

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE**  
**VOLUNTEERING DIRECTORY**

## Overview

One of our most valuable resources are the volunteers who take time out of their busy schedules to help us make South Orange one of the best places to live in New Jersey. Words cannot express our gratitude to those who give a part of themselves to our town because they deeply care about the Village and because they want to contribute to the community in which they live. So much is accomplished by these residents, and we are fortunate to have the opportunity to take advantage of the multi-faceted, multi-talented people who live here.

This is a **Volunteering Directory** for the Township of South Orange Village which provides information on the numerous local independent boards, committees, and advisory working groups that welcome volunteer participation.

The Volunteering Directory is divided into three sections:

1. South Orange Statutory Boards – Boards strictly governed by State statutes and for which appointments are limited to a finite number of individuals for finite terms.
2. South Orange Committees, Advisory Groups and Working Groups – Enabled by the South Orange Board of Trustees, for which appointments typically are made by the Board of Trustees, Village President, or Village President with the advice and consent of the Board.
3. Independent Boards and Committees – Organizations operating independently of the Township of South Orange Village, but which are located in South Orange.

Please use this Volunteering Directory as an easy way to:

- Learn about the extent to which volunteers contribute to South Orange and to the quality of life enjoyed by residents, students, property and business owners, and visitors.
- Identify ways in which *you* can volunteer, and get involved to support your community.

Due to the enormous number of independent organizations, there may be independent organizations located in South Orange that were inadvertently omitted. Please direct these organizations to:

*Office of the Village Clerk  
Township of South Orange Village  
101 South Orange Avenue  
South Orange, NJ 07079  
[rkline@southorange.org](mailto:rkline@southorange.org)*

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE**  
**STATUTORY BOARDS**

We encourage our residents to continue helping us make a difference. Vacancies on the following South Orange Statutory Boards arise from time to time and on an unpredictable basis. Interested residents should submit a resume with a cover letter to the Village Clerk via email to [rkline@southorange.org](mailto:rkline@southorange.org), by fax to 973-761-4357, or by mail to: Village Clerk's Office, 101 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ, 07079.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

The Board of Health is an autonomous board that provides all of the activities that are required to meet the minimum performance standards of the State of New Jersey for local boards of health. These activities include environmental health and personal health activities.

Linda Rosner, President  
Trustee Deborah Davis Ford, Liaison

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

The Environmental Commission has the authority to conduct research into the use, and possible use, of land within the municipality, and may coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes. It may also prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, plans and pamphlets, and may recommend to the planning board and governing body plans and programs for inclusion in the master plan for development and land use.

By law, the Environmental Commission shall keep a list of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including wetlands, in order to ensure the proper use of such lands. In South Orange, the index of open lands is kept both as part of the Recreation and Open Space Index (ROSI) provided by the Village to the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for all of its Green Acres grants, and by the Village Planner as part of the Master Plan. The environmental commission has advocated to the planning board and the governing body that the open space and public use zoning designation in the zoning ordinance be amended to more specifically reflect the use of our open lands.

Tom Riordan, Chair  
Trustee Howard Levison, Liaison

**PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE**

The South Orange Parking Authority is an independent Authority, established in 1979. We are responsible for the enforcement and operation of the municipal parking lots, metered spaces, overnight on-street parking, commuter shuttle jitney buses and senior bus services. Its operations are funded by permit and meter revenues. The Parking Authority Board of Commissioners meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:15pm in Village Hall, unless otherwise advertised.

Mark Hartwyk, Executive Director  
Trustee Janine Bauer, Liaison  
Trustee Michael Goldberg, Alternate Liaison  
Trustee Nancy Gould, Alternate Liaison

**PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board is in charge of permitted activities within the construction department. Their essential duties are to deal with policy and the implementation of that policy through the zoning, site plan and subdivision ordinances. These ordinances establish ground rules which must be met by an applicant. If the applicant meets the requirements of the particular ordinance, the board must approve the subject application. However, a site or subdivision plan can be denied if it does not fulfill a specific requirement of an ordinance.

Thomas W. Hut, Chair  
Village President, Alex Torpey  
Trustee Janine Bauer

**PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

The Public Library Board advocates for the library, sets policy, advises on activities, and establishes procedures to provide the best possible services and meet the evolving educational, recreational, and informational library needs of the community.

Karen Hilton, President  
Trustee Deborah Davis Ford, Liaison Representative

**RENT LEVELING BOARD**

The Rent Leveling Board serves to implement the residential rental policies of South Orange Village and to allow tenants and landlords a forum for which various matters can be resolved. The powers of the Board include enforcing rental increase limits, conducting hearings to settle disputes, granting surcharge relief, and setting rules and regulations to implement the rent control ordinance.

Contact the Village Clerk

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

The purpose of the Zoning Board of Adjustment is to allow special exceptions to the Zoning Ordinance. These exceptions are allowed where the literal enforcement of the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance does not permit any reasonable use of the property. A variance can be requested through site plan approval; however, the applicant must prove a "hardship" in requesting a variance through the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The applicant must prove that his/her inability to comply with area regulations of the zoning district is due to irregular lot size/shape, easements on the property, which may limit the development of the property, etc. Such "hardship" cannot be self-imposed.

Donald (Rusty) Reeves, Chair  
Michael Grohman, Vice Chair

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE**  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Vacancies on the following South Orange Advisory Committees arise frequently and on an unpredictable basis. Interested residents should submit a resume with a cover letter to the Village Clerk via email to [rkline@southorange.org](mailto:rkline@southorange.org), or by fax to 973-761-4357, or by mail to: Village Clerk's Office, 101 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ 07079.

**CITIZENS BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CBAC)**

The CBAC provides community input to assist the Village Trustees in making revenue and expense projections and setting tax and service priorities. The Committee advocates for sound fiscal policy by reviewing annual and interim budget submissions, department budgets, and operations. The Committee also makes timely recommendations to both the Finance Committee and Board of Trustees regarding these budgets, and serves as a conduit between Administration and the public.

Michael Auer, Chair  
Trustee Howard Levison, Liaison  
Trustee Mark Rosner, Alternate Liaison

**CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (CPSC)**

The CPSC addresses the needs of South Orange residents by improving awareness about public safety and crime prevention while supporting public safety education. In conjunction with the Board of Trustees Public Safety Committee and Department Heads, the CPSC provides information and recommendations regarding how South Orange can better address public safety concerns. The CPSC also identifies and researches best practices in community public safety measures, and assists in the recruitment of volunteers for the South Orange Rescue Squad.

Sheena Collum, Chair  
Trustee Michael Goldberg, Liaison

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE (CRC)**

The Community Relations Committee (CRC) was created in 1980 to serve a variety of functions within the Village. Some of these include welcoming newcomers to the Village and acting as a liaison with grievances of the Village. The Committee also prepares and assists press releases, newsletters, and other means of communication to emphasize positive aspects of the Village.

Janis Zaveri, Co-Chair  
B. Lawrence Branch, Co-Chair  
Trustee Deborah Davis Ford, Representative  
Trustee Mark Rosner, Alternate Representative

**CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAAC)**

The Cultural Affairs Advisory Committee (CAAC) was created to highlight the various cultural affairs programming in South Orange Village. In conjunction with South Orange Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department, the CAAC creates and highlights cultural events for the Village.

Trustee Deborah Davis Ford, Liaison  
Trustee Nancy Gould, Liaison

**DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (formerly REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE)**

The Development Committee advises the Board of Trustees and other Village entities on matters related to downtown development. The Committee also disseminates information to the community during the development process. Committee members have varied backgrounds and include developers, planners and an architect.

Trustee Mark Rosner, Liaison  
Trustee Janine Bauer, Alternate Liaison

**ENERGY POLICIES/STUDIES COMMITTEE**

The Energy Policies/Studies Committee was formed in 2004, in response to the need for energy conservation in the Village. The Committee reports to the Board of Trustees recommendations for cost-saving measures in the area of energy conservation and to guide the Village in energy-saving policies.

Trustee Howard Levison, Liaison

**PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MARKETING COMMITTEE**

The Public Information and Marketing Committee was established to facilitate timely and effective exchanges of information between Village government and residents. In addition, the Committee also advises the Board of Trustees on different approaches to make South Orange more marketable to prospective residents, businesses and visitors.

Trustee Michael Goldberg, Liaison  
Trustee Nancy Gould, Liaison

**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

In collaboration with the Recreation Director, the mission of the Recreation Advisory Committee is to plan initiatives and strategies for recreational programming in the Village. The Committee also connects with organized groups in South Orange and Maplewood, in order to foster meaningful relationships and support for cultural affairs programming.

Trustee Nancy Gould, Liaison  
Trustee Mark Rosner, Liaison

**RIVER CORRIDOR PROJECT COMMITTEE**

Beginning in the late 1990s, Main Street volunteers and others created a vision for the east branch of the Rahway River to restore its natural banks, remove invasive weeds, plant trees and native species, enhance fish and other habitat, and provide a walking and bicycling path along the river, connecting train stations, play fields, and downtown destinations. A mayor's advisory committee was created, primarily to steer planning decisions so as to accommodate all of the various interest groups that touched on the river and adjacent fields and urban properties as the environmental permitting and design stages advanced. The committee also coordinates activities with Village government and especially recreation groups.

The River Greenway committee is chaired by Janine Bauer and consists of several residents and others as interested stakeholders. The committee members are appointed by the Village President, and serve at his pleasure. The larger committee meets quarterly, in the evening, on dates set through Village Hall and at the convenience of the committee members. A smaller management committee meets more frequently, as needed, to resolve design and other problems. The public is invited to attend and welcome to comment on all aspects of the project.  
<http://www.southorange.org/development/RiverMP.asp>

Trustee Janine Bauer, Chair

### **SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Originally established in 1980, the Senior Citizens Affairs Advisory Community was created to meet the needs of senior Village residents. The Committee identifies and assesses the needs of South Orange's senior citizens, and works with the Board of Trustees regarding the needs and challenges facing senior citizens and recommends solutions. The Committee also coordinates with the Village for senior citizen programs for topics including nutrition, consumer protection, and estate planning.

Trustee Janine Bauer, Liaison

### **SHARED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

The Shared Services Committee was formed to explore the possibilities of sharing services with Maplewood to reduce costs and improve efficiencies for both municipalities. The Committee seeks to investigate the benefits of coordinated programming, maintenance, and improvements of fields and facilities for the mutual benefit of both municipalities.

Trustee Howard Levison, Chair  
Trustee Nancy Gould, Liaison

### **SOMA TV BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

The SOMA TV Board of Governors was created to bridge the informational gap between South Orange and Maplewood residents by the provision of a local cable television network. SOMA TV broadcasts information of interest to the residents of South Orange and Maplewood, and enhances the educational opportunities for students in the South Orange-Maplewood School District.

Trustee Howard Levison, Liaison

### **SOUTH ORANGE/SETON HALL PARTNERSHIP**

The South Orange/Seton Hall Partnership was formed to improve communication and the quality of life for South Orange residents and Seton Hall students and staff. The Partnership seeks to achieve this goal by building new partnerships and effectively utilizing resources of Seton Hall and South Orange. In addition, the Partnership aims to leverage economic development and revitalization through strategic plans to improve student life and South Orange vitality.

Trustee Deborah Davis Ford, Representative

### **SUSTAINABLE SOUTH ORANGE COMMITTEE**

The Sustainable South Orange Committee was formed to achieve certification within the Sustainable New Jersey program. The Committee aims to obtain this objective by promoting positive practices and principles that balance the environment and economy, while serving the needs of the community. The Committee also advises the Board of Trustees regarding grant opportunities for environmental sustainability programs.

Trustee Howard Levison, Liaison

### **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Transportation Advisory Committee seeks to study and improve the transportation needs of Village residents and promote balanced transportation to, from, and within the Village. The Committee advises the Board of Trustees with respect to transportation and commuter needs, and coordinates to provide solutions and alternatives. In addition, the Committee provides support in applying for and securing various transportation grants.

Trustee Janine Bauer, Liaison

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE**  
**INDEPENDENT BOARDS, COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS**

Residents interested in any of the following independent boards, committees and organizations should directly contact the person associated with the specific organization of interest below.

**Achieve (tutoring)**

Deborah Prinz  
[info@somef.org](mailto:info@somef.org)  
<http://www.somef.org/what/achieve.html>  
973-378-2055  
P.O. Box 84  
Maplewood, NJ 07040

The goal of the ACHIEVE Volunteer Tutor Program is to improve the academic skills of children in-need by matching them with trained volunteer tutors from the local communities. Every year, 150 ACHIEVE volunteers provide over 2,500 hours of free tutoring to 250 students in grades K-12, who are referred for extra help by their teachers and guidance counselors. ACHIEVE recruits volunteers - professionals, retirees, parents and high school and college students - from local groups and organizations and the community-at-large.

**Adult School of South Orange/Maplewood**

Sue Marcus, Director  
[smarcus@somadulthoodschool.org](mailto:smarcus@somadulthoodschool.org)  
[www.somadulthoodschool.org](http://www.somadulthoodschool.org)

The Adult School is a nonprofit educational organization that offers a wide array of affordable, high-quality classes, lectures, and trips to more than 1,600 local residents each semester. The Adult School helps the members of our community lead fuller lives. They learn practical skills, discuss politics and social issues, renew their creative spirit, fulfill dreams of playing an instrument or speaking a new language, learn to dance, travel, and so much more. Thousands of residents eagerly anticipate each session's offerings that add enjoyment and meaning to their lives.

**Arts in the Park**

<http://southorange.org/TheBairdArts/friendsOfTheArts.asp>

Operating under the aegis of the Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs, the performing arts division, sponsors four free outdoor concerts in the park, a Fall and Spring Jazz Series and the Giants of Jazz concert. They have also developed a highly reputable name among its audience as well as with performers. Volunteers are on the Advisory Panel who select performers and schedule acts. Others are needed as ushers, set-up, mailing lists, special events and programs, graphic design, fundraising, publicity etc

**Arts Unbound**

Gail Levinson, Executive Director  
[info@artsunbound.org](mailto:info@artsunbound.org)  
<http://www.artsunbound.org>  
542/544 Freeman Street  
Orange, NJ 07050  
973 675 2787 (973 - 675 - ARTS)



We are a non profit organization providing professional training in the visual arts to youth and adults with mental, developmental and physical disabilities. We host a studio, gallery, online store and participate in exhibitions throughout the state featuring artwork by talented artists with disabilities. We are located directly off Scotland Road and are a few minute walk from the Highland Ave. Train Station. Volunteers are needed in all skill areas including assistance with finishing products, assisting with classes and representing the organization at exhibits and events.

**B'nai B'rith, men - South. Mountain Lodge**

Richard Staenberg  
16 Overhill Road  
South Orange, NJ 07079  
973-761-5524

**Children's Emergency Medical Fund of NJ**

Leonard Grossman, MD – Chairman  
[qpna@qpna.org](mailto:qpna@qpna.org)  
<http://www.njtrustekids.org>  
P.O. Box 1162  
Maplewood, NJ 07040

The Children's Emergency Medical Fund of New Jersey's advocacy and outreach programs offer legal assistance/case management to families facing financial devastation due to their child's illness, noting that HMO's often refuse to pay for procedures and necessary medications.

**CHS Boosters**

Valerie Moore  
[moorehome@optonline.net](mailto:moorehome@optonline.net)  
<http://www.chscougarboosters.org/>  
PO Box 95. Maplewood, NJ 07040

The Cougar Booster Club was formed in 1974 to support extracurricular activities at Columbia High School. We provide funds for athletics AND clubs. The Cougar Booster Club is a 501(c)(3) corporation; donations to the Booster Club are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. The Cougar Booster Club has provided significant financial support each year to a multitude of CHS organizations and activities to help our students engage in a wide variety of pursuits. The Boosters have supported groups as diverse as the CHS All-School Musical, Fencing, the Quiz Bowl, Boys' Basketball, the yearbook, the CHS Marching Band, the Swim Team, Velocity Magazine, Track, Baseball, Girls' Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Guild Script, Wrestling, Midnight Madness, the astronomy club, and CHS Music Parents.

**Church of St. Andrew & Holy Communion**

Rev. Sandye Wilson  
[sahcchurch@aol.com](mailto:sahcchurch@aol.com)  
<http://www.sahcchurch.org>  
160 W. South Orange Avenue  
South Orange, NJ 07079  
973-763-2355

### **Columbia High School Home & School Association**

Jeaniene Mosley Brownlee, Co-President

[jeaniene@comcast.net](mailto:jeaniene@comcast.net)

Sharon Roerty, Co-President

[szroerty@yahoo.com](mailto:szroerty@yahoo.com)

<http://www.columbiahsa.org>

The Columbia High School Home and School Association (HSA) is a group of parents and staff, supported by yearly membership dues, and dedicated to the benefit and support of the staff, students, and school. We sponsor a wide variety of school activities and encourage parental participation. Communication between the school and parent body is one of our major goals, and our newsletter, published almost every month of the school year, is one means of fostering awareness of the activities of our students and staff

### **Community Agency Corp of New Jersey**

Dorothy J. Knauer Executive Director

[djknauer@cacofnj.org](mailto:djknauer@cacofnj.org)

<http://www.cacofnj.org/>

(973) 621-2273 x11

Through a unique, collaborative approach, CAC of NJ's network of programs answers the varied needs of the Greater Newark's struggling children and families from infancy through adulthood. Helping children grow, learn and succeed, fostering health and wellness, and promoting self-sufficiency is the core of what we do .

CAC of NJ and its affiliated agencies provide a continuum of services that work to advance possibilities, *strengthen lives and brighten futures for Newark's people*. Community Agencies Corp of NJ (CAC) boasts a volunteer opportunity for every interest from "episodic" one-time jobs from food or book sorting, and clean-up projects, to long term programs like our tutoring sites at over 25 locations across Northern New Jersey.

### **Congregation Beth El**

Rabbi Francine Roston

[info@bethelnj.org](mailto:info@bethelnj.org)

<http://www.bethelnj.org>

222 Irvington Avenue

South Orange, NJ 07079

Phone: 973-763-0111

Fax: 973-763-5793

### **Congregation Oheb Shalom**

Rabbi Mark Cooper

[rabbi@ohebshalom.org](mailto:rabbi@ohebshalom.org)

Linda Griffler, executive director

[execdir@ohebshalom.org](mailto:execdir@ohebshalom.org)

<http://www.ohebshalom.org>

170 Scotland Road

South Orange, New Jersey 07079

Phone: (973) 762-7067

Fax: (973) 762-4591

**Dharmachakra Buddhist Center**

[info@meditationinessex.org](mailto:info@meditationinessex.org)

<http://www.meditationinessex.org/>

203 Parker Ave.

Maplewood, NJ 07040

Phone: (973) 847-5421

**Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre**

Laura Ekstrand

[laura@dreamcatcherrep.org](mailto:laura@dreamcatcherrep.org)

<http://www.dreamcatcherrep.org/>

Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre is a small professional theatre in residence at The Baird whose mission is to bring stories to life with an intimacy that allows artists and audiences to connect, stories that reflect our lives, relationships and our world today. We produce a season that includes mainstage productions, improvisational comedy shows, cabarets, and new play readings, with youth programs that include productions, classes and internships. Volunteers of all ages are welcomed in all aspects of administration and production.

**EIES of NJ**

[NJEIES@EIESSOFNJ.org](mailto:NJEIES@EIESSOFNJ.org)

<http://www.eiesofnj.org/>

EIES of New Jersey

59 Scotland Road ■

South Orange, NJ 07079

Phone 973-762-0552

Fax 973-761-6879

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**Elks – South Orange Lodge 154**

[ER1@soelks1154.com](mailto:ER1@soelks1154.com)

<http://www.soelks1154.com/>

220 Prospect Street

South Orange, NJ 07079

Phone: 973-762-9848

The Elks strive to practice and promote the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and the happiness of our Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate our order as a fraternal organization, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share. The Elks are one of the largest and most active fraternal organizations in the world.

**Essex County CASA**

Carol Costello, Volunteer Director

[ccostello@casaessex.org](mailto:ccostello@casaessex.org)

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

973-648-2814

Essex County CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocates, is a court-authorized, non-profit organization, that works through professionally trained and supervised volunteers to promote the welfare of foster children in Essex County. CASA serves as a child's "Voice in Court," working to insure that needed services and assistance are made available while helping to move each child toward a safe and permanent home as quickly as possible. Volunteers are recruited from all communities in Essex County to advocate for children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect.

**Family Support Org. of Essex County**

[support@fsoec.org](mailto:support@fsoec.org)

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

60 Evergreen Place., Suites 410 and 412

East Orange, NJ 07018

Phone: (973) 395-1441

Fax: (973) 395-1595

The Family Support Organization of Essex County (FSOEC) is a family centered, family driven non-profit organization that provides peer support, education and advocacy for parents and caregivers of children who have emotional and/or behavioral challenges. Our goal is to empower parents and caregivers to take control of their lives by building on their strengths and supporting them where needed.

We encourage public and private agencies to work together to strengthen families with the goal of keeping children safe and healthy in their homes and communities.

**First Baptist Church**

Rev. Terry Richardson

[FBCSO@optonline.net](mailto:FBCSO@optonline.net)

<http://www.fbcso.org>

103 Valley Street

South Orange, New Jersey 07079

Phone: 973 763-8593/7

Fax: 973 763-8595

**First Presbyterian & Trinity Church**

Rev. Charles Thompson

[JCThom@verizon.net](mailto:JCThom@verizon.net)

<http://members.bellatlantic.net/~ftrinity/>

111 Irvington Avenue

South Orange, NJ 07079

(973) 762-7879

**First Night of Maplewood/South Orange**

[info@firstnightmwso.org](mailto:info@firstnightmwso.org)

<http://www.firstnightmwso.org/>

P.O. Box 668

South Orange, NJ 07079

973-762-1391

**Friends of Habitat for Humanity Newark**

629 Prospect St.

Maplewood, NJ 07040

973-763-3698

**Friends of South Orange Library**

Janyce Wolf

[friends@sopl.org](mailto:friends@sopl.org)

The mission of the Friends of the South Orange Public Library is to support the values and vision of the library and encourage library usage and participation within the diverse community of South Orange. By fundraising events such as the Annual BOOK BONANZA EXTRAVANGZA—book sale held in the spring, we are sponsoring a Children's programs such as Halloween events and annual Holiday programs for the community. We intend to back such projects as a Local History Center and serve as formal and informal advocates for the library within the town, county and state.

**Fund for an Open Society**

Barbara Heisler-Williams

[bhw@opensoc.org](mailto:bhw@opensoc.org)

<http://www.opensoc.org/>

515 Valley Street, Suite 170

Maplewood, NJ 07040

(973) 821-4198

At OPEN, we envision people of different racial and ethnic groups not only living near one another but living in open communities where people interact and form friendships, support and/or become elected officials, participate in schools and religious congregations, and generally have a wide range of experiences across racial and ethnic lines. Your support for Fund for an OPEN Society enables us to help communities to thrive and be racially and ethnically integrated.

**Girl Scouts of South Orange/Maplewood**

[smgs@comcast.net](mailto:smgs@comcast.net)

73 Oakview Ave.

Maplewood, NJ 07040

973-761-0815

**Glee Club – Maplewood**

Erik Solberg, President

[esolberg@comcast.net](mailto:esolberg@comcast.net)

<http://www.maplewoodgleeclub.org>

The present membership is composed of a diverse group of men from all walks of life who reside in Maplewood and surrounding communities. They are drawn together by the mutual interests of good fellowship and the pleasure of singing good music. We welcome new members twice a year beginning the first Monday after Labor Day and the second Monday after New Year's Day. The first few rehearsals of our fall or spring semesters allow prospective members to experience the Maplewood Glee Club and become acquainted with members, music, and the conductor.

**Health and Wellness Professional Network**

Risa Olinsky

[Risa@RisaClassicCoach.com](mailto:Risa@RisaClassicCoach.com)

<http://www.hwpn.org>

108 Baker Street Maplewood, NJ 07040

973-761-5758

HWPN is a community of practitioners, business owners and volunteers who help people thrive by promoting a healthy, mind, body and spirit. We collaborate to expand wellness choices and educate our clients, our communities and each other.

**Jersey Animal Coalition**

[info@jaonline.org](mailto:info@jaonline.org)

<http://www.jaonline.org>

298 Walton Ave.

South Orange, NJ. 07079

(973) 763-7322

JAC is a not-for-profit, all-volunteer coalition organized in 1989. We provide homeless dogs and cats with medical attention, shelter, and boarding, and we find them permanent loving homes. We're based in South Orange, New Jersey, but we place animals throughout the state and nearby states. Since our founding, we've rescued over 6,500 stray and abandoned pets. Without JAC's intervention, these animals would most likely have been euthanized in pounds or left to die on the streets. We need volunteers to hold our dogs during our Open Animal Houses. We also need volunteers to help out during other events.

**Jespy House**

[Administration@jespy.org](mailto:Administration@jespy.org)

<http://jespyhouse.org/>

102 Prospect Street

South Orange, NJ 07079

973-762-6909

JESPY House is an extraordinary program for adults with learning and developmental disabilities who demonstrate the ability to live independently and gain competitive employment. Located in South Orange Village, New Jersey, JESPY House opened its doors in 1978 with four clients and three staff people. Today, more than 70 skilled staff members are devoted to meeting the needs of more than 150 clients.

**Jewish Women Intl. (B'nai B'rith)**

9 Hepworth Place  
West Orange, NJ 07052  
973-338-3896

**Junior League of Oranges & Short Hills**

[jlosh1913@gmail.com](mailto:jlosh1913@gmail.com)

<http://www.jlosh.org>

105 Main Street  
Millburn, NJ 07041  
Phone: (973) 379-9655  
Fax: (973) 379-2811

The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills is an organization of women committed to voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving our communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

**League of Women Voters of Maplewood and South Orange**

Lindy Wilson  
[lindy789@optonline.net](mailto:lindy789@optonline.net)  
<http://www.lwvnj.org/maplewoodsouthorange/>  
PO Box 1255  
Maplewood, NJ 07040-0455

The League is a non-profit, nonpartisan, political organization that encourages informed, active citizen participation in national, state and local government. It does not support any candidate or party, but it does take stands on issues after study. Membership is open to citizens age 18 or older; both men and women are welcome. The League operates at local, state and national levels.

**Lions Club of South Orange**

[Southorangelions@yahoo.com](mailto:Southorangelions@yahoo.com)  
<http://southorangenj.lionwap.org/>

Lions are an international network of 1.3 million men and women in 202 countries and geographic areas who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities around the world. Known for working to end preventable blindness, Lions participate in a vast variety of projects important to their communities. These projects range from cleaning up local parks to providing supplies to victims of natural disasters.

**Literacy Volunteers of America**

Donna Franzonia  
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Literacy Volunteers of America, Essex / Passaic County (LVA) is a non-profit, volunteer, and educational organization. LVA provides free, individualized and experiential adult literacy and family literacy services to adults (age 16 & older) who have been identified as limited readers and

speakers of English; and to families who are identified with literacy and life skills learning needs. LVA provides these services by recruiting and training volunteers and professional staff, by matching these volunteer tutors with identified students, and by organizing the manner in which these services will be delivered. Student progress in literacy is monitored through a pre and post assessment program.

### **Main Street South Orange Inc.**

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A 501(c)(3) non-profit, community-based volunteer organization working to revitalize our downtown:

- assists existing businesses and works to recruit new merchants
- attracts people to the downtown with special promotional events
- contributes to the physical improvement of downtown
- communicates with residents and merchants

Four committees where volunteers can get involved:

Promotion: By marketing the downtown's unique characteristics to shoppers, investors, new businesses and visitors, an effective promotion strategy forges a positive image through advertising, retail promotional activity, special events and marketing campaigns carried out by local volunteers.

Design: Capitalizing on its best assets, such as historic buildings and traditional downtown layout, is just part of the story. Getting Main Street into top physical shape, by creating an inviting atmosphere through window displays, signs, facades, sidewalks, lighting and landscaping, and parking areas.

Economic Development: Helping existing businesses and recruiting new ones to respond to today's market. Main Street helps convert unused space into productive property and sharpen the competitiveness of businesses.

Organization: Building consensus and cooperation among the groups that have an important stake in the downtown.

### **Maplewood/South Orange Packers**

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Maplewood South Orange Packers a POP WARNER Youth Football and Cheerleading Organization

### **Montrose Park Historic District Association**

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Our mission is to promote, preserve and beautify the Montrose Park Historic District, maintain its integrity and enhance the quality of life for its residents. We will promote public awareness and



sensitivity to the history and architectural significance of the Montrose Park Historic District through house tours, lectures, beautification programs and other projects.

**Mothers & More**

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Mothers & More is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of mothers through support, education and advocacy. We address mothers' needs as individuals and members of society, and promote the value of all the work mothers do. Our group includes working and stay-at-home moms of all ages and stages. Whether you are a new mother, new to this area or just new to the group, belonging to Mothers & More is a great way to make friends and to learn about the diverse and active communities of South Orange, Maplewood, and surrounding towns. We are the largest chapter in the nation and offer a wide variety of activities to serve our 350+ members needs and interests.

**National Council of Jewish Women**

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Livingston, NJ 07039  
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Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW is the most satisfying place where women like you come together to build a better community through programs that educate, motivate, encourage, and empower. NJCW members volunteer their talents, skills and know-how to make a difference. We invite you to join us.

**Newcomers Club of South Orange/Maplewood**

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<http://www.somnewcomers.com>  
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Maplewood, NJ 07040

The purpose of the club is to extend a warm welcome to newcomers in both South Orange and Maplewood. We have about 100 member households and run 15 to 20 activities each month. We host a monthly General Meeting and offer a wide variety of activities, programs and services in an effort to acquaint new residents with the area and to promote camaraderie and lasting friendships.

**Our Lady of Sorrows Church**

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**Pierro Gallery of SO**

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5 Mead Street

South Orange, NJ 07079

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Operating under the aegis of the Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs, the mission and goals for the Pierro Gallery of South Orange (PGOSO) is to offer experience and exposure to contemporary visual artists and to our communities. PGOSO will continue to exhibit the work of diverse, established and emerging visual artists in a non-commercial, user-friendly venue. Though there is a special sensitivity toward regional artists, the Gallery is open to considering the work of any visual artist for exhibition. An additional role of PGOSO is to educate, inform and enlighten visitors of all ages and backgrounds through continuous exhibitions and related programming. Volunteers help in presenting the cultural programs and events through the department. Working with the Assistant Director for the Department, all aspects of operations are managed by volunteers through the three organizations responsible for most of the cultural events through the department: Pierro Gallery of South Orange, Arts in the Park and Friends of the Arts. The amount of time each month can usually be personalized to fit schedules

**PTA President's Council**

c/o South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education

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**Ruth Bass Foundation**

Peggy Barnett, Executive Director

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The Ruth Bass Foundation is an organization dedicated to helping people in need throughout New Jersey. Through hands-on deliveries of goods and services, our goal is to give charitably while retaining the integrity of our recipients. Our mission is to explore the needs in our community and provide the things that are necessary to make life a little better for those less fortunate. Join us and see for yourself how we make a difference! There are a variety of events where you and your family can participate.

**Seton Hall University, Office of Community Relations**

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Responsible for managing Seton Hall's relationship with local communities.

**SOMA com TV**

<http://www.somatv.org>

SOMAtv and the Columbia Cable Network (CCN) is the 24/7 cable television information source for residents of South Orange (*Channel 19 on Cablevision*) and Maplewood (*Channel 35 on Comcast*).

**SOMEF**

Patti Coleman, President

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The South Orange-Maplewood Education Foundation (SOMEF), your local education foundation, is an independent, 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. SOMEF believes that an exemplary public school system is essential to the well-being of our community. SOMEF is committed to raising meaningful funds to sustain excellence in education. Our initiatives focus on Innovation in Education, Educational Equity and Exceptional Facilities. With the support of the community and other partners, SOMEF has raised almost \$1,000,000 in recent years for programs that keep the children and teachers of this district on the cutting edge of learning.

**SOPAC (South Orange Performing Arts Center)**

Erin Martin

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One SOPAC Way

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As a 501 c(3) non-profit institution, SOPAC is committed to maintaining its long-term financial stability through a responsible balance of earned income and contributed support. We welcome the contributions of individuals, corporations and foundations, financial and otherwise. The SOPAC volunteer program provides an unparalleled opportunity to participate in many aspects of a non-profit arts organization. SOPAC works closely with volunteers to identify the areas of focus that best suit their interest and experience.

**South Mountain Conservancy (South Mountain Reservation)**

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Box 273

South Orange, NJ 07079

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Vic Benes, Vice Chair, 973-467-8460

A publicly-supported 501 c(3) non-profit, volunteer organization, the South Mountain Conservancy is dedicated to preserve and protect the 2047-acre South Mountain Reservation through education and public service. Founded in March 2000, it works in concert with the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs. Individuals and community and corporate groups are welcome to join our programs. These are:

Hiking – Free hikes April through December for people with a range of abilities.

Trailkeepers - Monitor and provide minor maintenance to trails.

Trash Tacklers – Litter removal from heavily used areas and the Rahway River.

Trail Work Crew – Rebuild and reroute hiking trails the first Sunday of each month.

Forest Regeneration Corps – Remove invasive species and plant new native species the third Sunday of each month.

Contact us for more information on our mission, schedule of activities, and the availability of our new Reservation map.

### **South Mountain Peace Action**

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South Mountain Peace Action

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South Mountain Peace Action is a community organization based in the towns of Maplewood and South Orange, New Jersey. We work for peaceful alternatives to war and for changing our national priorities to reduce excessive military spending and to increase resources for human needs and the environment. We hold an annual Be About Peace Day in March and many events and actions for peace during the year.

### **South Orange Chamber of Commerce**

Leslie Pogany, President

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The South Orange Chamber of Commerce has been serving the South Orange Business Community for more than 25 years. The Chamber is a major contributor to the Village's economic prosperity and the well being of the community. Help us make South Orange an even better place to live, work and do business by becoming part of the South Orange Chamber.

### **South Orange Historical & Preservation Society**

Greg Burrus, President

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South Orange Historical and Preservation Society (SOHPS) was formed in 1986. The goal of the organization is to further the study of the history and architecture of the Village of South Orange, New Jersey. Membership and attendance at meetings is open to anyone interested in furthering our mission and goals.

### **South Orange Maplewood Baseball**

Kate Schmidt

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

The South Orange Maplewood Baseball organization is divided into several subcommittees which meet year-round, working with the Recreation Departments, constantly reviewing and improving the baseball program. New volunteers are always needed. Please pick an area (or areas) where you would like to participate and contact the committee chair by email or telephone to find out when & where they will be meeting.

### **South Orange Maplewood Board of Education**

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The Board of Education is the governing body of the South Orange - Maplewood School District with responsibility for developing policy to ensure the proper care, management and control of District affairs. The Board consists of nine citizens elected at large by the voters of South Orange and Maplewood. Board members serve three year terms, with three members of the Board subject to election each year.

In addition to setting policy, the Board hires the superintendent; approves staff hirings, transfers, resignations, terminations, and leaves of absence; approves expenditures; approves educational programs (curriculum); and otherwise ensures that the facilities and equipment are available to support learning and teaching in the District. The Board also approves the budget for the School District. However, the tax levy is approved by a separate entity, the Board of School Estimate, which is comprised of three members of the Village Trustees of South Orange, three members of the Township Committee of Maplewood and two members of the Board of Education.

### **South Orange Rescue Squad**

Sherry Weintraub, President

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The South Orange Rescue Squad is the primary emergency medical service for South Orange Village. We provide Basic Life Support ambulance service free of charge to residents and visitors and provide assistance to our neighboring communities. We are on duty every night from 6:00 PM until 6:00 AM and on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday around the clock. When not on duty, we provide back up service to the paid agency that covers the town. All of our approximately fifty members are unpaid volunteers who received their initial medical training from the Rescue Squad. We welcome all inquiries from prospective members. You must be fifteen and a half to apply for a cadet position and seventeen and a half to join as a regular member.

### **South Orange Rotary**

Janice Newman-Teetsell, President

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**South Orange Seaport Society**

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The South Orange Seaport Society is a group of RC boat modelers interested in electric, steam and wind powered vessels of all types. We are sponsored by the Village of South Orange Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs and are grateful for their support of our interests.

**South Orange Symphony Orchestra**

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South Orange Middle School

South Orange, NJ 07079

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Our mission is to provide a quality musical performance venue in which amateur and professional musicians can participate. To provide free concerts for the people of South Orange, Maplewood, Essex County, and the surrounding area. To provide the musicians of New Jersey with an opportunity for solo performance with the Orchestra via the Artist Competition To provide scholarships for students of string instruments in order to further the interest in, and guarantee the future of, orchestral music To perform the finest of serious orchestral literature at the highest level possible

**South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition**

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The Community Coalition is a private nonprofit organization with a diverse membership of individuals who live and/or work in Maplewood/South Orange coming together to sustain our towns as communities of choice for all. We envision a community that is truly inclusive and racially integrated – free of segregation in housing patterns and community involvement.

**South Orange/Maplewood Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Committee**

Nancy Janow

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The South Orange/Maplewood Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Committee is dedicated to preserving and honoring the memory of the six million Jews and 5 million other victims of the Nazi reign. The oldest service of its kind in New Jersey, we strive to join with all the members of our community for this purpose. Please help us "remember and tell" by working with the committee during the year or by simply attending our memorial on Yom Hashoah.

**South Orange/Vailsburg United Methodist Church**

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**Valerie Fund**

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The Valerie Fund mission is to support comprehensive health care for children with cancer and blood disorders close to their homes.. To us, this means state-of-the-art medical treatment as well as a full slate of non-medicinal programs that envelop and engage all members of the family in a therapeutic environment - everything from running a week-long summer camp program for kids, to hiring the best child development specialists, to providing counseling for children, parents and siblings, to providing family-oriented space within hospitals. We strongly believe that by supporting the families when they need it most, we greatly enhance the quality of life for all, as well as the survival rates of our patients

**YMCA, South Mountain Branch**

Paul Kieltyka, executive director

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The South Mountain YMCA is a local community organization dedicated to building strong kids, strong families and strong communities. We provide a wide array of services including, but not limited to; childcare, camping, teen and families, youth sports and gymnastics and adult fitness and recreation. We are a non-profit volunteer organization that is involved in multiple collaborations with like programs and are overseen by a volunteer Board of Managers. We utilize a large number of program and policy volunteers to help us deliver our programs and services to the community.