

Anzalone-Newman honored for MSSO leadership

Main Street South Orange Executive Director Carole Anzalone-Newman received the 2011 Downtown New Jersey Achievement Award on Dec. 15 for excellence in promoting downtown development.

A long-time Main Street volunteer, Anzalone-Newman became executive director in October 2005. She leads MSSO's mission to recruit and assist new downtown businesses, help owners with permitting, and hold events to invigorate downtown commerce.

The award was given by Downtown New Jersey, a statewide advocacy group made up of local and regional organizations.

"Carole does a little bit of everything," said Sheena Collum, the Villager who nominated Anzalone-Newman for the award. "She helps connect prospective tenants to property owners, helps new businesses navigate through the Village permit process, administers the matching grant program for facade improvements and most recently, she helped our community get a significant branding grant for our downtown. We are a stronger community because of her."

During her acceptance speech, Anzalone-Newman promoted South Orange as always, even ending her comments with two Main Street slogans: "We have two great sayings in Main Street," she said. "'Take this town and love it,' and 'We believe in downtown!'" ▲

Villager pens new mystery

Mystery novelist Lillian Melendez has published her latest book, "Dismantling Vindictiveness," the story of an architect whose firm faces corporate sabotage and murder. The book is available from www.blackrosewritingbooks.com, Ingram Book Catalogue or Books in Print. ISBN # 978-1612960647. Melendez, who grew up in South Orange, is a member of the Mystery Writers of America. Her website is www.lillianmelendez.com. ▲



Carole Anzalone-Newman

Bocce, anyone?

The Village wants to assess the level of community interest in maintaining the bocce courts currently located near the duck pond in Meadowland Park. Should the courts be eliminated, or should the space be re-purposed? Ideas being considered include all-weather ping pong tables, chess/checker tables, new picnic tables and benches, or simple lawn restoration. Residents with comments or ideas can send e-mail to Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director Kate Schmidt at kschmidt@southorange.org.

Goose control: A South Orange success!

The Canada goose population at the duck pond in Meadowland Park has reduced from 300 geese in the mid-1990s to a mere 35 geese today.

The Village Health Department has used numerous strategies to reduce the flock. In 2007, the department was certified by Geese Peace to begin oiling goose eggs for long-term reduction. Oiling reduces the number of goslings requiring protection, thereby diminishing adult loyalty to a particular site.

Canada geese mate and nest from March to mid-May. In South Orange, from 2007 to 2010, Health Department officials found about seven nests with five to seven eggs per nest. In 2011 they found only one nest.

If you find a goose nest on your property this spring, call the South Orange Animal Control Officer at (973) 378-7715, x7711. He can treat the eggs and answer any questions you may have. ▲

BiZ BUZZ

■ **Blue Plate Special** has opened at 325 Irvington Avenue. Hosts Laura Nichols and Dan

Pupke describe the food as "retro funky. A little of this, a little of that," and if you don't see what you want, ask and they will make it for you. Everything in the cafe is for sale - from the seat you choose to dine in, to the plate holding your food, to the shirts on Dan and Laura's backs. Open daily except Sunday. Call (973) 763-9619.

■ **First Class Nails** has opened at 129 South Orange Avenue. Call (973) 313-0027.

■ **Treasure Finds Thrift & Consignment Store** is now open at 122 South Orange Avenue. Owner Yvette Sterling offers clothing for men, women and children, as well as jewelry, furniture, small appliances, electronics, household items and collectibles. Call (973) 821-5700.

■ **Indique Hair Extensions** has

come to 8 West South Orange Avenue. The worldwide company offers Indian hair extensions, natural hair never exposed to chemical treatments. Wave, fullness, and luster are guaranteed for up to a year. Call owner Jonelle Fletcher at (646) 863-5994.

■ **Buy & Save Beauty Supply** has opened at 125 South Orange Avenue. For information call (973) 821-5657.

RELOCATIONS

• **Noel & Co.** accounting firm has moved from 75 South Orange Avenue to 111 South Orange Avenue, Suite 31.

• **Pamdance** moved from 55 Academy Street to the SOPAC loft at One SOPAC Way.

• **South Mountain Yoga** moved from Scotland Road to 18 South Orange Avenue, second floor. ▲

At The Baird

RENEW VILLAGE ID BADGES NOW!

Sign up early for the 2012 South Orange Recreation & Cultural Affairs ID badge. The membership fee through May 15 is \$30 per person, with a maximum family fee of \$120. Beginning May 16, the fee will be \$35 per person, with a maximum family fee of \$140. Badge holders receive discounts on many department-sponsored classes and programs. Badges are issued at The Baird with two proofs of residency. Details at www.thebaird.org.

REGISTER NOW FOR PLAYGROUND PRGM

Applications for the South Orange Summer Playground Program are being accepted at The Baird. Applicants must be South Orange residents with a current photo ID badge (see item above). The seven-week, half-day program is for children ages 4 through 8th grade. Age-related activities are planned along with supervised free time. Dates are June 25 through Aug. 10. ▲