

The South Orange Gaslight



Village Vision Plan finalized; unveiling Nov. 12

The fifth community conversation on South Orange's Vision Plan will be held Thursday, Nov. 12 to unveil the final product. The Cecil Group (planning and design firm) and Village President Douglas Newman will lead the discussion, to be held in The Loft at SOPAC from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The Vision Plan is a growth concept for the downtown, Valley Street and Irvington Avenue business corridors. It combines future development and new public parking, while maintaining the Village's most beloved characteristics. The plan emphasizes:

- Commuter rail service that accents efficiency and historic Village character.
- Walkable neighborhoods and accessible road and rail transportation.
- Preserved downtown architectural details that tell the history of the Village.
- Major academic and cultural institutions, such as Seton Hall University and SOPAC.
- Open space, recreation, a riverfront and urban relief.

"Hundreds of residents have participated in the development of the plan, harnessing the collective talent of the Village and truly putting our signatures on the future," said Newman.

Vision plan creation required four workshops, group meetings and hundreds of interviews with residents, business owners and community leaders. To learn more, visit www.southorange.org/vision. ▲

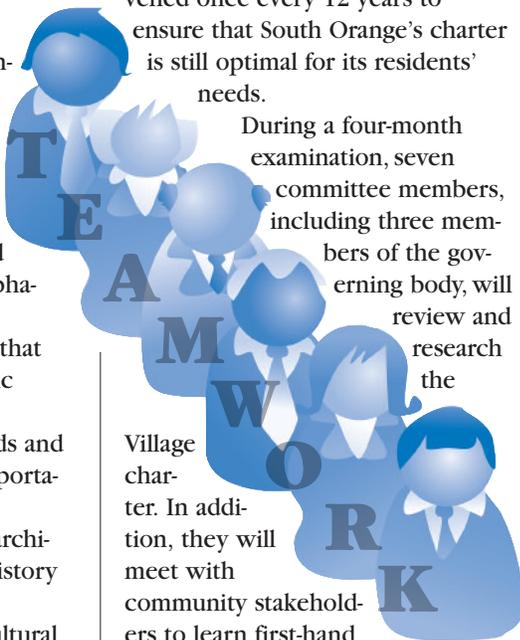
Is the Village's charter still best for South Orange's future?

Like to dig deep and examine how government works? If so, your services could be used on the newly formed Village Charter Review Committee, a volunteer group convened once every 12 years to ensure that South Orange's charter is still optimal for its residents' needs.

During a four-month examination, seven committee members, including three members of the governing body, will review and research the Village charter. In addition, they will meet with community stakeholders to learn first-hand how government functions and whether changes should be recommended.

A charter review is supposed to occur every 12 years but is long overdue. The last amendments were approved by the State Legislature and became effective in 1978.

Anyone interested in serving on the Charter Review Committee should submit an expression of interest on the Village website at www.southorange.org/volunteer apply by Dec. 1. Candidates must be South Orange residents and at least 18 years of age. ▲



Starting with the January - February 2010 edition, advertising

will be accepted in The Gaslight. This bi-monthly newsletter is delivered to every postal customer in South Orange, including homeowners, renters, businesses and nonprofits.

Ad space will be available in small "units," each measuring just under two inches square. Advertisers will be able to select any combination of units, from 1/20 of a page up to a 20-unit, full-page ad. For example, a typical "business card" ad would be comprised of two units. The ad configuration is intended to satisfy a range of needs, from a one-unit ad for a personal service provider, to a half- or full-page ad for a major retailer.

Advertising commitments will be accepted for two or more issues, starting at \$125 per unit per issue, and decreasing to \$75 per unit per issue for six-issue commitments. The placement deadline for the January - February 2010 edition is Dec. 7.

A full explanation of advertising rates and submission requirements will soon be available at www.southorange.org/gaslight-advertising. Or, contact Laura Harris, lharris@southorange.org, or Gaslight Editor Robin Patric at (908) 823-9001, or rpatric@comcast.net. ▲

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Landlords now required to register annually for license to rent



Registration of leased and rented properties in South Orange is now required annually. Owners of single- and multi-family rental properties must register every year by Sept. 1, whether or not their properties are occupied. Only registered units can be licensed for rental or lease.

An amendment to the Township's rent leveling ordinance passed on July 27, establishing a \$50 registration fee for single-family properties and \$100 for multi-family properties.

Violations of the ordinance could result in revocation or suspension of a license or a fine of up to \$500. Violations include:

- Failure to register or amend registration when required.
- Permitting tenants to exceed licensed occupancy limits.
- Continued rental after license revocation or suspension.
- Permitting occupancy by tenants who commit two or more quality of life or property damage crimes within a 12-month period. Landlords are entitled to notice of conviction of such crimes, and a hearing. An unsuccessful attempt to evict offending tenants is an "absolute defense."▲

Where to go for water line insurance

Repair of broken water and sewer lines can be extremely costly. If you want to minimize the potential out-of-pocket expense, insurance is available. Two potential providers are listed below:

- American Water Resources (a division of American Water) 1410 Discovery Parkway, Alton, IL 62202, 866-430-0819. No website.
- Home Service USA Corp, 877-444-7750, www.hsuasacorp.com.

SHU survey on student shopping habits could benefit downtown S.O.

Can university students be drawn downtown for greater economic impact? That's the question behind an October survey of Seton Hall students.

Between 500 and 1,000 students were expected to answer questions about where they spend their money, what they spend on, how much they spend; whether they prefer to shop in local stores, big box stores, malls or New York City; and how much they spend per month on off-campus food, clothing and entertainment.

Survey results will be available by the end of the year.

Seton Hall has a total of 10,000 students including 2,200 who live

on campus and 300 who live in town. Many people in South Orange believe student shopping interests could be harnessed to South Orange's advantage. Among them is Carole Anzalone-Newman, executive director of Main Street South Orange, whose organization works to attract new and desirable merchants to the Village.

"The goal is to understand the shopping habits of the Seton Hall student population and use that information to attract the types of businesses they would frequent since they're a large, powerful block of shoppers," said Anzalone-Newman.

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Under a newly amended ordinance, only registered landlords can be licensed to rent or lease properties.

For the holidays, join your neighbors at

Three Traditional Village Events

16th Annual Crafts Sale

Dec. 3 to 6 at Pierro Gallery

Just in time for the holidays, the gallery will be transformed into a fabulous museum shop filled with unique handmade items perfect for gift-giving. This year's featured craftspeople will offer an assortment of jewelry, ceramics, hand-painted silks, wood and woven pieces, glass and wood ornaments, hand-made paper journals and stationery, quilts and more. The shop will be open from noon to 8 p.m. daily with free admission for shopping.

• **Preview Sale, Meet the Craftspeople, Opening Reception:** Wednesday, Dec. 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. The \$5 admission fee ensures first picks, tasty treats and festive times. (Free for Friends of the Arts members.)

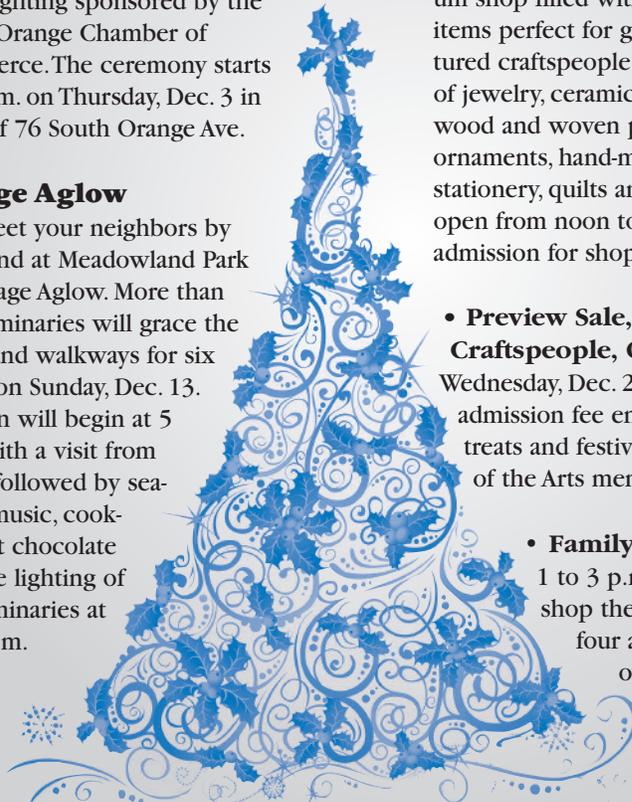
• **Family Day:** Saturday, Dec. 5, 1 to 3 p.m. Mom and Dad can shop the craft sale while children four and older create their own crafts. Enjoy free artist demonstrations.

Tree Lighting

Enjoy local choirs, a visit from Santa, hot chocolate and cookies at the Holiday Tree Lighting sponsored by the South Orange Chamber of Commerce. The ceremony starts at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3 in front of 76 South Orange Ave.

Village Aglow

Meet your neighbors by the pond at Meadowland Park for Village Aglow. More than 500 luminaries will grace the pond and walkways for six hours on Sunday, Dec. 13. The fun will begin at 5 p.m. with a visit from Santa, followed by seasonal music, cookies, hot chocolate and the lighting of the luminaries at 5:30 p.m.



At Seton Hall

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

• “*Uncommon Threads*,” is a group exhibition of contemporary art that explores fabric as an artistic medium. On display Nov. 2 through Dec. 11 at Walsh Gallery; opening reception Nov. 5 from 5 to 9 p.m. Admission is free.

• *Poet Pam Laskin* performs a free reading at 7 p.m. on Nov. 12 at Walsh Gallery, part of the free Poetry-in-the-Round series.

• “*A Few Good Men*,” a play by Aaron Sorkin, Dec. 4 and 5 at 8 p.m., Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. at the University Center, Theatre in the Round.

On Stage at SOPAC

SOPACnow.org • (973) 275-1114

• Nov. 7, 8 p.m. - R&B artist Bettye LaVette, \$100*/\$42/\$32.

• Nov. 8, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. - “Pigeon Party!” family theater, age 2 and older, \$20.

• Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. - The Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, \$25/\$15/\$8.

• Nov. 15 - Dance theatre of Harlem Ensemble presents a family program: 3 p.m., \$20; 7 p.m., \$45/\$35.

• Nov. 21, 8 p.m. - Betty Buckley and Kenny Werner, vocals, cabaret, \$68/\$58/\$48.

• Nov. 29, 7 p.m. - A Chanticleer Christmas, holiday concert by the esteemed all-male vocal ensemble, \$68/\$58/\$48.

• Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m. - The Daedalus String Quartet, \$25/\$15/\$8.

• Dec. 2 and 3, 7 p.m. - “The

Nutcracker,” New York Theatre Ballet, \$35/\$28.

• Dec. 4, 8 p.m. - “Different Shades of Comedy,” a reading of four one-act plays, by Food for Thought Productions, \$65*/\$35/\$25.

• Dec. 6 - The Manhattan Transfer, vocals and jazz: 4 p.m., \$98/\$78/\$58; 7 p.m., \$123*/\$78/\$58.

• Dec. 10, 8 p.m. - The Klezmatiks, holiday concert of world music, \$45/\$35.

• Dec. 13, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. - “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” and other Eric Carle puppet favorites, presented by The Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia, \$20.

• Dec. 20, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. - Diane Reeves, holiday concert, vocals and jazz, \$68/\$58/\$48.

* *Tickets include premium seating and post-performance reception.*

Main Street South Orange

www.mainstreetsouthorange.org
(973) 763-6899

Holiday Open House, Dec. 5

Join Main Street downtown from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the kick-off of the South Orange holiday season. Downtown will come alive with music, special promotions, trunk shows, a wine tasting, dinner specials, giveaways, and refreshments in stores and restaurants.

Help keep the entrepreneurial spirit alive in South Orange. Shop locally and help local businesses compete. Let’s let our businesses know that we appreciate them and want them to stick around!

Help Jersey Animal Shelter win \$\$\$

The Jersey Animal Coalition shelter in South Orange could win money on The Animal Rescue Website. All it takes is your vote.

JAC is participating in the 2009 Animal Rescue Site \$100,000 Shelter + Challenge. Site visitors can vote for their favorite, one vote per person per day, from now through Dec. 20. The grand prize is \$20,000 for the organization with the most votes. Two weekly prizes of \$1,000 each also are given, plus many more prizes.

To vote, go to www.theanimalrescuesite.com. Click on “Give - it’s Free” and follow the simple instructions. The number of votes decides the winner and prize amount. Your daily vote increases JAC’s chances. ▲



South Orange/Maplewood Adult School

schoolinfo@somadultschool.org
(973) 378-7620

It’s College for a Day! Sign up for stimulating college classes with award-winning teachers on Saturday, Nov. 21 at Columbia High School.

• Geology and Earthquakes: Tectonics, Damage and Potential in New Jersey,” Dr. Alexander E. Gates, Rutgers.

• German Romantic poetry, Dr. Ernestine Schlant Bradley, New School for Social Research, Manhattan.

• “What Anthropology Says About Peace,” Dr. R. Brian Ferguson, Rutgers.

• “Aristophanes’ Lysistrata: Comic Contexts, Ancient and Modern,” Dr. Michael Lippman, Eckerd College, Emory University and Rollins College.

The full-day fee is \$95 (9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.), \$50 for a half-day. Learn more and register at www.somadultschool.org, or call (973) 378-7620.

Mark your calendar for Martin Luther King Day

The South Orange Civic Organization’s 40th annual Martin Luther King program will be held Jan. 10 at South Orange Middle School. Theme: “40 Years Later, Still a Work in Progress.” A panel discussion is planned. For advance information, send e-mail to pjp_dsw@yahoo.com.

South Orange Symphony

www.southorangesymphony.org
(973) 729-5275

The South Orange Symphony will hold the first performance of its 61st season at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 at South Orange Middle School. Director Robert Helmacy will conduct the symphony in a program featuring Tchaikovsky’s “Sleeping Beauty Waltz,” Dvorak’s Symphony No. 6, Mozart’s “Eine Kleine Nachtmusik” and Borodin’s Polynesian Dances. Admission is free.

Musicians: The symphony is seeking new players. Call for information.

Winter Art Classes for the Whole Family

The Baird's winter art classes begin Jan. 4, with registration starting in mid-November. Reasonably priced classes in visual arts, music and dance are taught by working professionals for all age levels, infant through adult. Villagers with a Recreation Department ID badge get a \$10 discount on all classes. Check the website for class changes.

Infant- 4th Grade

■ Art Classes

- Fun With Art: ages 2-3, with caregiver. Instructor Miriam Sumner, Mondays.
- Art Exploration, 3 years to K: with Miriam Sumner, Mondays.
- Art Exploration, K-1st grade: with Miriam Sumner, Wednesdays.
- Art Expressions: grades 1-4, with Lynne Bushman, Thursdays.
- Ceramics Workshop: grades K-4, with Joan Tamasco, Saturdays.
- Comic Book Capers: grades K-1, with Vicki Arlein, Tuesdays.
- Comic Book Capers: grades 2-5, with Vicki Arlein, Tuesdays.

5th – 8th Grades

- Comic Book Capers: grades 6-8, with Vicki Arlein, Wednesdays.
- Concocting in Clay: grades 1-5, with Don Nose of Platypus Pottery, Mondays.
- Drawing Plus 1: grades 5-8, with Lynne Buschman, Thursdays.
- Beginning Guitar: grades 4-8, with Tom Morris, Saturdays.
- Musical Theater Workshop: ages 8-13, with Flying Ship Productions, Mondays.

- Concocting in Clay: grades 1-5, with Don Nose from Platypus Pottery, Mondays.
- A Little Mosaic, A Little Glass: grades K-4, with Joan Tamasco, Wednesdays.

■ Dance

- Pre-Ballet 1: ages 2-3, with caregiver, Saturdays.
- Classical Ballet: grades K-1, Thursdays.

■ Music

- Rhythm Sticks: for infant to age 4 year with caregivers. Instructor Pauline Barrett. Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays.
- Guitar: grades 2-3, with Tom Morris, Saturdays.

High School & Adults

- Painting: High School, Mondays.
- Portfolio Development I: High School.
- Jewelry, Intro to PMC: Wednesdays.
- Art with a Master: Tuesdays.
- Life Drawing Open Studio: Tuesdays.
- Drawing Plus 2/3: High School, Thursdays.
- Guitar: Wednesdays.
- Flamenco Dance: Thursdays.
- Middle Eastern Dance: Tuesdays.

Winter Recreation

Winter athletic programs for children are highlighted below. Complete details and registration information are available at The Baird and online.

- Lacrosse Clinics: girls, grades 5-12, Wednesday nights.
- Sunday Indoor Soccer: programs for adults and children grades 3-8.
- Learn to Ski: grades 3-8 (Mt. Peter, NY).
- Pee Wee Tennis: indoors, ages 3-6.
- Platform Tennis: outdoors, ages 7-15.
- Jaguar Indoor Track for ages 7-16.
- Tae Kwon Do: children and adults.
- Tae Kwon Do: special needs children.
- Pilates Matwork: adults, Monday mornings.

New Basketball League

A new in-town basketball league for South Orange and Maplewood players in grades 6 through 8 requires no tryouts, but evaluations will be held to create evenly matched teams. It's fun and competitive Saturday basketball. Registration is underway. Enrollment limited.

Seasonal Recreation Hours & Closing Dates

Sunday hours will be noon to 4:30 p.m., December through March 2010.

In July, the Village implemented a temporary layoff of all employees for 12 months. The Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs will be closed on the following Fridays: Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12, April 9, May 28, June 11.

DREAMCATCHER REPERTORY THEATRE

(973) 378-7754, x2228 • www.dreamcatcherrep.org

• "The Pursuit Of Happiness" - Come see the New Jersey premiere of Richard Dresser's comedy, continuing through Nov. 15. When Jodi, a high school senior, abruptly decides that she does not want to go to college, her parents realize they have placed all their own hopes on their daughter's shoulders. With friends in tow, the parents muddle through on a path to more authentic happiness.

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$27 general admission, \$22 for seniors, and \$17 for students.

• A Very Special (Holiday) Special - Celebrate the holidays with an affectionate send-up of traditional holiday variety shows, including music, comedy and general goofiness. Dec. 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. All tickets \$17.



PENNY PRETZEL PLAYHOUSE

973-378-7754, x3

• "Caps for Sale," Thursday, Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. School is closed that day, so treat the kids to this special 45-minute show based on the popular children's book about a peddler, some monkeys and their monkey business. Tickets \$9.

• "The Princess Dragon," Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 2 p.m. For children of all ages. Tickets \$9.

PIERRO GALLERY

www.pierrogallery.org

Essex Exposed 6 - The sixth biennial Essex Exposed includes visual artists in all fine arts from communities across the county. The juror for this year's exhibit is prominent freelance curator Patterson Sims.

■ Related Panel Discussion -

In conjunction with the exhibition, a free panel discussion, "What's Hot and Why?" will be held Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the gallery. The discussion will focus on trends and motivation in exhibiting, curating and collecting contemporary art. Moderator Patterson Sims will lead four figures of the New Jersey art world in a discussion: collector Patricia A. Bell, Newark Museum curator Beth Venn, art dealer Rupert Ravens, and artist Tom Nussbaum.

Bring your ID badge when you register

Any resident with a current South Orange Recreation ID badge can receive discounts -- generally \$10 off -- when registering for most sports or arts programs. Discounts do not apply to programs shared with Maplewood.

Dear Friends,

November 2009

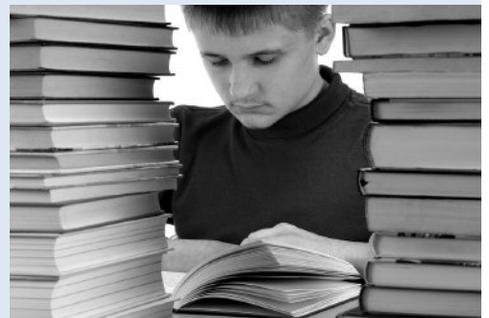
Thank you for being a loyal part of the Friends of the South Orange Public Library. Your support of our mission to enhance library services for patrons has allowed us to augment wonderful programs and projects throughout the past year. You have helped us by encouraging library usage and participation by all South Orange residents. To those of you who have not yet joined, we encourage you to become part of this vibrant world.

Please support us by joining or renewing your membership today! Your tax-deductible contribution will go toward important library programs such as:

- *The Children's Room* – The Friends provide needed equipment, toys, books and other materials for the Children's Room. We also support the summer reading program and popular entertainment such as Big Jeff at Halloween and annual holiday parties.
- *Facility Improvements* – We have provided funding for a park bench to be installed just outside the library for use by library patrons.
- *Local History Center* – We have promised funding support for a planned archive on South Orange history.
- *Restoration of Historic Documents* – The Friends provided funding to restore and digitize the 1904 Atlas of the Oranges, published by Mueller.
- *Library Advocacy* – The Friends are vocal supporters of the library, working with library staff and trustees to develop and provide programs that address the needs of the community.
- *Book Bonanza Extravaganza Book Sale* – The Friends primary fund-raiser, the book sale is a popular springtime event, likely to become an ongoing function for a few weekends every month.

Won't you please join or renew your Friends membership today? It's easy. Just complete the membership form below and return it to the Friends of the South Orange Public Library. Help sponsor library programming in your local community.

Sincerely, The Friends



Join the Friends of the South Orange Public Library!

Choose your membership level. Note: Pre-school, Student and Lifetime are one-time payments. All other membership levels are yearly dues payments.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-school (to age 6) \$3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student (age 7-16) \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Member \$60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Member \$300 |

New member **Renewal**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Payment Method

Cash Check

Please make your tax-deductible check payable to:
 Friends of the South Orange
 Public Library, P.O. Box 874,
 South Orange, NJ 07079

Contact Us

Email: friends@sopl.org
 Phone: 973-762-0230

Thank you for supporting us!

South Orange Parking Authority

Parking Matters: 2010 Updates & News

New Waiting List Policy

Effective Jan. 1, 2010, residents on the waiting list will be offered parking permits as they become available, based on their chronological "list positions." Those who decline a permit for Our Lady of Sorrows, West Third Street or North Ridgewood Road will *remain* on the waiting list. However, those who decline a parking permit for the Waterlands Driveway, Village Mews Parking Lot or Rescue Squad Parking Lot #7 will be *removed* from the waiting list.

Notice and Response

All residents on the waiting list will receive one mailed notice for *each* new available parking option. They will have three weeks from the mail date to respond to SOPA. Lack of response within three weeks will be deemed a refusal of the offered permit.

For the complete policy, visit the Village website at www.southorange.org/parking.asp.

New Permit Fees for 2010

Effective Jan. 1, 2010, permit fees in the following categories will increase: Resident Commuter, Business/Employee, and Day Resident. Monthly and quarterly fees will remain the same. Semi-annual permits will increase from \$150 to \$160, and annual permits from \$270 to \$300.

The 2010 permit renewal letter will be mailed in November along with the new waiting list policy and revised permit fees. Remember, all first-of-the-year renewals must include appropriate documentation and payment.

New Sloan Street Parking Lot 10

Effective immediately on a *first-come first-served* basis, resident commuter permits are available for the 12-space lot next to the firehouse on Sloan Street. Costs are \$60 per month, \$180 per quarter, \$360 per half-year and \$720 per year. (Note: These permits could be sold out before this issue of the Gaslight is mailed.)

Jitney – Expanded Service

SOPA has added early morning and late-evening jitney service to and from the South Orange Train Station. The additional morning run meets the 9:08 a.m. train. All morning arrival schedules have been adjusted to better sync with Midtown Direct departure times,



thereby reducing platform waiting.

SOPA's late-evening jitneys offer Village-wide service after every Midtown Direct arrival until 11:30 p.m., a great solution for those working late or enjoying an evening in New York City.

Jitney route schedules are available on the bus and in the SOPA office, or online at www.southorange.org/parking.asp.

Annual bus passes are available for \$150, or riders may pay on the bus, \$1 each way.

Additional Commuter Parking Options

SOPA and the Board of Trustees have created more than 130 new resident commuter permit parking spaces at the Mews, Our Lady of Sorrows, Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel, Waterlands, West Third Street and North Ridgewood Road.

Currently, resident permits are available, on a *first-come first-served* basis, for 25 remaining spaces at Our Lady of Sorrows.

Seasonal Permits Available

The Board of Trustees has established approximately 30 new resident-commuter seasonal permit parking spaces along the east side of Meadowbrook Lane. The permits take advantage of reduced park use in the winter; they are valid for four months, Nov. 15 through Mar. 15. The cost is \$130. Seasonal permits are perfect for commuters who walk or ride bicycles or scooters the rest of the year.

Parking Authority Office Hours

The South Orange Parking Authority office is located in Village Hall on the second floor. Hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For More Information

Phone: (973) 378-7715, x2037

Fax: (973) 378-7836

E-mail: nrodriguez@southorange.org

Website: www.southorange.org/parking.asp



The South Orange Parking Authority's mission is to provide and maintain parking for South Orange residents, businesses, and visitors. SOPA's operations are self-funded from parking and permit fees.

Library Events

(973) 762-0230 • www.sopl.org

25 Businesses You Can Start with Little or No Money

Buck Buchanan, a veteran SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) counselor who has started two multi-million dollar businesses, will discuss business start-ups that require little or no money. Learn the five steps to success on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. No cost. Registration is suggested.

Childhood Rejection

Psychotherapist Lewis Epstein will present "Childhood Rejections and Hurts: Helping Our Children Through the Hard Times," on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.

"If I Were an Only Child"

Village author Lorrie Hunter will conduct a reading of her new children's book, "If I Were an Only Child," on Nov. 28 at 11 a.m.

Regular Programs

• S. O. Book Review Group (adults) -Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m., "Loving Frank, by Nancy Horan. Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m., "Dreams of My Father," by Barack Obama.

• Children's Storytimes: Toddlers (with adult), Tuesdays 11 a.m.; Babies (with adult), Wednesdays 10 a.m.; Ms. Marilyn, Songs & Stories, first Thursday of each month, 10 a.m.; Banjo with Dusty and Lucky, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10, 10 a.m.; Family Storytime (all ages), Thursdays 2 p.m.; Seton Stories, Fridays 10 a.m. (not every Friday, call to check).

Storytimes will take a break from Dec. 17 to mid-January.

- Anime Club, 6th grade and up, Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.
- Chess & Games, all ages, Tuesdays, 3:30.
- Video Gaming (adults), Nov. 4 and 18, at 1 p.m.
- Wednesdays at the Movies, 1 p.m.: Nov. 11, "Lover Come Back; Nov. 25, to be announced.

• Hang Out Fridays, middle schoolers with SHU students, 3:30 p.m.

Drop-In Crafts

No registration required

- Thanksgiving Crafts, Friday, Nov. 20, 3:30 p.m.
- Holiday Crafts, Friday, Dec. 17, 3:30 p.m.

Lecture Series

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

- Nov. 5 - Author Bryan Burrough.
- Nov. 12 - SHU English professor John Wargacki, "Music and Contemporary Poetry," Part 2.
- Nov. 19 - Artists Matthew Lahm and William Coronado.
- Dec. 3 - A discussion on Yankee Stadium, with Alfred Santasiere, III, director of publications for the New York Yankees.
- Dec. 10 - Drew University professor Joslyn Cassidy, "Social Issues Among the Amish."
- Dec. 17 - holiday party.

Furlough Days

The library will be closed due to scheduled furloughs on Nov. 6 and Dec. 4.

Check it out!

Playway. These audiobooks (language lessons) are pre-loaded on a portable MP3 player. Just plug in earphones, press play, and listen on the move.

Download an Audiobook. More than 1,800 books will be available starting in December. (And they return themselves!) Go to www.sopl.org and click ListenNJ.

E-books coming in 2010!

Biz buzz

Welcome to our newest downtown businesses

ABOVE Restaurant/Bar
1 S. Orange Ave.
973-762-5900, x3
Contemporary American eatery with full bar and wine selections

Little Cuba
65 S. Orange Ave. (rear)
973-763-4400
Traditional Cuban fare

Stony's
10 Sloan St.
973-763-3330
Grilled burgers, natural-casing hot dogs, ribeye steaks, chicken, fresh-cut fries

South Orange Vacuum
(new owner)
126 S. Orange Ave.
973-761-0054
Large selection of vacuums and other cleaning tools, plus supplies, parts and service

Giorgio's
52 Vose Ave.
Fine Italian dining and catering

Seven Village committees seek new members

South Orange residents are needed to serve on seven volunteer Township boards and committees.

Community Relations

Committee - Welcomes newcomers to the Village, emphasizes volunteerism, selects Villager of the Month Award recipients.

Cultural Affairs Advisory

Board - Recommends cultural programming in the Village.

Recreation Advisory Board - Recommends recreational programming in the Village.

Senior Citizen Advisory

Committee - Identifies and assesses the needs of South Orange seniors, including service gaps and recommended solutions.

South Orange / Seton Hall

University Partnership - Subcommittees for community relations, university engagement and economic development create ways to advance mutual interests between the Village and the university.

Sustainable South Orange

Identifies and coordinates the efforts of existing Village environmental groups to achieve certification within the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification program. Advises the Village on grant opportunities and ways to save money; promotes positive environmental practices.

Transportation Committee

Evaluates local transportation needs and makes recommendations to the governing body.

To volunteer, send a letter of interest and a resume to Village Clerk Lynn Cucciniello, 101 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ 07079. Or for more information, call (973) 378-7715, x1. ▲

Public Safety Committee considered

The proposed South Orange Citizens Public Safety Committee was discussed by the Board of Trustees at their Oct. 22 meeting, just after the Gaslight deadline. The committee's purpose, if approved, will be to provide information and recommendations to the governing body and public safety department heads regarding how South Orange can better address public safety needs and concerns. If you are interested in being part of the volunteer committee, contact the Village Clerk's Office, (973) 378-7715, x1. ▲

October Villager of the Month **Dr. Sampson Davis**

When Oprah Winfrey has declared you one of “the premiere role models of the world,” you might think it impossible to hold onto that lofty pinnacle of opinion.

Somehow, Dr. Sampson Davis keeps a steady grip.

A bright star among South Orange’s art and media glitterati, Davis’ brand of brilliance is based on personal conviction, education, a thriving medical career and motivational philanthropy.

Davis is the attending emergency room physician at Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark. He also tours the country with two fellow doctors speaking to inner city youths about the opportunities available to them other than gangs.

Almost 37 years ago, Davis was born into a fatherless home in a rough Newark neighborhood, the fifth of six children. Though surrounded by the drugs and violence of the inner city, he was a good student, able to strike a fragile balance between being smart, yet socially acceptable on the mean streets. That, he says, was the skill most critical to his survival.

Now, as an emergency room physician, he remembers the trials of his youth and applies them to violence prevention projects. On occasion, he finds he can reach the deep untainted mind of a young patient following recovery from a serious injury. It’s a way to make a positive impact, sometimes small, sometimes large, he says.

Davis himself was nudged by his own mother, the pillar of his family, who quit high school to help out on the farm. He understood what his mother missed by not finishing school.

During his own high school days, Davis met and bonded with Rameck Hunt and George Jenkins.

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Together they decided they would set out to accomplish the impossible — to become doctors. They studied together throughout high school and later at Seton Hall University. All three went on to medical school, Sampson earning his Ph.D. at Robert Wood Johnson Medical

School.

Today, Davis, Hunt and Jenkins are known as “The Three Doctors.” They collaborated on a book about their experiences, “The Pact: Three Young Men Make A Promise and Fulfill A Dream,” which stayed on the New York Times bestseller list for six weeks.

Davis and his friends also co-founded the Three Doctors Foundation, which brings health education and mentoring to inner-city youth. The three have been featured in People, Reader’s Digest and on The Oprah Winfrey Show. In 2000, they were honored with an Essence Award.

Davis says one key to motivating socially challenged children is to expose them to a world bigger than themselves, so that they know their possibilities are not limited to here and now. He also believes in hard work, self-exploration, acknowledgment of good choices and recognition for a job well done. “We just have to put a new twist on the old messages so kids understand their true value,” he says.

Sampson Davis refers to South Orange as “a town with a sense of

possibilities along with a sincere commitment to children.” We think of him as an inspiration – to our children, to us, and yes, like Oprah said, to the world. Glad to have you in our little corner, Sampson! ▲

SHU survey

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The survey is a project of Main Street and the SO/SHU Partnership. The partnership was formed last year to address mutual concerns of the Village and the university, and to find ways to share resources.

Two other recent undertakings of the partnership were designed to foster good will between the university and Village.

The first annual Can Castle Competition was held on University Day, Oct. 3. Student groups and Villagers collected more than 1,200 canned goods for the Community FoodBank in Hillside. Groups competed in a can-stacking event judged by a food bank official.

Another recent event was an Ultimate Frisbee exhibition game between the nationally recognized Columbia High School team and the fledgling Seton Hall team. That, too, will become an annual community event.

Committee volunteers are still needed for the SO/SHU Partnership. To get involved, contact the Village Clerk at (973) 378-7715, x1 or lcucciniello@southorange.org. ▲

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