 19 South Orange

Drop-Off Locations

- South Orange Recycling Depot, 300 Walton Avenue, 973-378-7741.
- Maplewood Public Works Department, 359 Boyden Avenue, 973-762-1175.

Recycling Drop-Offs

Permitted

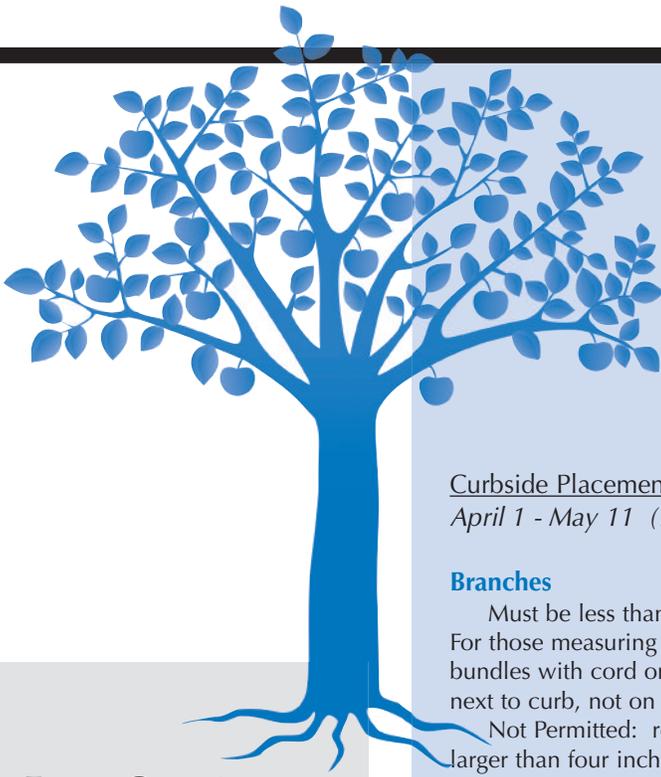
Computer monitors, CPUs, keyboards, printers, mainframes, fax machines, scanners, telecommunications equipment, speakers, televisions, VCRs, stereos, DVD players, toasters, irons and old cell phones.

Prohibited

- Commercial and large-quantity electronics users are not permitted.
- Electronics cannot be picked up by appointment.

Friday Alternative

If circumstances prevent your drop-off on a given Saturday, you may drop off the Friday before. In South Orange, call first, (973) 378-7741. In Maplewood, Friday hours are 2 to 4 p.m.



2009 Spring Clean-Up Branches & Leaves

Essex County Programs

Fleet Maintenance Garage
99 West Bradford Avenue
Cedar Grove
(973) 226-8500, x222

Electronics Disposal Day

Saturday, May 16
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Permitted - Computer CPUs and monitors, printers, keyboards, mainframes, fax machines, scanners, telecommunications equipment, speakers, TVs, VCRs, stereos, DVD players, toasters, toaster ovens, irons, cell phones and fluorescent light bulbs.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

Saturday, May 2
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Free to all Essex County residents with proof of residency. Not open to commercial or industrial companies. Watch for flyers and news articles from the county.

Curbside Placement Dates

April 1 - May 11 (no overlap)

Branches

Must be less than four inches in diameter. For those measuring two inches or less, tie in bundles with cord or twine. Place on grass next to curb, not on street or sidewalk.

Not Permitted: roots, stumps or branches larger than four inches in diameter.

Leaves, Yard Clippings, Garden Rakings

Place in brown biodegradable paper bags only, on grass next to curb, not on sidewalk or street.

Do not rake leaves into streets for spring cleanup. Loose leaves and material in plastic bags will not be picked up.

Ignoring the rules is a violation of the Municipal Housing Code.

South Orange Recycling Center HOURS

Open

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 12 noon

Closed

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Grass Clippings

South Orange Disposal picks up grass clippings in plastic bags only, from April 1 to Nov. 1. Limit: two bags per week, 30 pounds per bag. Place curbside on the second garbage collection day of the week.

Humus, Shredded Wood

Limited quantities available at DPW, for residents only.

- Humus - decomposed leaves, finely textured and dark colored. Used as a soil supplement in gardens or for soil for enrichment.

- Shredded Wood - hardwood mulch used as top dressing for gardens, flowerbeds, and around trees. May contain bits of rock; not treated.

Ordering/Delivery

Starting Mar. 23, DPW will make appointments for free delivery of humus and shredded wood. Delivery starts April 21.

One product per household per month. Products are delivered loose to the driveway. Call (973) 378-7741.

RESIDENTIAL
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Small town, big sculpture *Tau to be dedicated* April 17

The community is invited to the dedication ceremony for Tau, the recently installed monumental sculpture by the late Tony Smith, a South Orange native.

The celebration takes place at the sculpture site in Meadowland Park (by the duck pond) on Friday, April 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. Festivities will include music, children's art projects, poetry readings, art displays, brief remarks by dignitaries at 6:15, and refreshments.

World renowned artist Kiki Smith and Seton Smith, the sculptor's daughters, will be present. Volunteers will be on hand to discuss Smith, his work and his prominence in the art world.

South Orange is one of many communities across the U.S. and some foreign countries that own a Tony Smith sculpture.

Villager Joanne Douds, a longtime supporter of the sculpture project, said, "The installation of Tony Smith's Tau sculpture in his hometown of South Orange signifies perhaps a deeper meaning of his work. It is in this unique artistic community that he formulated and explored his

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Tony Smith's sculpture, Tau, was installed on Nov. 19. Now a dedication ceremony is set for April 17.

Catch a related lecture the day before with Yale scholar Robert Storr. Details on page 8.

'Adopted'

The South Orange Library and South Mountain Families With Children From China will co-sponsor a series of three films, "Adopted" and companion documentaries, followed by audience discussion on Mar. 8, 29, and April 5, at 3 p.m.

Special Children's Events

- Read Across America, Mar. 1, 7 p.m. – kids read a favorite story aloud. Sign up in the Children's Room.
- St. Patrick's Day Drop-In Crafts, Mar. 14.

Lecture Series

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

- Mar. 5 – "Social Issues Among the Amish," Joslyn Cassidy, director of behavioral science and professor of anthropology at Drew University.
- Mar. 12 – "World Political Update," Douglas Simon, Drew University political science professor.
- Mar. 19 – "FDR's Transition to the Presidency and his First 100 Days," Eugene Lieber, Union County College history professor and lecturer.
- Mar. 26 – "Reflections on Southern Spain before the Inquisition," Donez Xiques, Brooklyn College professor.
- April 2 – Screening of the acclaimed film "Dear Zachary" and discussion with the MSNBC Executive Producer Elise Warner.
- April 9 – Violinist Kim Chiesa plays "Music for the Soul."
- April 16 – "Surviving the Depression," City College of NY history professor Adrienne Petty.
- April 23 – "The American Presidency," Stephen Schoeman, political science professor at Union County College.
- April 30 – "Postmodernism," with artist Mathew Lahm.

Regular Programs

- S. O. Book Review Group (adults) – Mar. 23, 7:30 p.m., "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao," by Junot Diaz. April 4, 7:30 p.m., "Black & White," by Dani Shapiro.
- Wednesdays at the Movies, 1 p.m. on March 4, 18, April 1, 15, 29.
- Children's Storytimes: Toddlers, Tuesdays 11 a.m.; Babies, Wednesdays 10 a.m.; Ms. Marilyn, Songs & Stories, Thursdays, 10 a.m.; Families (all ages), Thursdays 2 p.m.; Seton Stories (all ages), Fridays 10 a.m.
- Anime Club, 6th grade and up, Mondays, 3:30 p.m.
- Hangout Fridays for middle schoolers with SHU students, 3:30 p.m.
- Game Days, alternating Wednesdays, 1 p.m., March 11 and 25, April 8 and 22.

AT THE BAIRD

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CULTURAL ARTS PROGRAMS

NEW! Art Encounters

New this spring, the free monthly drop-in workshop, for ages 7 to adult, offers a wide variety of art experiences. No registration and only a \$5 materials fee at each drop-in.

The March Encounter, "Let's All Make a Book," takes place Mar. 21, from noon to 3 p.m., in conjunction with "Booked 6" (see Bookarts Roundtable, page 4). BAR members will run the workshop.

More Art Encounters: April 11 and 25.

More than 30 art classes for the whole family

Starting the week of Mar. 29, The Baird offers 10 weeks of cultural arts classes for pre-K through adult. More than 30 classes are taught by professional artists in their fields. Creative arts classes include clay, art exploration, drawing, Art with a Master, PMC jewelry

making, photography and print-making. Performing arts classes include guitar, sing-alongs, ballet, flamenco and Middle Eastern dance. Registration begins Mar. 9. For details, go to the website and click on Classes/Workshops.

JAZZ AT THE BAIRD

- *Vincent Ector*, Mar. 28 at 8 p.m. – A renowned jazz drummer, Ector performs frequently in New York City with The Charles Mingus Orchestra and The Mike LeDonne Organ Quartet. He and his band are regulars at Smoke, The Iridium, Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola and The Jazz Standard.

- *Heidi Burgermaster*, April 25, 8 p.m. – This up-and-coming jazz vocalist, a graduate of the Columbia High School jazz program, has performed twice at NJPAC and at Manhattan's Sweet Rhythm.

Jazz at The Baird features an intimate setting with complimentary coffee and cake and a chance to chat with the stars. Tickets: \$15 advance; \$20 at door. Purchase online, at The Baird or at Rocketship and Print.



Vincent Ector



Heidi Burgermaster

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Villager of the Month

Janice Newman Teetsell

When Janice Teetsell moved to South Orange in the late 80s, she learned from her Welcome Wagon lady about two options for social networking. One was the South Orange Rotary Club.

"Those folks were a lot of fun," said Janice, who's been a member ever since. She was president for two terms and currently serves as district governor, overseeing 55 clubs in four counties.

"Some people say I have a rubber band arm," commented Janice. When someone asks, 'Can you?' my arm pops up.



Tau dedication

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freedom of expression. Somehow, Tau, South Orange, identifies where a great art movement began."

To learn more about the sculpture or Tony Smith, go to www.tonymsmithsouthorange.org. ▲

Yale Scholar presents Smith Lecture

A lecture about Tony Smith and his work will precede the dedication. Robert Storr, dean of the Yale School of Art, also a curator, critic and painter, will present "Tony Smith: Sowing the Seeds of Space." The lecture will take place Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m. in the Chancellor Suite at Seton Hall University. (Storr curated the 1988 retrospective of Smith at the Modern Museum of Art.) SHU and the Pierro Foundation are presenting the lecture. Admission is free. For more info, call (973) 761-7966. ▲

Through Rotary, Janice has been a part of the community giving machine that annually provides dictionaries to Village third graders. The club worked with police to provide "Kid Care" identification packets for local parents and placed 13 "Drive 25, Save Lives" signs on Scotland Road. They've given money to a local softball league and the library among others, and this spring, they'll conduct a litter clean-up along South Orange Avenue.

Janice's leadership inspires the club to keep active even through ups and downs in membership enrollment.

"She is an example of the many professionals who not only establish their businesses in South Orange, but also think South Orange is such a special community, they invest many hours of voluntary service here," said a South Orange Community Relations Committee member.

Many still remember Janice as the face/voice of broadcast programs she hosted and produced for nearly two decades while working for the City of Newark, including the weekly TV program "Newark & Reality," the radio program "Newark Report," and the weekly cable show "New Jersey Issues."

In the 90s, she switched gears

and earned her law degree, choosing South Orange as the place to hang her shingle. She kept the location even after she and her husband Bob bought a home in East Orange in 2002.

In her law practice, Janice focuses on family law, real estate and immigration – all areas of personal service. That's not surprising for someone who as a young adult began to notice "people doing things for other people. I just thought, this is what I'm meant to do, to help other people, whether it's providing information or doing projects. It makes you feel good when you're helping folks." ▲

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