

# The South Orange Gaslight



## Rother appointed Village Counsel

Steven Rother, a land use, transaction and healthcare attorney, has been appointed as Village Counsel, succeeding Ed Matthews, who held the job since 1994.

Rother, who was appointed on Mar. 24, is a 23-year resident of South Orange with an impressive background in management, public counsel and civic activism. He is a partner in the Roseland firm of Post, Polak, Goodsell, MacNeill & Strauchler.

As Village Counsel, he will advise the Board of Trustees and the Village President, reviewing contracts and other legal documents and representing the Village in litigation.

Rother is a graduate of Rutgers Law School, has served as CEO of three financial corporations and as general counsel to a major insurance company.

He currently belongs to Governor Corzine's Economic Growth Council and is a board

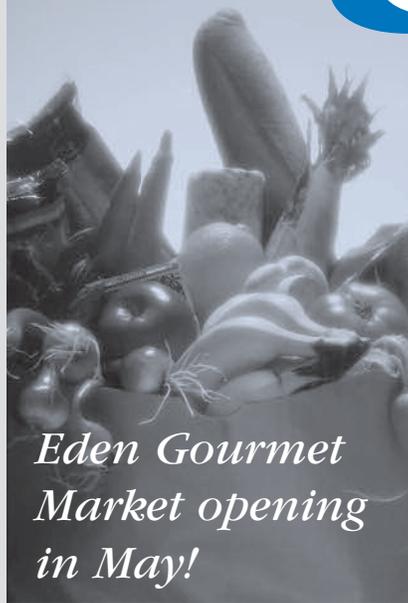


member of Garden State Equality.

Here in South Orange, he has been the attorney to the Zoning

Board and special counsel to the Planning Board. He currently chairs the Essex County Improvement Authority.

Rother's wife, Mary, is director of legislation for State Senator Teresa Ruiz. The couple have two children and five grandchildren. ▲



## Eden Gourmet Market opening in May!

Garden of Eden Gourmet Cafe & Marketplace is targeting a mid-May grand opening, with plans for a "soft opening" approximately 10 days earlier.

The market, in the works for two years, is located on South Orange Avenue, between Vose Avenue and the NJ Transit trestle, on the former ShopRite site.

Shoppers can expect a 12,500-square-foot market particularly acclaimed for its fresh produce, cheeses, meats, baked goods, and prepared foods. The market is part of a small chain with other locations in Manhattan, Brooklyn Heights and Hoboken. It has developed a reputation for creating Old World, quaint market settings with modern facilities.

Catering will be available, and in-store features will include a fresh mozzarella station, and a Mediterranean-style chicken rotisserie.

An adjacent parking deck, erected within the Vose Avenue development, includes 64 spaces designated for exclusive use by supermarket shoppers, plus 30 spaces for shared public use. ▲

## Village cracking down on illegal household garbage dumping

How much does regular garbage pick-up cost? Just \$33.90 a month. A small price for sanitary homes and neighborhoods.

But some people are avoiding payment with surreptitious dumping and even garbage hoarding. Others believe that garbage pick-up is covered by local taxes. It's not.

The Village Code Enforcement Office is working with South Orange Disposal, the primary garbage hauler in the Village, to crack down on abuses.

Anyone who does not register with a licensed garbage hauler for twice weekly pickups is in violation of the Township ordinance. A first offense will result in a notice. The second offense will trigger a summons and a fine, usually \$100,

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## Gaslight goes bi-monthly

Budgetary considerations are reducing the frequency of The South Orange Gaslight. Instead of 10 issues per year, the community newsletter will now be produced six times a year.

The current April/May edition will be followed by a summer edition combining June, July and August. Regular bi-monthly production will resume with the September/October edition.

Your continued submissions are encouraged as always. Thank you from everyone at Village Hall for your loyal readership. ▲

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

**April/May  
2008**

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☛ **Lalibela Ethiopian Restaurant**, the one-year-old eatery at 261 Irvington Avenue has

become a popular destination among vegetarians and meat-lovers alike. Owner Austine Nwankwo proudly treats his guests to an informative tour of the food and culture of his native land. It is traditional African, he says, since Ethiopia was never colonized by a European nation.

Multi-party dinners are presented on a single platter, with foods arranged on a large piece of the traditional ingera bread (fermented one day and baked the next). Additional ingera is used to convey the food.

Beef, chicken and lamb dishes are available, along with 10 vegetarian selections, many featuring native lentils and split peas.

The restaurant seats 32 people and envelops diners in a warm, leather-walled ambience. Hours are Monday to Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturdays, noon to 10:30 p.m. Closed Sundays. For information, call (973) 327-4840.



☛ Welcome to **Island Life Café**, a Jamaican-American restaurant opened Jan. 8 at 307C Irvington Avenue. Owner Carol Allen of Newark, a native Jamaican, has transferred her home-taught cooking skills to South Orange. Her island cuisine features curried chicken, oxtail, beef patties, shish kabobs and numerous fish dishes.

There's also a juice bar, offering fresh-squeezed fruits and vegetables. Choices change with the season. For a special treat, try the red velvet cake. "People love it," says Allen.

The 24-seat restaurant is open Monday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sundays 2 to 8 p.m. For information, call (973) 763-7900.

☛ **The Prescription Counter**, a 33-year landmark of Village commerce, has merged with Rite Aid at 139 South Orange Avenue. Prescription Counter owner Bill Calabrese said Rite Aid had been suggesting a merger for 10 years.

"The timing was right, so I decided to do it as long as they took all of my employees," said the former Village President.

Calabrese is currently training in Rite Aid technical systems and will be head pharmacist in five months. His former store is at 23 Scotland Road. ▲

## When your sewer backs up . . .

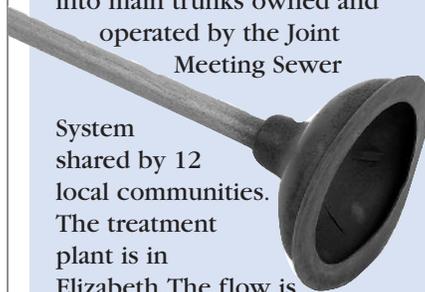
If you experience a sewer backup in your home during regular business hours, call the South Orange Public Works Department at (973) 378-7741. DPW may be able to solve the problem without you having to call a plumber.

On weekends or after normal business hours, residents can get DPW assistance by calling the police non-emergency number, (973) 378-7772.

Sewer backups are often caused by misuse of the sewer system. Don't flush disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons or paper towels. And don't discard coffee grinds or grease down the sink.

All Village sewers discharge into main trunks owned and operated by the Joint Meeting Sewer

System shared by 12 local communities. The treatment plant is in Elizabeth. The flow is metered and each community pays its share of the cost. ▲



## Thanks to the teachers

*How will you thank your child's teachers this June? The South Orange-Maplewood Education Foundation offers a gift that gives back to your youngster. Order an "Honor Your Teacher" tribute card for any SO/M staff member imprinted with your child's personal message. Your donation of \$5 or more per card will help fund SOMEF teacher grants for special classroom projects in the fall. Past tributes have supported 353 grants in all nine schools, totaling \$220,000 in seven years. For an order form or to learn more, go to [www.somef.org](http://www.somef.org), or call (973) 378-2055.*

## SOMAtv launches helpful Web site

South Orange Maplewood Community Television, or SOMAtv, has a new Web site that lets you suggest new programs and review the current broadcast schedule. Go to <http://somatv.org> and check out the following pages:

- **Program Schedule.** A two-week guide.
- **Show Ideas.** Provide ideas for new shows or contribute your own video of local happenings.
- **Volunteers.** SOMAtv needs people who can volunteer one night a month or more to produce and edit programs. To sign up, click "How to Volunteer."
- **Bulletin Board.** Reach more than 10,000 homes in Maplewood and South Orange with your a free event listing.
- **Feedback.** Got a gripe or an accolade? Let the station managers know.

SOMAtv airs round-the-clock in South Orange (Cablevision Channel 19) and Maplewood (Comcast Channel 35). Current programs include Meet the Artist, Community Corner, Progress Report (with Village President Doug Newman), Woman-to-Woman (panel discussions), Books In Action, Education Roundtable, Nostalgia Alley, Reel Opinions, Columbia High News and Comicology. Also, live Village meetings are broadcast with repeats throughout the week.

## SOMAtv Open House, Saturday, May 3

This eight-hour access day/open house will feature continuous live programming from the studios at Columbia High School. A live forum with the Village President and the Maplewood Mayor will be conducted along with interviews and musical performances including Columbia's jazz band and chorus. Come to the studio to see how programs are produced and learn about volunteer opportunities, or watch between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on channel 19.

## Adult School honored

The South Orange-Maplewood Adult School was honored by the Village Trustees on Mar. 10 for 75 years of service to the community. The Trustees recognized the school's adult education programs, children's summer enrichment camp, and English as a second language programs.

Village President Doug Newman said the school has long served as a cultural leader in South Orange and "is deemed the quintessential adult school in New Jersey." It is "a prime example of an organization that has enhanced the quality of life in South Orange."

Now celebrating its 75th anniversary, the school is the oldest of its kind in New Jersey, offering nearly 200 classes, trips and lectures each semester. The acclaimed ESL program reaches more than 500 students a year. ▲

## Environmentally inclined?

The South Orange Environmental Commission has an opening for a new member. The Commission aims to promote environmentally friendly activities such as "Bike to Work Day," in-school awareness campaigns and more. Anyone interested should submit a resume with cover letter to the Village Clerk. E-mail: [lcucciniello@southorange.org](mailto:lcucciniello@southorange.org); fax (973) 761-4357; or mail to 101 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ 07079. Resumes must be received by 4 p.m. on April 18. ▲

## Tax Help for Srs

Trained volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons are helping seniors who need assistance filing simple tax returns. The free service is by appointment only at the South Orange Public Library. To schedule an appointment, call the library at (973) 762-0230 and ask for the reference librarian. ▲

## HAPPENINGS

### On Stage at SOPAC

*SOPACnow.org* • (973) 275-1114

• April 12, 8 p.m.; April 13, 3 p.m. – "Bleacher Bums," a hilarious theatrical look at what it means to be a fan, \$15-\$20.

• April 18-27, Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. – "She Stoops to Conquer," a classic comedy of errors, presented by Seton Hall Theater, \$8-\$15.

• May 1, 8 p.m. – Brad Mehlau, jazz pianist, \$38/\$48.

• May 3, 8 p.m. – Carolyn Dorfman Dance, intellectual and emotional dance expression, \$28/\$38.

• May 4, 7 p.m. – Rani Arbo and Daisy Mayhem, folk, bluegrass and fiddle, \$32.

• May 5, 3 p.m. – "Sproutin' from the Roots," kids' folk music with Rani Arbo and Daisy Mayhem, \$18.

• May 17, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – A full-day workshop with Discovery Orchestra, "Fall In Love With Music," \$40/\$50/\$60.

• May 17, 8 p.m. – Bettye LaVette performs blues, rock and soul, \$28-\$48.

• May 30, 31 and June 1 – Disney's High School Musical, presented by Battery Factory Theater. Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. Tickets, \$10/\$12/\$15.

### Annual Blues Show, May 17

Grammy-nominated soul and blues singer Bettye LaVette will appear at SOPAC on Saturday, May 17 along with opening act Samuel James, a new blues sensation. The show is a joint presentation of SOPAC and ArtsMaplewood.

LaVette, a West Orange resident, is known for her unusually expressive voice and wide musical range, including rock, soul, pop, blues, country and gospel. Her latest album, "Scene Of The Crime," earned a Grammy nomination. "Let Me Down Easy," her show-stopping 1969 recording, still serves as her theme song.

Opener Samuel James is a master of finger-style, slide, banjo, harmonica and piano. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$28 to \$48.

### Main Street South Orange

(973) 763-6899, or visit

[www.MainStreetSouthOrange.org](http://www.MainStreetSouthOrange.org)

It's spring! Check out the warm-weather events offered by Main Street:

• **Rahway River Clean-Up.** Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. Meet at the back corner of the South Orange Middle School parking lot, near the footbridge. Children must be accompanied by parents.

• **Lunchtime Concert Series.** Every Wednesday in June, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Spiotta Park. Grab lunch from a local restaurant while enjoying live outdoor entertainment!

Join in Main Street's April 26 clean-up on the Rahway River.



Spiderman enjoyed free comic books last year at Commuter Comics' annual giveaway. More super heroes are expected at this year's event on Saturday, May 3.



• **Celebrate South Orange.** The second annual extravaganza takes place Saturday, June 14. Enjoy a community talent show, homegrown live music, kids' activities, a merchants' bazaar, safety and wellness demos, and an art auction. Also back is the hugely successful alfresco community supper. Dine on a menu culled from some of South Orange's best restaurants.

Lots of helpers are needed to support the event. Call now to lend a hand!

### "Damn Yankees" to be staged at middle school

Journey back to the 1950s when men and baseball were inseparable and love was the ultimate challenge. Catch the student performance of the 1955 Broadway smash, "Damn Yankees," April 11 to 13 at South Orange Middle School. Performances are Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m. For info or tickets call (973) 378-2733. Tickets also available at the door.

### South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race

(973) 761-6116 x6 • [www.twotowns.org](http://www.twotowns.org)

• **Language, Stereotypes and Community Workshop,** April 29 - a forum on communicating across racial lines. Examine the words we use and how they are perceived by those of another race. Hear a panel of experts, join in small roundtable discussions and improvisational theater. At Columbia High School Cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.

• **Academic Achievement Gap Study Groups** - Four weekly discussion sessions in May, using focused reading materials. Space is limited. Register by April 18.

### Free Comic Book Day and treasure hunt, May 3

Meet Spiderman and Green Lantern at Commuter Comics' annual comic giveaway on Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. This year's free selection includes superheros such as Iron Man, Superman, Transformers, Sonic, X-Men and Tiny Titans, as well as Jughead, The Simpsons and Disney's Gyro Gearloose.

To add to the fun, the store is placing comic books at selected retailers, restaurants, and libraries, a sort of comics treasure hunt. Comics lovers can visit various establishments and gather as many as eight free comic books.

Included in the hunt will be "a preview of Dean Koontz's "Frankenstein: Prodigal Son," "Comics Go Hollywood," "Amelia Rules," "Gumby," "Owly," and independent comics.

Commuter Comics, at 50 West South Orange Avenue, is one block from the train station. For a list of participating Comic Book Day establishments, call the store at (973) 762-6666. ▲

## PIERRO GALLERY

(973) 378-7754 • www.pierrogallery.org

**“Is it possible to make a photograph of New Jersey regardless of where you are in the world?”**

April 6 - May 2

How does someone in Tibet imagine New Jersey and how would they express that understanding photographically? In a groundbreaking exhibit that puts New Jersey in artistic focus, artists express how they perceive register and regenerate information and communication in our modern, wired world.

Photographers, designers and artists of all kinds have contributed digital and phone camera shots – whether scanned, screengrabbed or Photoshopped.

In creating the exhibit, Pierro Gallery made a global call for entries through the Web site www.aphotographofnewjersey.com. The call generated interest from 58 countries and brought more than 1,000 submissions. Curator Laurel Ptak of www.iheartphotograph.com presents the images in digital and print form.

Gallery hours are Friday through Sunday, 1 to 4. Admission is free.

Special events offered in conjunction with the exhibit:

- **Opening Reception:** Sunday, April 6, 3-5.
- **Free Art Workshop:** 1 Photograph New Jersey, Sunday, May 4, 2-4.
- **Guided Gallery Tour:** Lead by curator Laurel Ptak, Sunday, May 4, 4-5.
- **Panel Discussion:** The Google Aesthetic: Photography, Technology, and the Internet, Sunday, May 22, 7:30, followed by the closing reception.

## DREAMCATCHER REPERTORY THEATER

(973) 378-7754, x2228

www.dreamcatcherrep.org

### Summer Theatre Conservatory

Enrollment has begun for Dreamcatcher's Summer Theatre Conservatory, July 7 through Aug. 1. Actors ages 10 to 17 can attend classes Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Baird. They can attend one, two, three or all four weeks, switching each week to a different specialty. Stage professionals teach all classes and students receive individual attention.

- **Week 1, Actors' Workshop (July 9-13)** - the building blocks of acting: vocal and physical preparation, acting technique and scene study.
- **Week 2, Musical Theatre Workshop (July 14-18)** - acting technique plus musical theatre dance and singing.



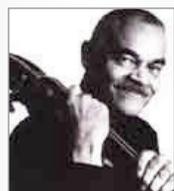
Images from Pierro's current exhibition, "Is it possible . . . ?"



The groundbreaking exhibit garnered front-page coverage in the Star-Ledger on Mar. 26.



David Glasser, above, will perform a tribute to Earl May, below, on May 31.



- **Week 3, Writing for the Stage (July 21-25)** - create a short play script.
- **Week 4, STC Showcase (July 28-Aug. 1)** - students apply their skills in a no-frills showcase of individual talents.

The cost is \$200 for one week, \$360 for two weeks, \$510 for three weeks, and \$640 for four weeks. Limited scholarships are available. Admission deadline, June 1.

### Multiple Personality Disorder

Enjoy unpredictable fun for the whole family! Dreamcatcher's improvisational comedy troupe brings scenes and sketches to life on the spot using audience input.

Saturday, April 12 at 8 p.m. All tickets \$10.

### New Play Readings

Hear free readings of new plays, then participate in feedback sessions with the playwrights, directors and actors. Wednesdays, May 7 and 21, 7 p.m.

## PENNY PRETZEL PLAYHOUSE

(973) 378-7754

"Trickster Tales" will be performed by Barefoot Puppets on Saturday, April 24 at 2 p.m. Witness a spider beating an elephant in tug-of-war, one of several folktales of the Beluba and Ashanti peoples. Colorful scenery, original music, lots of puns, and an 11-foot stage create a wonderful backdrop for the antics of expressive rod and hand puppets. It's a fun, high-energy show for all ages. Tickets \$9.

## JAZZ AT THE BAIRD

(973) 378-7754, x1 • www.thebaird.org

### Jane Stuart & Trio

April 26, 8 p.m. Winner of The Blue Chip Award for best 2006 jazz vocals, Stuart brings an easy swinging manner to her interpretations of great jazz standards. She has performed and recorded with the likes of Barry Manilow, Woody Shaw and Darmon Meader.

### David Glasser & Friends

May 31, 8 p.m. Saxophonist David Glasser & Friends will perform a tribute to bassist Earl May, a Villager who played with all the greats in a career that started in 1949. Earl May died on Jan. 4. Glasser has performed extensively with the Terry Clark Quintet, the Count Basie Orchestra, Illinois Jacquet and Barry Harris.

**Tickets for both concerts** are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door, \$12 for Friends of the Arts levels 2 and 3. To purchase, go to The Baird, or Rocketship & Print, or call The Baird.

## Black Maria returns to S.O.

The 27th annual Black Maria Film and Video Festival returns to the South Orange Public Library on Tuesday, April 15 at 7 p.m. The film collection includes award-winning works by some of the nation's most prominent and cutting-edge filmmakers. There's no charge and refreshments are served.

## Book fair

"Book Bonanza Extravaganza," the annual book fair of The Friends of the South Orange Public Library will be held Saturday, May 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parking lot behind the library, between Comstock Place and Taylor Place.

Donations of gently used books will be accepted Thursday to Saturday, April 17 to 19 and April 24 to 26, from noon to 4 p.m. daily, also in the parking lot behind the library.

Any questions, call (973) 495-1295 or email friends@sopl.org.

## Regular Programs

- **S. O. Book Review Group (adults)** – April 28, 7:30 p.m. "Three Cups of Tea," by Greg Mortenson." May 21, 7:30 p.m., "The Tortilla Curtain," by T. Coraghessan Boyle.
- **Open Stage Poetry for Teens (9th grade and older)** – April 17 and May 15, 7 p.m. Perform poetry, spoken word, sing a song, play an instrument!
- **Wednesday Movies:** "Michael Clayton," April 16. "The Hoax," April 30. Showtimes, 1 p.m.
- **Children's Storytimes** – Pre-K/K (4 and up), Mondays 11 a.m.; Toddlers, Tuesdays 11 a.m.; Babies, Wednesdays 10 a.m.; Stories for Families (all ages), Wednesdays 2 p.m.; Seton Stories (all ages), Fridays 10 a.m.

## Lecture Series

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

- April 10 – "Current Developments in the Courts," with attorney Herbert Zuckerman.
- April 17 – "The Bill of Rights," with Stephen Schoeman, political science professor at Union County College.
- April 24 – a musical performance by students from Montclair State University and Cali School of Music.
- May 1 – "College Students' Perspectives on Social Issues," with Barrie Peterson, professor of social issues at Ramapo College.

## Did you know?

...you can download audio books from the library Web site? Or get a library card, online? Go to www.sopl.org, click on "Reference" and check out all the possibilities! ▲

# SOMAtv Broadcast Schedule, 9:45 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

## South Orange (Cablevision Channel 19) Maplewood (Comcast Channel 35)

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
9:45 AM		CCN AM News LIVE	CCN AM News LIVE						
10:00 AM	Books in Action	Rotating Slot: SOMAcom/CCN	Rotating Slot: SOMAcom/CCN	Rotating Slot: SOMAcom/CCN	Rotating Slot: SOMAcom/CCN	Books in Action	Saturday Morning Specials (Including cartoons, TV series, music, and movies, from yesteryear)		
10:30 AM	Let's Talk with Gary Gellman	Comicology	CCN News PM	CCN News PM	Conversations Over the Fence	CCN Rotating Slot			
11:00 AM	Changing Images	Today's Schools	CCN Rotating Slot	CCN Rotating Slot	CCN: Today's Schools	Meet The Mayor			
11:30 AM	Nostalgia Alley	Special Presentations, Sports, Series Repeats, etc.	Books in Action	Books in Action	Education Roundtable	Another Edition			
12:00 PM	Comicology		Girl Talk	Girl Talk	South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education Meeting Rebroadcast (Check Community Bulletin Board for exact meeting date)	CCN			
12:30 PM	Reel Opinions		Community Corner	Community Corner		Changing Images			
1:00 PM	Rotating Slot: SOMAcom/CCN		Meet The Mayor	The Progress Report		Special Presentations (Check Community Bulletin Board for exact Program titles)			
1:30 PM	Rotating Slot: SOMAcom/CCN		Education Roundtable	Education Roundtable					
2:00 PM	South Orange Village Meeting Rebroadcast (Check Community Bulletin Board for exact meeting date)		Meet the Artist or Art Parts	Meet the Artist or Art Parts					
2:30 PM			Nostalgia Alley	Nostalgia Alley					
3:00 PM			Special Presentations, Sports, Series Repeats, etc.	Special Presentations, Sports, Series Repeats, etc.				Special Presentations, Sports, Series Repeats, etc.	Special Presentations, Sports, Series Repeats, etc.
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4:30 PM	Rotating Slot: (Depending on S.O. Meeting length)						Rotating Slot: (Depending on MPD. Meeting length)		
5:00 PM									

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6:00 & 6:15 PM	CCN Rotating Slot	CCN AM News & SOMAcom News	CCN AM News & SOMAcom News	CCN AM News & SOMAcom News	CCN AM News & SOMAcom News	CCN AM News & SOMAcom News	Books in Action
6:30 PM	Comicology	Rotating Slot: SOMAcom/CCN	Rotating Slot: SOMAcom/CCN	Conversations Over the Fence	Books in Action	Community Corner	Let's Talk with Gary Gellman
7:00 PM	Today's Schools	CCN News PM	CCN News PM	CCN: Today's Schools	CCN Rotating Slot	CCN Rotating Slot	Changing Images
7:30 PM	Special Presentations, Sports, Series Repeats, etc.	CCN Rotating Slot	CCN Rotating Slot	Education Roundtable	Meet The Mayor	The Progress Report	Nostalgia Alley
8:00 PM		Books in Action	Books in Action	South Orange and Maplewood Board of Education Meeting Rebroadcast (Check Community Bulletin Board for exact meeting date)	Another Edition	Access NJ	Comicology
8:30 PM		Girl Talk	Girl Talk		CCN	SOMAstyle	Reel Opinions
9:00 PM		Community Corner	Community Corner		Changing Images	Conversations Over the Fence	CCN Sports (Check Community Bulletin Board for exact game or event)
9:30 PM		Meet The Mayor	The Progress Report		Special Presentations (Check Community Bulletin Board for exact Program titles)	Saturday Night Movie	
10:00 PM		Education Roundtable	Education Roundtable				
10:30 PM		Meet the Artist or Art Parts	Meet the Artist or Art Parts				
11:00 PM		Nostalgia Alley	Nostalgia Alley				SOMAstyle or Comicology
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For updates, topics and guests, consult the Bulletin Board on channel 19 in South Orange,  
or channel 35 in Maplewood. Or visit [www.somatv.org](http://www.somatv.org).

Why am I charged for "free" ambulance service?

## Rescue Squad answers frequently asked questions

**Q.** I often see ambulances in town from outside agencies. How do I know who will come when I call 911?

**A.** The South Orange Rescue Squad (SORS) is the primary service. We're on duty every night from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., and in the daytime on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. All other days, a commercial ambulance service covers for us, presently Monmouth Ocean County Hospital Service Corporation. We provide back-up if MONOC is busy.

**Q.** When am I charged a fee and when not?

**A.** SORS' service is always free. MONOC and other agencies charge for transporting patients to the hospital. They have additional fees depending on treatment rendered in the ambulance. Service bills come from the providing agency.

**Q.** Why do two ambulances respond to some patients?

**A.** For any medical emergency, a basic life support ambulance is dispatched. If the patient's situation is immediately life threatening, such as a heart attack, an advanced life support team is also dispatched from a local hospital. Each team has two paramedics. You will be billed for paramedic service if provided. About 20% of emergency medical calls in South Orange require paramedics.

**Q.** Who decides whether paramedics are sent?

**A.** When a South Orange resident calls 911, the South Orange Police dispatcher receives the call. If you report a medical emergency, the dispatcher sends a police officer and forwards your call to an emergency medical dispatcher. That specially trained dispatcher will ask the caller a series of questions to determine whether

paramedics are needed.

**Q.** Can I control who is sent to my emergency?

**A.** No. Once you call 911 and announce a medical emergency, the EMS dispatcher follows protocols defined by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services. Which agency responds depends on the time of day, the nature of the emergency, and availability.

You always have the right to refuse any or all medical treatment. ▲

## Local skaters help win national competition

Lila Faria-Gaines and Sarah Bayless of South Orange helped the Essex County Synchronettes win New Jersey's first-ever national medal for team skating.

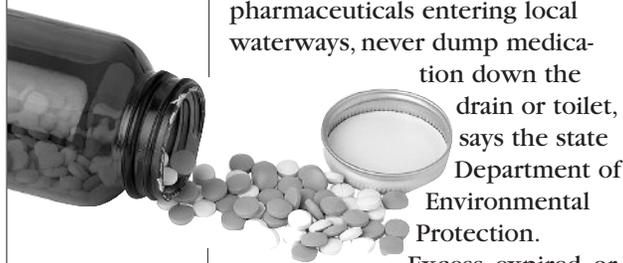
The team's juvenile division includes 20 girls ages 10 to 13, who won fourth place at the National Synchronized Skating Championships in Providence, RI. It was the first-ever national level medal for a New Jersey skate team.

Synchronized skating is a fast-growing sport that involves teams of 12 to 20 athletes skating at high speeds as one flowing unit.

More than 90 teams with 2,000 skaters competed in the mid-February event.

Both 12-year-old Gaines and 11-year-old Bayless attend South Orange Middle School. They spend hours each week practicing on and off the ice.

The team took first place in a sectional competition in Richmond, Va., in January and won gold medals in three other preliminary competitions in Connecticut and Massachusetts. ▲



## Keep medication out of our water

To decrease the amount of pharmaceuticals entering local waterways, never dump medication down the drain or toilet, says the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Excess, expired, or unwanted medication should be disposed using these four steps:

1. Keep medicine in its original container. Mark out personal information on prescription bottles.
2. Mix with water and coffee grinds, cat litter or dirt.
3. Place bottles in an opaque container, like a yogurt container and secure lid; or wrap in a dark colored plastic bag.
4. Hide the container in the trash. Do NOT recycle.

Proper disposal prevents accidental poisoning and intentional abuse.

If you have questions, contact Julie Townsend of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Local Environmental Management at (609) 292-1305 or send e-mail to Julie.Townsend@dep.state.nj.us. Or call the South Orange Department of Health at (973) 378-7715, x7710. ▲

## Illegal household garbage dumping

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plus a court fee of \$33. All subsequent offenses bring incrementally increased fines, determined by the judge.

Villagers may contract with any licensed hauler. Here's what South Orange Disposal charges: \$33.90 per month for a single-family home, including two weekly pick-ups of up to three 30-gallon cans. The company can be reached at (973) 762-3880. ▲

## Are you a nature lover?

*South Mountain Conservancy works to maintain and restore the South Mountain Reservation and provides organized bikes and nature events. Upcoming activities include:*

- *Trailkeepers, year-round maintenance work, began April 1.*
- *Forest Regeneration Corps, monthly planting starts April 20.*
- *Hiking programs begin April 13.*
- *Trash Tacklers, May 25.*
- *BioBlitz, June 20-21.*

*For more details, visit [somocon.org](http://somocon.org).*



*Synchronized skaters Lila Faria-Gaines and Sarah Bayless of South Orange helped skate their team to national victory.*

# South Orange RECYCLING CENTER HOURS REVISED

## NEW SCHEDULE

Beginning Monday, May 5, the South Orange Recycling Center at 300 Walton Avenue begins operating under a new schedule:

### **OPEN**

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

### **CLOSED**

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

## Essex County Programs

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

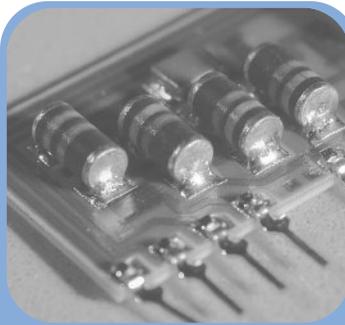
**Electronics  
Disposal Day**  
Saturday, May 17  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### **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 3  
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.



## 2008 Electronic Recycling Drop-Offs

Six Saturdays remain in the 2008 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. - noon

- April 26, Maplewood
- June 7, South Orange
- Aug. 2, Maplewood
- Sept. 13, South Orange
- Nov. 1, Maplewood
- Dec. 20, South Orange

### **Drop-Off Locations**

- South Orange Recycling Center, 300 Walton Avenue.
- Maplewood Public Works Department, 359 Boyden Avenue.

### **Permitted**

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

### **Prohibitions**

- No commercial or large-quantity electronics users.
- No pickup by appointment.

## Saturday Container Drop-Offs

April 26, May 31, June 28,  
July 26, Aug. 23, Sept. 27  
8 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.  
(no arrivals after 1:30 p.m.)  
**DPW Yard, 300 Walton  
Avenue**

Special disposal containers are provided. Two proofs of residency are required. Not open to commercial or industrial companies.

### **Permitted**

Furniture, mattresses, appliances,\* branches under 4 inches in diameter, toys, small household items, tools, strollers, playpens, metal items.\*\*

\* Drop off metals on week-days, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon.

\*\* Keep metals and appliances separate from other household items. Remove refrigerator and freezer doors.

### **Not Permitted**

Paint cans (empty or not), 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/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, any electronic hardware or fluorescent light-bulbs.

Note: DPW may prohibit other items as necessary. Call in advance to ask about a specific item.

## In Touch

with Village Government

**General Info.**  
(973) 378-7715  
**Emergency, 911**  
**Clerk's Office, x1**  
**Administrator, x2**  
**Construction, x3**  
**Tax Collector, x4**  
**Assessor, x5**  
**Finance, x6**  
**Engineer, x7**  
**Parking Auth., x8**  
**Health Officer**  
x2020  
**Animal Control**  
x7711  
**Fire Dept.**  
378-7751  
**Library**  
762-0230  
**Police Dept.**  
378-7775  
**Public Works**  
378-7708  
**Recreation &**  
**Cultural Affairs**  
378-7754  
**Recycling Info. &**  
**Street Dept.**  
378-7741  
**Water Service**  
266-8869

To submit information for *The South Orange Gaslight*, send to Editor Robin Patric, rpatric@patmedia.net, or call (908) 823-9001

### April Villager of the Month

## Rob Fisch

Soon after Rob Fisch moved to South Orange in 1998 from Park Slope, Brooklyn, he was invited to a meeting of Main Street South Orange. Having no prior volunteerism, "I showed up at the meeting and got sucked in" -- in a good way, he assures.

"What's great about this town is that it's always ready to tap into people who are interested in being involved. I had no grand plan but within two months, I was chairing a committee."

Rob fit into Main Street like a pea in a pod. As a professional planner and a principle in the New York-based architecture and planning firm Ricci Greene Associates, he is a consultant to counties, states and federal agencies. He volunteered for Main Street's Design Committee and quickly became its chair. Soon he was on the board and by 2002, became board president, a job he held for five years.

During Rob's presidency, Main Street gained solid financial footing. He led the way in convincing the Village to provide more funding. "Now we don't run out of money every year like we used to," he said.

For years, Rob focused on getting the Design Committee more involved in development projects and design guidelines, two personal passions. "I think we did get more involved, but now there's a Village Development Committee," an outgrowth of Main Street. "We didn't quite have the authority in Main Street," whereas "the Development Committee seems to be more empowered because it's appointed by the trustees."

Rob resigned his Main Street board duties in March after 10 years of service but maintains light involvement with the Design Committee.

His was also one of three Main Street visionaries who conceived the River Greenway project in



1998. Five years later when the Village created the River Corridor Committee, he became one of its leaders.

He has served on two Downtown Management Corporation study committees and currently on the Open

### May Villager of the Month

## Rita Miller

Rita Miller is living proof that people can be endlessly "useful." At 78, she has a hand in nearly a dozen volunteer organizations, many of them right here in South Orange where she has lived for the past three years.

"Volunteering is a wonderful way to keep active and meet other people. I've met so many lovely, nice people," says Rita.

Among her favorite activities is the Senior Knitting Group at The Baird, known as TINK ("knit" spelled backwards). Members get donations of yarn to make sweaters, hats and more for the needy in our area.

Rita also ushers for the South Orange Performing Arts Center. "It's so lively. I love it! I think it's

Space and Development Committees.

Rob and his wife Fran Saliani have found South Orange to be a great place to raise their two girls, and Rob has found particular fulfillment in its inclusive character. "The town welcomes involvement. If somebody wants to do something, they say great, do it." For Rob, "I just kept growing." ▲



very important to have the arts available to us," she says.

Rita volunteers for the South Orange Preservation Society, bakes for library

events and supports Holocaust remembrance services. She was also a founding volunteer for First Night of Maplewood and South Orange.

Her energetic retirement follows an equally active professional life. She ran Rita Miller Catering in Irvington for 20 years while also offering electrolysis services from her former home in Maplewood where she lived for 48 years. She is the mother of four children.

Our thanks to a tireless volunteer who inspires us all! ▲

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