

# The South Orange Gaslight

## Parking rates 'n regs changing all across town

### Permit fees increased

Effective Jan. 1, all South Orange Parking Authority permit fees were increased, the first rate boost in seven years. The new rates do not affect NJ Transit or Mountain Train Station spaces. The three largest permit categories, business/employee, resident commuter and day resident, have increased as follows:

- Monthly permits, \$35 (previously \$25).
- Quarterly permits, \$85 (previously \$70).
- Semi-annual permits, \$150 (previously \$125).
- Annual permits, \$270 (previously \$225).

For a list of all permit increases, visit the Village Web site, [www.southorange.org](http://www.southorange.org).

### Commuter wait lists re-opened

Waiting lists for New Jersey Transit and resident commuters were re-opened on Jan. 2. The South Orange Parking Authority is accepting new names in both permit categories, with an indefinite waiting time. In the past, the wait time for NJ Transit was three to four years; the resident wait list time was close to five years.

### Pay-by-space meters introduced

The Sloan Street parking lot will reopen in January with a facelift and four pay-by-space machines, initially offering coin and cash payment options. Credit cards and Smart Card payment options will be added later. (Go to <http://www.smart.gov/> to read

more about the Smart Card technology.) Maximum parking will be three hours and rates will increase to 25¢ for 30 minutes and 50¢ per hour.

The multi-space machines also will regulate the angled spaces adjacent to the lot on lower First Street.

In addition, 25 more two-hour, individually metered shopper spaces have been added to the Cryan's lot across the street.

Physical improvements in the Sloan Street lot include new curbing, better lighting, and resurfacing.

### On-street meter rates go up

The cost of metered parking in downtown South Orange is going up. The change is expected to free up parking often taken by businesses and employees. Current on-street meter rates are 10¢ for 20 minutes and 25¢ per hour. The new rates will be 25¢ for 15 minutes and \$1 per hour.

The increases will be phased in, beginning in late January, with Sloan Street, Village Plaza and South Orange Avenue (north and south, from the train trestle to the intersection of Scotland and Valley streets).

The second phase, later in the year, will include the rest of South Orange Avenue from Scotland Road to Prospect, West South Orange Avenue (from the train trestle to Ridgewood Avenue), Valley Street, Vose Avenue and upper First Street.

In addition, 12-hour meters on Comstock Place and in the South Orange Library lot will increase in January from 25¢ to 50¢ per hour.

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## A fond farewell to Village Clerk Marj Smith



When you are the person charged with registering voters, processing ordi-

nances and town budgets, liaising between the public and trustees and even issuing birth, death, marriage and civil union licenses, you know pretty well what's going on around town. It's an intense hub-of-the-community role that Village Clerk Marj Smith directed with calm competence for nearly 14 years.

On Dec. 28, Marj retired and moved with her husband Dustan to Lake Mary, Fla., near Orlando. "We had always planned on moving to Florida. A good portion of our family lives there," she said.

But it wasn't a move made without tugs at Marj's heartstrings.

"The hard part was leaving my friends. I've made many good friends over the years and I have close ties with Village employees. I feel like a vested part of me is still there."

The Smiths lived in South Orange for 27 years and raised three children here. Outside Village Hall, Marj was a tireless volunteer who helped develop and train members for the South Orange Citizens Emergency Response Team. She was also a long-time member of the local rescue squad, an interest she will

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## Put batteries in that Big Green Box

South Orange has begun collecting used batteries: alkaline, rechargeable and cell phone varieties, as well as batteries from various handheld and wireless communication devices. Villagers can place used batteries in the "Big Green Box" located at The Baird, the library or Village Hall.

The prepaid box program is available through Toxco, Inc., a California recycling corporation that specializes in batteries. Spent batteries are considered hazardous waste since they contain heavy metals such as lead, cadmium, and mercury. If improperly disposed, heavy metals can leach into the soil and water, posing risks to people and the environment. ▲

## 2008 electronic recycling dates announced

Eight Saturdays in 2008 have been scheduled for FREE electronic drop-off in South Orange and Maplewood. Residents of both towns can drop off at either the Public Works Yard in South Orange or at the Maplewood Recycling Center. Dates and alternating locations are:

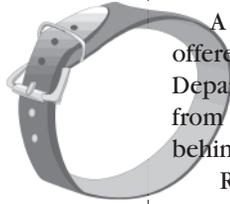
- Jan. 26, Maplewood
- Mar. 8, South Orange
- April 26, Maplewood
- June 7, South Orange
- Aug. 2, Maplewood
- Sept. 13, South Orange
- Nov. 1, Maplewood
- Dec. 20, South Orange

Proof of residency is required at each site. Commercial and large-quantity electronics users will not be permitted. Electronics cannot be picked up by appointment.

### Accepted for drop-off

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

## Rabies vaccinations Jan. 26



A free rabies clinic will be offered by the South Orange Health Department on Saturday, Jan. 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the garage behind The Baird (#5 Mead Street).

Renewal application forms were sent to registered pet owners in December. Any vaccinations that will expire before Nov. 1, 2008 must be updated. Check your renewal form for the expiration date that applies to your cat or dog and be sure to bring the form with you to the clinic.

First-time vaccinations will provide immunity for one year beginning 30 days after the vaccination. All other animals will receive immunity for three years. A licensed veterinarian will administer the vaccines.

Please Note: All dogs must be leashed and cats must be in carriers.

During the clinic, animal licenses can be purchased. Tags will be mailed to pet owners. For more information, call (973) 378-7715, x7711. ▲

## This year, resolve to become a tutor

Did you make a New Year's resolution to lend a helping hand in 2008? If so, the ACHIEVE Volunteer Tutor Program can help you follow through.

ACHIEVE recruits adults and teens to tutor students at all grade levels in South Orange and Maplewood public schools. Students are referred for tutoring by teachers or guidance counselors. Tutoring takes place during the school day or after school, evenings or weekends. Volunteers may choose the academic subject, age group and scheduling they prefer. No teaching experience is required.

Volunteers must register, attend required training and commit to at least one hour per week of tutoring.

ACHIEVE is funded jointly by the school district and the South Orange-Maplewood Education Foundation. To learn more, call (973) 762-5600, x1847 or e-mail [achieve-program@yahoo.com](mailto:achieve-program@yahoo.com). ▲

## Village seeks volunteers for Open Space Advisory Committee

If you are interested, e-mail your resume and cover letter to the Village Clerk by 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31.

E-mail: [lcuccinello@south-orange.org](mailto:lcuccinello@south-orange.org)

Fax: (973) 761-4357

Regular mail: 101 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ 07079.

## Electronics drop-off locations

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

## Biz buzz

Welcome to **Bonte Wafflerie & Café**, opened in December at 12 South Orange

Avenue. The café offers Belgian sugar waffles "made fresh and served hot, just like on the streets of Belgium." There's also a selection of sandwiches, salads and soups, hot and iced beverages, and waffles and ice cream.

The **Terence Allen Café & Eatery**, at 10 Sloan Street, is highlighted in the January/February 2008 issue of Park Place magazine, a publication of New Jersey Monthly. The eatery is included in a multi-page spread, "Crowd Control," about hosting a fun, successful Super Bowl party. ▲

## Marj Smith *Cont'd from page 1*

likely pursue in her new home.

"I want to thank everybody I met along the way," she said. "I don't believe anybody succeeds without being part of a team and that's what South Orange is all about. The department heads all work very closely together."

She especially thanked Deputy Clerk Lynn Cuccinello, her second in command since 1999. "I wish her luck as she takes over," said Marj.

As an attorney licensed in Florida, Marj is exploring career options, which could lead to a legal position. Meanwhile she looks forward to being a grandparent. Her son Kerry and his wife, Village residents, are expecting their first child in January – a good reason for Marj to return to South Orange. Son Jordan and daughter Tammy are likewise expecting first-borns in April and July.

Marj praised South Orange as "a very proactive community, where residents stay involved and work with Village staff. It's a great community to live, work, play and volunteer in," she said.

All the best to a beloved Villager and a dedicated professional who kept our town in tip-top order for many years! ▲

**Coalition mounts ambitious MLK celebration**

The South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race will host the seventh annual "Make It More Than A Dream" celebration on Jan. 21 at Congregation Beth El. The event is co-hosted by the African American Jewish Coalition.

Celebrants will enjoy an inspirational address, interfaith readings, music by the Voices in Harmony Chorus and the King Traveling Photographic Exhibit: Hand in Hand.

Imam Wahy ud-Deen Shareef, of Masjid Waarith ud Deen in Irvington will be the keynote speaker.

The program begins at 3 p.m. A volunteer fair will run from 4:30 to 6 p.m., and food pantry donations will be collected from 2 to 5 p.m. For more information, call (973) 761-6116, x6, or visit [www.twotowns.org](http://www.twotowns.org).

**Symphony to perform rare Russian gem**

Russian composer Vasily Kalinnikov was considered by many contemporaries, including Tchaikovsky, to be the most promising young Russian composer of his day.

Tragically, he died of TB at age 32. Now Villagers have an opportunity to hear one of his rarely performed musical gems. On Sunday Mar. 2, the South Orange Symphony will perform Kalinnikov's Symphony #1.

Also on the program is this year's non-piano Artist Competition winner, tenor Joseph Flaxman, performing arias by Verdi, Mozart and Leoncavallo.

The orchestra, conducted by Robert Helmacy, also will perform Von Suppe's "Poet and Peasant Overture."

The free concert is at 3 p.m. in Sterling Hall, South Orange Middle School. For information, visit [www.southorange-symphony.org](http://www.southorange-symphony.org).

**South Orange Maplewood ADULT SCHOOL**

(973) 378-7620  
[www.somadultschool.org](http://www.somadultschool.org)

**Celebrity readings and champagne gala**

Broadway celebrity Norbert Leo Butz and radio personality Isaiah Sheffer will be the special entertainers on Mar. 31 when the Adult School hosts its annual Celebrity Readings and a 75th anniversary gala at the South Orange Performing Arts Center.

Tony-award winner Butz has appeared in "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," "Rent," and currently, "Is He Dead?" a newly discovered play by Mark Twain. Sheffer is cofounder and artistic director of the award-winning radio program "Selected Shorts."

Tickets for Celebrity Readings are \$35; for the readings and champagne gala, \$75.

**Enter a short story contest**

The Adult School is sponsoring a short story contest open to anyone 18 years or older. Stories of 4,000 words or fewer must be submitted by Feb. 29 to [schoolinfo@somadultschool.org](mailto:schoolinfo@somadultschool.org). Each entry must include on the front page, the name, address and telephone number of the author and the story's word count. One entry per person. The winner, to be announced at Celebrity Readings, will receive a \$200 prize and the story will be published in "Matters Magazine."



**Adult School turns 75**

With war in Europe and the Great Depression at home, the South Orange Maplewood Adult School was a rare bright light in 1933 -- a chance to teach basic skills while employing qualified teachers.

Recalling that spark of inspiration, the Adult School this year celebrates its 75th anniversary. Current events and classes are published in the Spring 2008 catalog mailed to all homes in South Orange and Maplewood. For an online catalog, go to the school's Web site.



What's happening 10 years after Peanuts? Check out "Dog Sees God" in February at SOPAC.

**Library Events**

(973) 762-0230

**"Life Lessons from My Father"**

Local author John Fouts Gardenhire reads from an anecdotal collection of his father's sayings, explaining how they apply to everyday situations. The Black History Month presentation takes place Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Audience participation is encouraged.

**Let's talk Oscars!**

Come to the library's lively annual discussion of Academy Award film nominees on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Discussion leader Allen Barra is a contributing writer and film critic for American Heritage magazine, American Heritage online, and the New York Sun. He also writes for the Wall Street Journal and the Village Voice.

**Lecture Series**

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

- Jan. 24 – "Clinical Ethics: Right and Wrong in the Real World," with Jo Ann Middleton, Drew University English professor.
- Jan. 31 – "The Bible as Literature," with Seton Hall English Professor John Wargacki.
- Feb. 7 – Filmmaker, director and producer Andrei Zagdansky presents a talk and film on his latest work, "Orange Winter."
- Feb. 14 – "Love in the Greek and Roman World," with Seton Hall English Professor John Sweeney.
- Feb. 21 – "Glimpses of Prominent New Yorkers," with Bud Mishkin, host and reporter for New York 1 News.
- Feb. 28 – "America's Responses to the Holocaust," with Gene Lieber, history professor emeritus at Essex County College.

**Regular Programs**

- S. O. Book Review Group (adults) – Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m., meeting to select books for 2008. Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m., "The Complete Maus: A Survivor's Tale," by Art Spiegelman, part of the Jewish discussion series. Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m., "Middlemarch," by George Eliot.
- Open Stage Night (9th grade and up) – Jan. 17 and Feb. 21, 7 p.m. Perform poetry, spoken word, sing a song or play an instrument.
- Children's Storytimes – Pre-K/K (4 and older), Mondays 11 a.m. (begins Jan. 28); 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.

**On Stage at SOPAC** *SOPACnow.org • (973) 275-1114*

- Jan. 26, 8 p.m. – "Jay Johnson: The Two and Only!" Enjoy a Tony-award winning show straight from Broadway, \$48/\$38.
- Jan. 27, 3 p.m. – "Rebecca Frezza & Big Truck." Share a fun-filled family afternoon with this mom from Montclair. All tickets, \$18.
- Feb. 1, 2, 8 and 9 at 8 p.m.; Feb. 3 and 10 at 3 p.m. – "Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead," an unauthorized on-stage parody set 10 years after events in the beloved Peanuts comic strip, \$15/\$12/\$10.
- Feb. 2 – Turtle Island Quartet: Coltrane (classical), \$45/\$38.
- Feb. 14, 8 p.m. – Marc Cohn, singer/songwriter, presents a special Valentine's Day event, \$38-\$68.
- Feb. 24, 3 p.m. – Discovery Orchestra: "Discover the Four Seasons." An evening of Vivaldi, \$40/\$32.
- Feb. 29, Mar. 1, 7 and 8 at 7:30 p.m.; Mar. 2 and 9 at 2 p.m. – "The Merchant of Venice," presented by Seton Hall Theater, \$15/\$12.

## AT THE BAIRD

(973) 378-7754 • www.thebaird.org

### S. ORANGE RECREATION

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#### Spring Baseball

Registration for South Orange Maplewood Baseball will take place at The Baird in South Orange and at the Civic House in Maplewood from 1 to 4 p.m. on Jan. 26 and 27, and Feb. 9 and 10. The fee is \$80 per child.

This Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth program is open to South Orange and Maplewood residents ages 5 to 15. League placement is based on the child's age as of April 30, 2008.

New players must register in person with a copy of their birth certificate. Returning players can register online or in person. Online registration is available now through Feb. 10. Go to the site listed above and select "Register Online."

#### Spring Soccer

Registration for the spring season of South Mountain Soccer begins Feb. 1. Children in grades 3 to 8 can expect professional training and competitive games. The season runs from mid-March to mid-June. Early registration is encouraged as some divisions fill quickly. Register online or in person at The Baird. The deadline is Feb. 15 or when the program is fully enrolled.

#### Preschool and Kinderenrichment

Applications for 2008-2009 will be accepted Jan. 22 to 24.

- *Baird Preschool* (South Orange children only). Classes meet twice a week for 2½-year-olds, three days a week for 3-year-olds, and five days a week for ages 4 and 5.

- *Kinderenrichment*. South Orange and Maplewood children entering a fall 2008 kindergarten class can choose morning or afternoon sessions, two and three times a week.

#### DREAMCATCHER REPERTORY THEATER

(973) 378-7754, x2228

www.dreamcatcherrep.org

■ *Fireside Follies*, Dreamcatcher's annual fundraising celebration, will be held Saturday, Jan. 26, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Fortnightly Club, 214 Springfield Avenue, in Summit. Hear songs and stories to warm the heart and soul. Enjoy a dinner, a silent auction and mingle with members of the Dreamcatcher company. Call for tickets.

■ "Melancholy Play," a contemporary

farce by Sarah Ruhl, will premiere on Feb. 29 to Mar. 16 at Dreamcatcher. The story features perpetually melancholy and irresistible "Tilly." When she suddenly becomes happy, friends swept up in their own melancholy discover the necessity of love, longing, and even sadness in a well-lived life. An off-beat, charming comedy by the award-winning author of "The Clean House."

#### PIERRO GALLERY

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

"The Way Home," Jan. 27 to Mar. 16. Jennifer Lewis-Takahashi curates this four-artist exhibit including painters Siona Benjamin, Daniel Finaldi and Ibou Ndoye, and photographer Gina Plaitakis. Each artist works with the human figure from unique cultural viewpoints. Despite seemingly divergent paths, their shared human experience becomes apparent: the importance of relationships, community, joy, sadness and love.

- Artists' Gallery Talk: Jan. 27, 2 p.m.
- Opening Reception: Jan. 27, 3-5 p.m.

#### JAZZ AT THE BAIRD

(973) 378-7754, x1 • www.thebaird.org

Warm your hearts this winter during the five-part series, Jazz at the Baird. Enjoy candlelit tables, coffee and cake, and chats with the stars in an intimate setting unique to this series.

Tickets are \$15 in advance (at The Baird or Rocketship and Print) or \$17 at the door. Or buy online (site listed above). Note: For Friends of the Arts levels 2 and 3, tickets are \$12.

- *Saturday, Jan. 26 at 8 p.m.* – Trumpeter Gregory Rivkin meets trombonist

Conrad Herwig in a "Tribute to Woody Shaw." They and their quintet will tip their hats to one of the world's most influential modern jazz trumpeters.

- *Saturday, Feb. 23, 8 p.m.* – Enjoy the sounds of jazz organist Radam Schwartz and his quintet, Conspiracy for Positivity. His last recording was named the number six soul jazz recording of 2006. ▲

#### WANTED: Pool Manager & Assistant Pool Manager

At Peter S. Connor Memorial Pool, May through Labor Day, 40 hours/6 days per week. Salary commensurate with experience. Resumes to: Director Andy Brady, Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs, 5 Mead Street, South Orange, NJ 07079.

- *Manager* recruits, interviews and recommends for hire more than 40 staff members, including W.S.I., swim team, life-guards, maintenance and reception personnel. Manages daily pool operations and maintenance, and supervises staff.

Qualifications: a current recognized CPO, minimum three years' waterfront experience, knowledge of public bathing codes and knowledge of filtration systems.

- *Assistant Manager* assists manager with daily pool operations, maintenance and staff supervision. ▲

#### Are you game?

Senior Gaming Days are coming to The Baird for four weeks this winter. Play a game, enjoy coffee and cake, and be social.

*Poker Tuesdays* begin Jan. 29, 2 to 4 p.m. *Gaming Thursdays* begin Jan. 31, 2 to 4 p.m. Play chess, checkers, backgammon and more. Learn, play or teach. No pre-registration is required.

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