

The South Orange Gaslight



The Gaslight is published six times yearly for the residents & business community of South Orange Village.

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Welcome!

It's Newcomers

All Comers

Volunteer Day

Sept. 13

A grand welcome for South Orange's newest residents is happening Sunday, Sept. 13, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at Meadowland Park next to The Baird. Long-time Villagers, town officials and local volunteer groups will meet, greet and inform during the most eventful Newcomers/All Comers/Volunteer Day ever held. Don't stay home just because you've lived here a while! There will be something for everyone:

- *Go Green.* Check out the Rahway River walkway/bikeway, our ambitious open space initiative. See the progress on the second phase of the River Greenway Project, just begun in August. Also, the South Orange Environmental Commission will offer rain barrels and composters with tips on how to use them.

- *Get Moved & Shaken.* South Orange's president, trustees and administrative department heads will give short presentations, while police, firefighters and EMTs will answer public safety questions. Visit with volunteer groups and find out how you can contribute.

- *Walk the Ground of Legends.* Did you know that Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig played baseball at Cameron Field in 1929? Or that Josh Gibson, the Negro Leagues' greatest home-run hitter, also known as "The

Black Babe Ruth," played there in the early 1930s? Come out and feel the magic.

- *Tour the South Orange Art World.* Drop into The Baird between 3 and 5 p.m. to learn about forthcoming cultural arts programs, Dreamcatcher Repertory Theater and Penny Pretzel puppet theater.

- *Learn about SHU's "Home Away From Home" program.* Seton Hall is offering a new initiative to bring its students and South Orange residents to a closer understanding, over dinner.

Newcomers/All Comers/Volunteer Day is an opportunity for new and established neighbors to meet one another, and for newcomers to learn why we love our Village. Musical entertainment, refreshments and activities for the kids will be offered throughout the day.

Activities are planned Meadowland Park next to The Baird on Mead Street. In case of rain, all events will move inside The Baird. For more information, call the Village Clerk's office at (973) 378-7715, x7719. ▲

Rescue Squad 'rescued' by the Village Club

Last year the South Orange Rescue Squad responded to more than 1,200 emergency medical calls, a remarkable record based partly on their ease in attracting certified emergency medical technicians.

Clearly, volunteerism isn't a problem. But money is. This year, severely reduced donations forced the squad to draw from their equipment replacement fund to pay normal operating expenses. (The Village provides ambulance fuel and some

Village Firefighters home at last

Seven years of equipment shifting to accommodate construction is finally over for the South Orange Fire Department. The enlarged and historically preserved building is once again in full use.

This fall the department will rededicate the near-century-old station, now equipped with a 3,100-square-foot addition containing new offices, training space and a new bay.

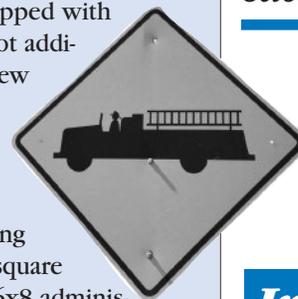
The original three-story building measured 7,000 square feet, including a 6x8 administrative space and a small chief's office.

During construction, two trailers placed outside the firehouse were used as administrative offices. They're gone now and the space will soon be returned to its former use as a public parking lot.

For the department's 32 full-time firefighters, the new training room is especially welcome. No longer do they train in the garage after moving trucks and apparatus out of the way.

The fire station is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Renovation did not alter the façade, thanks to a \$440,000 grant from the State Historical Preservation Office. The grant was matched by the Village for a total \$880,000.

Preservation included reconstruction of the garage doors and outside lanterns to duplicate the original look. The new bay added on the right side of building was designed in the original building style. ▲



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Good News for
Commuters: **Parking
Enhancements!**

New Commuter Parking

The South Orange Parking Authority (SOPA) and the Village Board of Trustees have created over 90 new permit parking spaces for resident commuters at The Mews, Our Lady of Sorrows, Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel, West Third Street and North Ridgewood Road.

Permits are still available for 30 remaining new spaces at Our Lady of Sorrows and North Ridgewood Road, on a first-come first-served basis.

In addition, the Trustees have established 40 seasonal commuter spaces along the east side of Meadowbrook Lane, particularly for commuters who walk or ride bicycles or scooters the rest of the year. Winter permits will be valid from Nov. 15 thru Mar. 15 at a cost of \$130 (also available from the Parking Authority office).

Expanded Commuter Jitney Service

SOPA has added new late evening jitney service from the South Orange Train Station. It runs after every Midtown Direct arrival until 11:30 p.m.

Early morning jitney service has been adjusted to meet peak-time Midtown Direct trains with less waiting. Another run has been added to meet the 9:08 a.m. train.

Waiting List Policy

In September, SOPA will review its resident permit waiting list policy. Look for public meeting times on the Village website calendar.

For more information, visit www.southorange.org/parking.asp or call (973) 378-7715, x2037. ▲



Volunteer designers needed

The Main Street South Orange Design Committee needs individuals with design background who are comfortable working with people. Design promotional pieces and cooperative ads for MSSO, and/or help with downtown window displays, signage, and facades. Call 973-763-6899, or e-mail director@MainStreetSouthOrange.org

Rental properties now require licensing

Every rental property in South Orange must now be licensed in accordance with a new Village ordinance, and landlords whose tenants breach the peace are subject to possible fines. The measure was passed on July 27 as a way to improve quality of life for tenants and neighbors.

As of Sept. 1, 2009, and on Sept. 1 every year thereafter, owners of rental properties must register for a license or license renewal with the Village Clerk. The cost is \$100 for multi-family units and \$50 for single-family units.

Failure to register could result in a minimum \$500 fine. For continued rental after revocation or suspension of a license the fine will be \$500 for every day of unlicensed rental.

Regarding noise complaints, the ordinance states that a "significant number of landlords rent residential units to unrelated persons who frequently engage in conduct that constitutes breaches of the peace." Such conduct "impacts the quality of life of the neighborhood and tends to depress the value of surrounding property."

For every day that a tenant's guest commits a quality of life violation, a notice of violation will be sent to the property owner. Two such notices could result in a public hearing. Proof that the owner unsuccessfully attempted in good faith to evict the offending tenant would constitute a defense. ▲

Natural-state property ordinance considered

The Board of Trustees is considering an ordinance that would allow property owners to maintain all or part of their properties in a natural state, i.e., forested or vegetated conditions that do not require human intervention. Owners would be required to remove hazardous dead trees and manage invasive vegetation. The proposal will be up for a second reading on Sept. 30. ▲

CHS honored for dedication to arts instruction

Columbia High School has been recognized as one of 13 designees in the Model School in the Arts program sponsored by the New Jersey Arts Education Partnership and the state Department of Education. The school became eligible by scoring in the top 10% of high schools in the New Jersey Arts Education Survey, and because it offers instruction in all four arts areas — dance, music, theater and visual arts.

Columbia's application highlighted financial support from the district and community, as well as curriculum, scheduling, facilities, and community and state partnerships. The application demonstrated that Columbia has a high percentage of arts students and that the school district allocates 5% of its budget to support arts education. ▲

Commuter 'standing spaces' added on Sloan

To make room for commuter pick-up and drop-off, including taxis, four 10-minute standing spaces will soon be added along the west side of Sloan Street between First and Second Streets. A change in the parking ordinance will likely become effective on Sept. 14.

The change also will allow fire trucks room to maneuver in and out of the firehouse now that firefighters are back in their renovated facility.

Except for the four new standing spaces, parking will be prohibited along the entire west side of Sloan Street between First and Second Streets. ▲

Town Hall Meeting, Oct. 21

A Town Hall meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at The Baird. Residents can informally discuss any topic of interest or concern with the Board of Trustees. Afterward, you can stay and meet individually with a board member. An additional town hall meeting is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 20. ▲

HAPPENINGS

Main Street S.O. - Fall Events

www.mainstreetsouthorange.org
973/763-6899

Farmers Market

Every Wednesday from 2 to 7 p.m., select produce fresh from the farm at the Sloan Street parking lot. Don't miss the prepared foods and the new pickle vendor. Open through October.

Back-to-School Shopping Night (for parents)

Thursday, Sept. 24, 6 - 9 p.m., instead of buying for the students in your life, treat yourself! Enjoy special promotions and treats in stores.

Seton Hall University Day & Parent's Weekend

Oct. 2 to 4, celebrate with neighbors at Seton Hall and enjoy great shopping promotions in South Orange's downtown shops.

Main Street & S.O. Chamber Halloween Festival

Join us for music, scary Halloween games, a costume contest, refreshments and prizes for all. Saturday, Oct. 31, 3 - 5 p.m.

On Stage at SOPAC

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- Oct. 3, 8 p.m. - An Evening with KT Sullivan and Mark Nadler, "Celebrating the Music of Cole Porter," vocals and cabaret, \$45/\$38.
- Oct. 4, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. - StarFish, a family musical presentation, \$20.
- Oct. 8, 8 p.m. - "The Lighter Side of Tennessee Williams," with Elaine Stritch, \$65/\$35/\$25.
- Oct. 11, 7 p.m. - Cowboy Junkies, a rock group, \$48/\$38.

'Newstead 5K for SOMEF' - Sept. 26

The seventh annual Newstead 5K Race for SOMEF will wind through the quiet streets of South Orange's Newstead neighborhood



on Saturday, Sept. 26, starting at 9 a.m. Up to 300 participants are expected to enter the main race.

Also planned are a two-mile walk starting at 9:10 a.m. and a kid's fun-run at 10 a.m.

All events will take place rain or shine, starting at the South Mountain School Annex, 110 Glenview Road in South Orange.

The Newstead 5K has been permanently "adopted" by the South Orange Maplewood Education Foundation and the race has been renamed the "Newstead 5K for SOMEF." The partnership came about following a successful trial run last year, when planners drew a record turnout.

SOMEF is a nonprofit organization that funds supplemental educational programs throughout the South Orange-Maplewood School District. For more race information, visit www.newstead5k.com or www.somef.org. ▲

Symphony seeks new players

The South Orange Symphony is seeking new members in preparation for its 61st season. The following musicians are needed: flute, bass clarinet, trumpet, violin, viola, cello and string bass. The orchestra rehearses every Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the South Orange Middle School auditorium. They perform three concerts a season. To arrange an audition or to ask questions, contact the symphony's personnel manager at (973) 729-5275. For information visit www.southorangesymphony.org.

Four roads to be resurfaced this fall

A three-month road reconstruction projection is planned this fall at University Court, Marshall Court, Elm Court and Stewart Place. Workers will excavate 10 inches of existing roadway before applying a sub-base, asphalt base and asphalt surface course. New curbs, driveway aprons and ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps will be installed, along with DEP-approved stormwater curb pieces and bicycle safe grates at catch basins.

A summer-time road project on Ward Place is now complete. It has been resurfaced and new curbs, driveway aprons, sidewalk ramps, and stormwater curb pieces have been added. ▲

Village Health Fair, Sept. 12

The South Orange Department of Health will host its third annual Free Health Fair on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Baird.

Attend and get free screenings for blood pressure, hearing, eyes, blood glucose (fasting required), skin cancer, prostate and spinal health. Those who give blood donations can also get free cholesterol screenings (no fasting required).

Want more? How about figure analysis, massage therapy, nutritional information, or children's identification kits. Learn about cancer, dental health or environmental health issues.

For your home, there will be free smoke alarms, free radon test kits (limited supply), gun safety locks and electrical safety information.

While you're screening and learning, the kids can enjoy coloring books, face painting and educational handouts of their own. ▲



Senior Pool Party, Sept. 8

The annual Senior Pool Party will take place Tuesday, Sept. 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the South Orange Pool at Cameron Field. All seniors (not just South Orange residents) are welcome. Barbecue food and live music will be provided. Entry is \$5. Registration is at The Baird. For more information, call (973) 378-7754. ▲

Senior Fitness starts Sept. 11

The Baird's Senior Fitness course with instructor Carol Leit begins on Sept. 11 and continues for eight consecutive Fridays, from 10 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$35. Most exercising is on chairs. (Newcomers: try the first class for free!) ▲

SPORTS & FITNESS

Registration is underway for fall sports and activities sponsored by the South Orange Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs. A complete listing, program details and registration information are available at The Baird or online.

Fall Baseball - Players ages 7 to 12 who participated in Rookie, Minor and Major Leagues in the spring are eligible. This fall the focus is player development, not league play.

- Rookies (age 8 as of April 30, 2010) - six Fridays beginning Sept. 11, 4-5:15 p.m., or 5:30-6:45 p.m. Fee: \$45.
- Minors and Majors (ages 9 to 12 in 2010) - meet twice a week for six weeks beginning Sept. 9. Skills practice on Wednesdays and instructional games on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. Fee: \$65.

Basketball - "Skills & Drills," boys and girls, grades 1 to 7, Saturdays beginning Sept. 12 on the outdoor courts. Fee: \$50.

Travel Basketball Teams - South Orange boys and girls, grades 6 to 8, participate in the Suburban Essex League. Practices and games on weeknights and Saturdays, November through February. Teams are selected after tryouts in October.

Learn to Ski - South Orange and Maplewood students, grades 3 to 8, are bussed from The Baird to nearby Mount Peter ski area on five consecutive Wednesdays beginning in January. Registration begins Sept. 15.

Pilates Matwork - New on Mondays at 9 a.m. at The Baird. Personal trainer Carol Michaels will teach fitness for all levels. Increase flexibility, improve posture and build muscle without bulking up. Floor mat and towel required. Fee: \$105 for 10 weeks.

Boot Camp Light - Maplewood Boot Camp is a wellness program focused on getting in tune with your body through regular movement and a holistic atmosphere. Tuesdays and Thursdays at The Baird, 9:30 a.m. For details, visit www.maplewoodbootcamps.com.

Senior Fitness - Friday morning fitness for seniors, at The Baird, 10-11 a.m., beginning Sept. 11 for eight weeks. Fee: \$35. Drop in to try the class without obligation.

Adult Soccer - South Orange and Maplewood adults meet for informal soccer games at New Waterlands Park on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. A range of fitness, age and skill levels is recognized. Registration required. Fee: \$35.

Tae Kwon Do - Instructor Steve Safran teaches practical self-defense, discipline and body conditioning to gain self-confidence and reduce stress. Classes for children and adults.

Tae Kwon Do for Special Needs - Parents of children with autism learn how to work more effectively with their children, and everyone benefits from exercising. Instructor: Jeff Jacobs. Fee: \$125. Saturday classes. Ages 6 to 10, 1-2 p.m.; ages 11 to 2, 2-3 p.m.

Tennis - Clinics, instruction and leagues are offered for children and adults, with multiple sessions in each age/skill category.

CULTURAL ARTS

arts@southorange.org

Many classes in visual arts, music and dance are taught at The Baird by professionals in their respective fields. Following is a sample listing. Most classes begin Sept. 14 and registration is happening now. For a complete list, course descriptions, dates, times and costs, check the website or drop by The Baird.

PRE-SCHOOL – 4th GRADE

Visual Art

- Fun With Art: ages 2-3 with caregiver. Mondays with Miriam Sumner.
- Art Exploration: ages 3-K, Mondays with Miriam Sumner.
- Art Exploration, grades K-1, Wednesdays with Miriam Sumner.
- Art Expressions: grades 1-4, Thursdays with Lynne Bushman.
- Ceramics Workshop: grades K-4, Saturdays with Joan Tamasco.
- Comic Book Capers: grades K-1, Tuesdays with Vicki Arlein.
- Comic Book Capers: grades 2-5, Tuesdays with Vicki Arlein.
- Concocting in Clay: grades 1-5, Mondays with Don Nose from Platypus Pottery.
- A Little Mosaic, A Little Glass: grades K-4, Wednesdays with Joan Tamasco.

Dance

- Pre-Ballet 1: ages 2-3 with caregiver, Saturdays.

- Classical Ballet: grades K-1, Tuesdays.

Music

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

5th - 8th GRADES

Visual Art

- Comic Book Capers: grades 2-5, Tuesdays with Vicki Arlein.
- Concocting in Clay: grades 1-5, Mondays with Don Nose of Platypus Pottery.
- Drawing Plus 1: grades 5-8, Thursdays with Lynne Buschman.

Music

- Beginning Guitar: grades 4-8, Saturdays with Tom Morris.

Theater

- Musical Theater Workshop: ages 8-13, Mondays with Flying Ship Productions.

HIGH SCHOOL - ADULTS

- Painting for High Schoolers: Mondays.
- 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.

DREAMCATCHER REPERTORY THEATER

www.dreamcatcherrep.org

Multiple Personality Disorder

Catch two fall performances by the improvisational comedy troupe:

- Saturday, Sept. 12, 8 p.m., at The Baird. Tickets \$10.
- Thursday, Oct. 1, 8 p.m., at Pianos Bar and Grill in Bloomfield. Cover charge \$15.

The Pursuit of Happiness

Richard Dresser's witty and insightful comedy explores the lives of Annie and Neil who have placed their dreams on Jodi, their bright and high-achieving 18-year-old daughter. But when Jodi rebels at following their script for her life, the family is forced to consider what really constitutes happiness. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., from Oct. 30 to Nov. 15. Adults \$27, seniors \$22, students \$17. First Friday, Oct. 30, all students \$10.

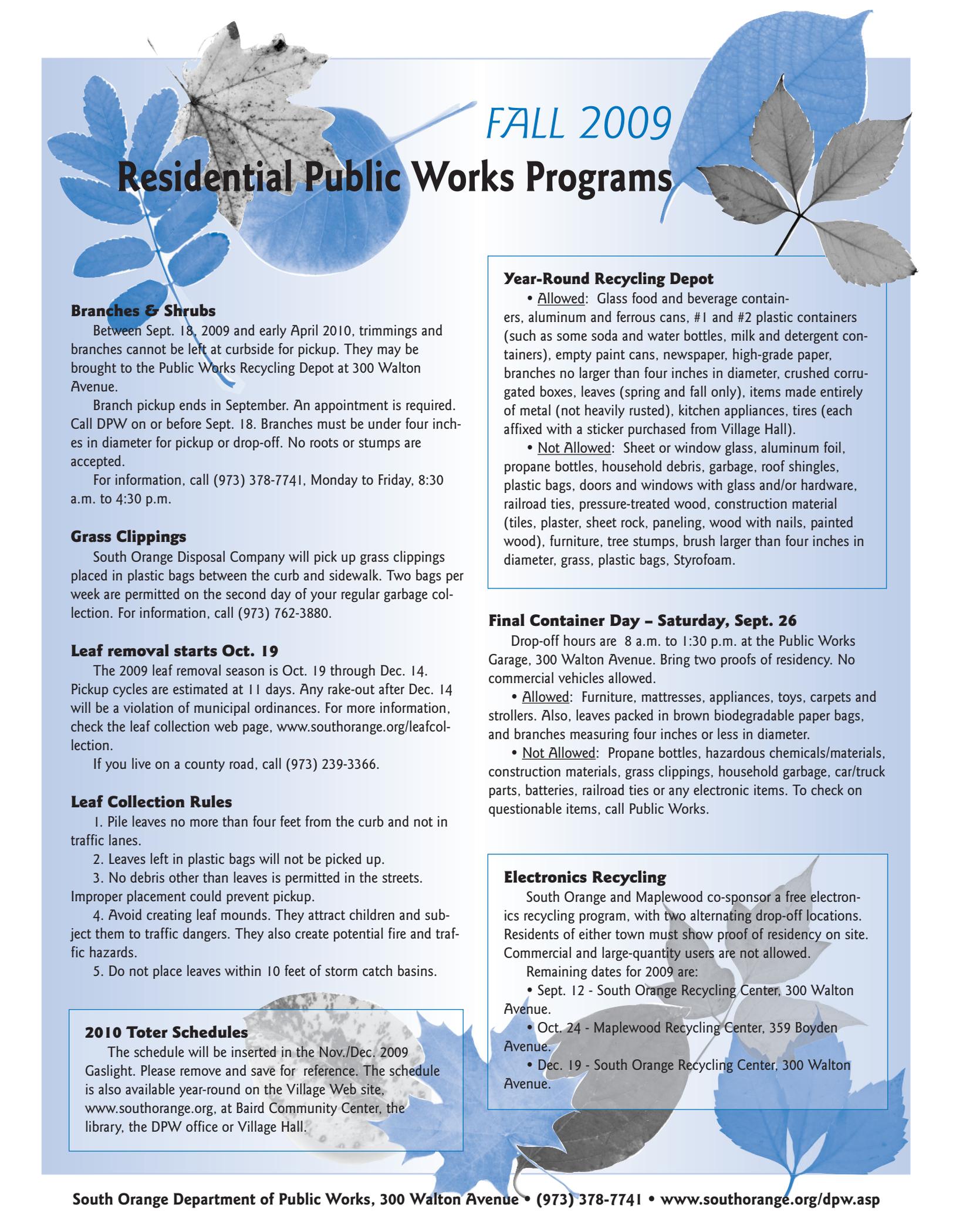
PIERRO GALLERY

www.pierrogallery.org

Essex Exposed 6

The gallery will host its biennial exhibition of Essex County artists from Oct. 25 to Nov. 22. The juried show will feature visual artists in all fine art mediums who live or work in Essex County. This year's juror is Patterson Sims, an independent curator and former director of the Montclair Museum. Two juror's awards will be given.

The opening reception for the exhibit will take place Sunday, Oct. 25, from 2 to 4 p.m.



FALL 2009

Residential Public Works Programs

Branches & Shrubs

Between Sept. 18, 2009 and early April 2010, trimmings and branches cannot be left at curbside for pickup. They may be brought to the Public Works Recycling Depot at 300 Walton Avenue.

Branch pickup ends in September. An appointment is required. Call DPW on or before Sept. 18. Branches must be under four inches in diameter for pickup or drop-off. No roots or stumps are accepted.

For information, call (973) 378-7741, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Grass Clippings

South Orange Disposal Company will pick up grass clippings placed in plastic bags between the curb and sidewalk. Two bags per week are permitted on the second day of your regular garbage collection. For information, call (973) 762-3880.

Leaf removal starts Oct. 19

The 2009 leaf removal season is Oct. 19 through Dec. 14. Pickup cycles are estimated at 11 days. Any rake-out after Dec. 14 will be a violation of municipal ordinances. For more information, check the leaf collection web page, www.southorange.org/leafcollection.

If you live on a county road, call (973) 239-3366.

Leaf Collection Rules

1. Pile leaves no more than four feet from the curb and not in traffic lanes.
2. Leaves left in plastic bags will not be picked up.
3. No debris other than leaves is permitted in the streets. Improper placement could prevent pickup.
4. Avoid creating leaf mounds. They attract children and subject them to traffic dangers. They also create potential fire and traffic hazards.
5. Do not place leaves within 10 feet of storm catch basins.

2010 Toter Schedules

The schedule will be inserted in the Nov./Dec. 2009 Gaslight. Please remove and save for reference. The schedule is also available year-round on the Village Web site, www.southorange.org, at Baird Community Center, the library, the DPW office or Village Hall.

Year-Round Recycling Depot

- Allowed: Glass food and beverage containers, aluminum and ferrous cans, #1 and #2 plastic containers (such as some soda and water bottles, milk and detergent containers), empty paint cans, newspaper, high-grade paper, branches no larger than four inches in diameter, crushed corrugated boxes, leaves (spring and fall only), items made entirely of metal (not heavily rusted), kitchen appliances, tires (each affixed with a sticker purchased from Village Hall).
- Not Allowed: Sheet or window glass, aluminum foil, propane bottles, 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 – Saturday, Sept. 26

Drop-off hours are 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Public Works Garage, 300 Walton Avenue. Bring two proofs of residency. No commercial vehicles allowed.

- Allowed: Furniture, mattresses, appliances, toys, carpets and strollers. Also, leaves packed in brown biodegradable paper bags, and branches measuring four inches or less in diameter.
- Not Allowed: Propane bottles, hazardous chemicals/materials, construction materials, grass clippings, household garbage, car/truck parts, batteries, railroad ties or any electronic items. To check on questionable items, call Public Works.

Electronics Recycling

South Orange and Maplewood co-sponsor a free electronics recycling program, with two alternating drop-off locations. Residents of either town must show proof of residency on site. Commercial and large-quantity users are not allowed.

Remaining dates for 2009 are:

- Sept. 12 - South Orange Recycling Center, 300 Walton Avenue.
- Oct. 24 - Maplewood Recycling Center, 359 Boyden Avenue.
- Dec. 19 - South Orange Recycling Center, 300 Walton Avenue.

2nd part of Rahway River Greenway Project underway



The largest phase of the Rahway River Greenway Project is in full swing after groundbreaking on Aug. 10. The bicycle and pedestrian path completed in the first phase of construction is being extended north from Mead Street to Meadowbrook Lane. Along the way, additional lighting, benches and landscaping will be added, and a pedestrian/bicycle bridge will be built over the river.

The project known as Phase 1B is expected to take one year to complete. After that, Phase 1C will shift to the western side, from West South Orange Avenue to Mead Street, especially behind the middle school. Phase 2 will extend from West South Orange Avenue to West Third Street, and Phase 3, from West Third to the Maplewood border.

The Greenway Project was conceived by Main Street South Orange volunteers as an open space rehabilitation project aimed at making the river a more aesthetically pleasing, recreational destination. It improves pedestrian and bicycle access to the central business district, the train station, South Orange Middle School, The Baird, the library and SOPAC.

Phase 1A, extending from West South Orange Avenue to Mead Street, was completed in fall 2008, and included a new bicycle/pedestrian path, lighting, benches, plantings and landscaping.

Grants have come from New Jersey state government, the Essex County Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund, and the largest appropriation, from a federal grant sponsored by Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. ▲

Aug. 10 was the groundbreaking for Phase 1B of the Rahway River Greenway Project. Shown at the ceremony, from left, are Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr., Assemblywoman Mila Jasey, Essex County Executive Joe DiVincenzo, Trustee Janine Bauer, and Village President Douglas Newman.

Library 9/11 event

The library's annual September 11 commemoration will be a day of "Perspective, Illumination & Tone." The library will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. hosting films, a wide-ranging book discussion, story-times, hands-on workspaces, music and conversation. The complete schedule is available at the library or online.

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Library Events

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Practice your SAT/ACT tests

The library will offer free practice SAT and ACT exams given under test day conditions. The Kaplan test prep practice session will be Saturday, Sept. 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Follow-up scores will be provided on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 10 to 11 a.m.

For those who want to improve their scores, the SAT 10 Question Challenge will be offered on Tuesday, Sept. 22, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Students and parents will try 10 tough questions and learn 10 winning strategies from a Kaplan expert to help them succeed on test day.

Registration is required. Call Phyllis Kalb or e-mail her at pkalb@sopl.org.

Meet Bob Masin, son of a "Gentle Giant"

The son and biographer of Seymour "Swede" Masin will speak on Monday, Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Swede, a long-time South Orange resident, was the inspiration for Philip Roth's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "American Pastoral." Now Swede's son Bob has written a biography on his father, "Swede: Weequahic's Gentle Giant."

Book Review Group

The monthly discussion group for adults will review the following books in the next three months: Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m., "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society," by Mary Ann Shaffer. Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m., "Death Comes for the Archbishop," by Willa Cather. Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m., "Loving Frank," by Nancy Horan.

Special Children's Events

(no sign up)

- Open House for Home Schooling Families, Sept. 11 and Oct. 9, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Celebrate Fall, crafts for all ages, Sept. 19, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Halloween Drop-In Craft Celebration, Oct. 30, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Lecture Series

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

- Sept. 17 – "American Revolutionary War: Guerrilla War Familiarities."
- Sept. 24 – "World Political Update."
- Oct. 1 – "The Current Financial Situation."
- Oct. 8 – "Civil War Cinema; Race and the Role of Propaganda."
- Oct. 15 – "Historical Eras and How We Became Who We Are."
- Oct. 22 – Machiavelli's "The Prince."
- Oct. 29 – "Political Leaders in the Old Testament: Lessons for Today's Leaders." ▲

Rescue Squad

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insurance coverage, but all other operating expenses are paid through donations.)

When the South Orange Village Club heard about the donor drop-off, they decided to conduct their own rescue. On Friday, Oct. 16, the Village Club will host a dinner and auction at Maplewood Country Club to benefit the squad. Larry Chance & the Earls will provide live music and Fox News anchor Ernie Anastas will run a silent and live auction.

Also during the gala, squad member Sherry Weintraub will be honored for 20 years of service.

The South Orange Rescue Squad has 40 volunteers who respond to emergency medical calls on weeknights, plus Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays during the day. They also provide weekday back-up when a paid ambulance service covers the Village.

For gala tickets, visit www.SORS-GALA.com or www.southorangererescuesquad.org. Or call (973) 327-4205. ▲