

Stay Connected

One of our active, older residents has set up a new Facebook page for people to connect and share strategies - thanks Pearl! It is called the SOMA Seniors Silver Society and can be found on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3980628731949083/?ref=share>

Work to Assist our Senior Community

In a collaborative effort with the Township of South Orange Village, The Township of Maplewood and the generosity of our greater community, over \$16,000 has been raised for the COVID-19 SOMA Senior Support fund. If you are a resident age 60+ and need assistance during the corona virus disruptions, please contact Cathy Rowe at SOMA2towns@gmail.com, (973) 558-0863 or through the website. South Orange residents can also reach out to social worker Carol Berman, SOsocialworker@southorange.org, (973) 986-4321.

Grocery Stores

Local grocery stores will be following a safer, senior shopping practice and will be open for residents 60+ only before opening to the general public. This will help make sure the stores are cleaned, stocked and less crowded.

- Stop & Shop on Valley St. - 6am - 7:30am
- Kings Supermarket in Maplewood Village will also be reserving the first hour of shopping for seniors and "high risk guests". 7am - 8am
- Extra Supermarket on Irvington Ave. - 6am - 7:30 am for seniors only. In addition, they will be offering free taxi service for seniors to get home with their purchase. The service will only take them home and there's no minimum purchase.
- Ashley Market in South Orange Village is not doing senior only hours but takes orders by phone and does free delivery. (973) 762-5200 x1

Senior Food Bank

If you or a senior you know needs immediate food delivered in South Orange or Maplewood, please reach out to (973) 558-0863 or soma2towns@gmail.com.

Transportation

While the senior buses are suspended, SOMA Two Towns for All Ages is offering free rides to South Orange and Maplewood residents age 60+ through Gogo Grandparent for shopping, doctor's appointments and other essential trips. You can use your current Gogo Grandparent account or set one up by calling them at (855) 464 - 6872 (855-GOGO-USA), or through their website, <https://gogograndparent.com/>. Use code SOMA Seniors for your free rides. If you cannot set up an account, call (973) 558-0863 and a ride will be arranged for you.

The Village Green online news offers free access:

Since their inception in 2014, VillageGreenNJ.com has been dedicated to bringing

South Orange and Maplewood all the news that local residents need to be responsible, informed citizens. During this time, they are making ALL content related to public health and covid-19 updates and preparedness available for free outside of their paywall. If you are not already a subscriber, please take advantage of this opportunity to access a wonderful news source.

Want to try Something new?

The South Orange Maplewood Adult School has online course: <https://www.ed2go.com/somas/>

Want a Good Book?

Words Bookstore is closed but taking online orders and doing local delivery and shipping. Go to www.wordsbookstore.com.

Local Restaurants

All restaurants are closed for dining in, but many are open for take out and delivery. Help your favorite restaurants survive this current situation by continuing to patronize them. And while you are at it, consider ordering a meal for an isolated friend, relative or neighbor. Some that don't usually do take out are being creative with new menu options, like this:



Although our dining room has been closed, we are still open for carry out.

Call 973-327-9725 for curbside pick up.

Stay tuned for info later this week about our new carry out menu...

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