

Tonight - Tuesday, June 30, 7-8:30 pm

S.O.-Returning To Business – A Virtual Town Hall on Restarting Our Businesses and Local Programs During COVID-19

There are four ways to take part in this event.

Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthOrangeVillage/>

WebEx: LINK

Phone: 408-418-9388, Event number (access code): TK

Email: email questions in advance to clerk@southorange.org and they will be addressed during the event and posted to the website afterward.

For more information visit <https://www.southorange.org>

Re-openings:

Most restaurants are continuing their curbside pickup service for people who would rather eat at home. But if you are itching to go out (eating out was the #1 thing people said they missed on the recent survey) there are now outdoor dining options in both towns:

Maplewood Village is making it easier for restaurants to have outdoor dining and enough room for pedestrians to socially distance by closing Maplewood Ave to car traffic every evening except Sundays, from 6 pm to 9:30 pm from Village Coffee to Baker Street.

In South Orange over 20 restaurants have set up outside dining tables.

Libraries - are open for book pickup, and are continuing online programs and presentations. See their websites and calendars for details:

South Orange - www.SOPL.org

Maplewood - www.maplewoodlibrary.org

Pool openings: call your recreation department for details about the pool openings and new rules to keep everyone safe, including reserving time to go.

Maplewood - (973) 762-8120

South Orange - (973) 378-7754

Participating in events while maintaining social distance is a very important and delicate balance. There is no pressure to stay in, nor is there pressure to go out just because things are now open. For guidance on risk and to help you decide, consult this flyer from the NJ Department of Health on reopening.

Do you need help in the yard or home?

Clay's Pots: A local high school student (named Clay) is offering to do planting and garden shopping for seniors who have been in lockdown and need help sprucing up their gardens and/or outdoor planters. Clay would be willing to make trips to Home Depot for flowers/soil etc and plant them for seniors. He is available Monday, Wednesday, Thursday afternoons through mid-July. If you would like to connect to Clay, please call (973) 558-0863 or email SOMA2towns@gmail.com

Morrow Neighbor to Neighbor Home Repair Project

Neighbor to Neighbor is a summer home-repair program offered by Morrow Memorial Church. Volunteer teams of adults and high school students provide home repairs free-of-charge to qualifying home owners. The teams of volunteers have helped homeowners with bathroom, kitchen and outside repairs. If you are in need of home repair, call 973-558-0863/email SOMA2towns@gmail.com and a form will be mailed to you. Morrow Church will reach out to you to evaluate your project and will let you know if they will be able to assist you.

Are you interested in online art classes?

We are trying to hold online art classes over zoom, with an instructor to follow along. Supplies would be delivered to you for a 4 week painting class, either watercolor or acrylics. If you are interested, please email SOMA2towns@gmail.com. Classes will be scheduled weekly, late afternoon, depending on response.

Save the dates for these upcoming, online presentations. Links will be posted on <https://www.somatwotownsforallages.org/events> :

- Tuesday, July 14, 4pm "Taking Advantage of Your Smartphone"
- Wednesday, July 15, 4pm "Solo Seniors"
- Thursday, July 16, 7-8:30pm "Sociavi - Connecting to Loved Ones Aging in Place"

Finally - a big shout out to **Kitchen a la Mode** for installing an age-friendly railing at their entrance. Thank you!