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Changes Ahead, Say Trustees, for 2011

South Orange's Board of Trustees heard reports and saw resolutions at Monday's meeting

By **Marcia Worth** December 15, 2010

Monday's Board of Trustees meeting offered a full agenda of reports and resolutions. What follows are changes South Orange will see in 2011.

No smoking is the new policy at the pool and other Village recreation sites. The Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of South Orange Village, Chapter 110, Parks and Recreation Areas, Article II, Conduct in Parks and Recreation Areas, to Provide for No Smoking Areas, also known as 2010-29, passed unanimously at Monday night's Board of Trustees meeting.

In prohibiting smoking at the tennis courts, bocce area, and other recreation areas, South Orange joins Essex County communities such as Nutley, Maplewood and West Orange. Village President Douglas Newman noted that South Orange, like the other communities, recognizes the "dangers of second-hand smoke."

Signs will be posted advising the public of the new no-smoking areas.

South Orange's Violations Bureau and Municipal Court move to Maplewood as of the first of the year. The culmination of years' work, the move means that the two communities will share space in Maplewood's new Municipal Police and Court Building, 1618 Springfield Ave.

Hours of operation for the Violations Bureau are: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Hours of operation for the South Orange Municipal Court: Monday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Tuesdays, 3 p.m. – 7 p.m., and Wednesdays, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., as needed.

Daniel Allen and Eliot Goldstein were appointed to the Planning Board, each for a two-year term effective Jan. 1, 2011 through Dec. 31, 2012.

Karen Hilton was appointed to the South Orange Free Public Library Board as a Citizen Member. Her three-year term is effective Jan. 1, 2011 through Dec. 31, 2013.

The Village seeks volunteers for additional boards and committees, including the Parking Authority, Board of Adjustment, Public Information and Marketing, Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee, Cable Television Committee, Energy Policy Committee, and the Development Committee. Find out more [here](http://www.southorange.org/volunteerApply) (<http://www.southorange.org/volunteerApply>).

The **Naming Committee**, which was convened in August to consider naming the red pedestrian bridge over the East Branch of the Rahway River, concluded its work. The bridge will be known as "**Jonathan's Bridge**," in memory of the late Jonathan Felsman's contributions to the Village's Open Space, recreation, and arts programs.

Miriam Sumner, who served on the committee, said, "Now we can pay a lasting tribute to him. I think he would have been thrilled." Felsman's cousin, resident Peri Smilow, added, "Jonathan believed in South Orange's children, public art, and its green space."

Signage to designate the bridge is under discussion.



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