

The South Orange *Gaslight*



New grocery deal in the works!

Garden of Eden Market to replace old ShopRite



The Garden of Eden, a New York City-area chain of high-end gourmet markets, is expanding to South Orange. A proposal by New Market Development corporation was submitted to the Village Board of Trustees on May 24.

The 13,500-square-foot market will be located at South Orange and Vose avenues, in the old ShopRite building, which is being renovated as part of the New Market development. A prior deal with another grocery operator had been under consideration but New Market's principals decided to accept the Garden of Eden offer instead.

The grocery store's opening date has not yet been determined.

Garden of Eden currently operates stores in Manhattan and Brooklyn Heights, and another New Jersey opening is underway in Hoboken.

The grocer chose South Orange

because of the New Market development site's close proximity to the train station, the progressive downtown development plans, and the demonstrated need and desire for a gourmet market within the Village.

The New York Times recently reviewed the store's Union Square location, calling it "an unspoiled vision of produce and prepared foods. Each red pepper is beautiful enough to have been polished before being piled just so. Each chicken, turning slowly on the rotisserie, is browned to a crisp," and "aromas entice."

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SOPAC theater expected to strengthen bond between SHU & Village

One hand, it seems, is washing the other in the new collaboration between Seton Hall University and the South Orange Performing Arts Center.

The university's performing arts program will gain a new centerpiece for major theater productions when SOPAC's main stage opens this fall. At the same time, their polished and well publicized productions are expected to bring to SOPAC not only a Seton Hall audience but broad regional attendance as well.

"The histories of Seton Hall and South Orange are intimately connected and continue to grow," said Villager Molly Easo Smith, who has been dean of SHU's College of Arts and Sciences. "Seton Hall takes very seriously the flow between our two populations."

Smith said Seton Hall will be able to refine its graduate arts administration program with student access to management internships at SOPAC.

Arts center construction is nearing completion. It will include a five-screen movie theater to be operated by Clearview Cinemas, and a 150-seat community space, in addition to the SOPAC main stage. The inaugural gala for the stage is anticipated in November.

For SOPAC updates, log onto www.sopacnow.org, or call (973) 275-1114. ▲

The Gaslight is published 10 times a year for the residents and business community of South Orange Village.

June 2006

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SOMEF awards \$46,000 to local educators

The South Orange-Maplewood Education Foundation distributed 54 grants to 80 teachers and administrators in the South Orange / Maplewood School District during the 2005-2006 school year. Grants ranging from \$95 to \$2,800 were used for special projects in the district's nine schools, or for staff development.

One grant at South Orange Middle School allows sixth graders to meet after school to collaborate on logic problems and strategy games in a Math Challenge Club.

At Tuscan School, students are addressing prejudice and discrimination by exploring the Holocaust.

Three staff members will attend an innovative academic support program to prepare students in grades 5 to 12 for college admission and success.

Students at Clinton School will explore U.S. immigration based on their own personal family histories.

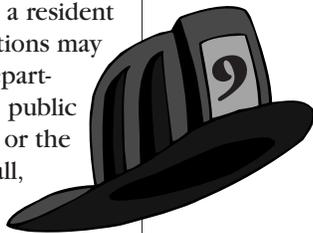
Funds for SOMEF grants are raised from corporate and foundation grants, and through community events and annual appeals. To view the complete list of grants, visit www.somef.org. ▲

Firefighter entry exam announced

An entry level exam for the South Orange Fire Department will be given in the coming winter and applications are being accepted now through Aug. 31.

To apply, you must be a resident of South Orange. Applications may be obtained at the fire department, 52 Sloan Street; the public library, 65 Scotland Road; or the clerk's office at Village Hall, 101 South Orange Avenue.

For more information about the exam, visit the NJ Department of Personnel Web site: www.state.nj.us/personnel/public_safety/entry-level-fighter_opps.htm. ▲



Got a stake in South Orange's future?

Main Street South Orange needs creative, caring residents to help make the Village an even better community to live, work, shop, dine, and have fun in.

Main Street's goal is to assist existing businesses and recruit new merchants, draw people downtown with special events, and make physical improvements in the business district.

Volunteers can become involved with one or more of the following committees:

■ **Promotion** - market the downtown to shoppers, investors, new businesses and visitors, through advertising, retail promotions and special events.

■ **Design** - maintain an inviting downtown atmosphere by reviewing window displays, parking areas, signs, sidewalks, lighting and landscaping.

■ **Economic Development** - work toward converting unused space into productive property, while sharpening business competitiveness.

■ **Organization** - help build consensus among groups with an important stake in the downtown.

To join, contact Executive Director Carole Anzalone-Newman at (973) 763-6899, or director@MainStreetSouthOrange.org. ▲

Four more Container Days

The South Orange Public Works Department will offer monthly container days on these Saturdays: June 24, July 22, Aug. 26 and Sept. 30.

South Orange residents (only) may discard unwanted household items at the DPW Yard at 300 Walton Avenue. Two forms of ID are required for proof of residency. No commercial vehicles are permitted. For information call DPW at (973) 378-7741.

Branch Pickup Note: Appointments are required. Call DPW. ▲

Senior citizen walk program to begin

A new walking program designed specifically for South Orange's senior citizens will be starting in July. Participants can get fit, socialize and listen to special speakers after exercising.

The first walk - a leisurely stroll around the duck pond at Meadowland Park - will be Wednesday, July 26, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Participants will meet at The Baird.

Walkers are advised to wear sneakers or other comfortable shoes. Sign-up is requested by July 24. For information, call (973) 378-7715, x7710. ▲

Greetings to the Village Diner!

Extensive interior renovation and an upgraded diner menu are featured at South Orange's newest eatery, the Village Diner, at #1 Sloan Street. Opened on May 22, it replaces the former Blue Moon Diner at the prime location under the NJ Transit train trestle.

Owners Manny Niocis, Nick Lignos and Stuart Alboum offer an expansive variety of salads and low-carb selections, along with panini melt sandwiches, burgers, club sandwiches, gyros and wraps. The dinner menu features a bounty of seafood along with standard American fare.

Hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week. Diners can eat in the 75-seat restaurant or order take-out, (973) 761-6666.

Residents may be familiar with Niocis' other local restaurant, Texas Wieners, across from Home Depot on Springfield Avenue. ▲

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Dreamcatcher

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Last call for young actors

Summer Theatre Conservatory enrollment continues in two age groups, 10-13 and 14-17. Classes will be Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Costs range from \$200 for one session to \$640 for all four. Register by June 15.

- July 10-14, the Actors Workshop.
- July 17-21, the Comedy Workshop.
- July 24-28, Acting for the Camera.
- July 31-Aug. 4, Filmmaking.

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Put Your Hands In It!

A hands-on art workshop and adults-only performance art are planned in conjunction with Pierro Gallery's current exhibition, "Headlines."

■ **June 11**, 1-4 p.m. "News Events Workshops & Symposiums," will be an afternoon of **free art activities** at Meadowland Park. At seven drop-in art-work stations, participants can try varying techniques and materials. For example, at "Talking Heads," explore phrenology, the map of the head. Collage your thoughts with instructor/artist Liz Buschman. Or try "Personal Highlights," combining news clippings with paint and mixed media.

■ **June 16**, 7:30 p.m., internationally acclaimed performance artist Tim Miller will perform "**Glory Box**" at Pierro Gallery. From playground battles to bittersweet adult relationships, Miller explores gay marriage and immigration rights based on personal experience. Admission \$10. Adults only.

The workshops are part of the gallery's provocative current exhibit, "Headlines," on display through July 16. The show is a cultural exploration of the last three years in American history. Seventeen artists reference current events, politics and world affairs through painting, drawing, digital imagery, video and installations. ▲



South Orange Summer Sports Camps

Offered by the South Orange Department
of Recreation & Cultural Affairs
(973) 378-7754 • <http://southorange.recware.com>

Get your 2006 ID badge

Current year ID badges for the South Orange Recreation Department are issued at The Baird from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday to Thursday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday to Sunday. Two proofs of residency are required. New or updated badges are \$15.

Tennis

Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Offered weekly throughout the summer. Instruction and competitive play, open to grades K-8. Fee: \$190.

Basketball

Monday to Thursday, Aug. 14 - 17, 9 a.m. - noon

Division 1 college players from the NJ Crusaders AAU Club will work with boys and girls, grades 5 to 8, on outdoor courts at The Baird. Drill stations, scrimmages, shooting, ball handling, dribbling and defense will be taught. Mary-Alice Zavocki, long-time AAU coach, will direct the program. Fee: \$150.

Cougar Baseball Camp

Monday to Thursday, July 10-13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Larry Busichio, varsity baseball coach for Columbia High, will direct children ages 8 to 12, who have some experience. The focus will be fundamentals: hitting, catching, infield, outfield and pitching. Fee: \$200.

Willie Wilson Baseball Camp

Monday to Thursday, July 24-27, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Former Major League All-Star Willie Wilson and other former Major League players will instruct children ages 7 to 14. Players will receive individual instruction in hitting, catching, infield, outfield and pitching. Team play will be included for a part of each day. Fee: \$250.

U.S. Sports Institute Half-Day Multi-Sport Camp

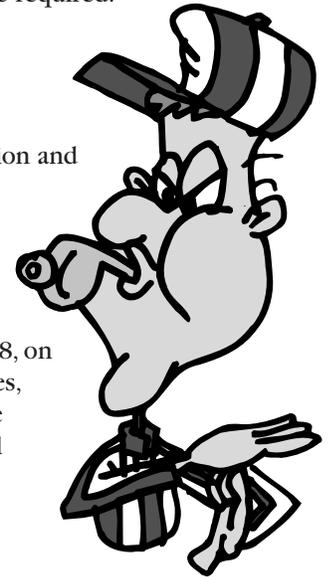
Monday to Friday, Aug. 14-18, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Children ages 5 to 7 experience more than 10 sports in a week: badminton, baseball, basketball, bocce, cricket, net ball, field hockey, flag football, lacrosse, hand ball, floor hockey, discovery games, pillo polo, soccer, tennis, touch rugby and volleyball. Selected sports depend on facilities available. Campers receive technical instruction in each sport and tackle a realistic game situation. Each day after lunch is the USSI Olympic Games and World Cup. Fee: \$115.

U.S. Sports Institute Full-Day Multi-Sport Camp

Monday to Friday, Aug. 14-18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Friday until 1 p.m.)

Children ages 7 to 14 experience additional sports and daily challenges. It's a true sports camp experience with so much to do in so little time! Fee: \$135.



Villager Lynn Biot-Gordon skates to silver in adult nationals

South Orange has a new sports celebrity! Lynn Biot-Gordon, already an accomplished mom, social work consultant and health care lecturer, is now ranked #2 in the U.S. in artistic performance figure skating for adults.

A 10-year Village resident, Biot-Gordon, age 40, won a silver medal in April during the 13th annual National Adult Figure Skating Championships in Dallas, Texas. She was among 19 competitors in the artistic performance category, skating in the 36-to-45-year age group.

For one year, she trained three to five hours a week with coach Andree Baron of Roseland, plus two hours a week on her own. Codey Arena in West Orange opens at 5:45 a.m. and Biot-Gordon was often there when the doors opened.

With two children and a full-time business, "It was a struggle to coordinate calendars," she said, describing complicated arrangements with her medical doctor husband, Ken Gordon.

But as he proudly says of his wife, "It is possible to truly live and achieve one's personal goals!"

Biot-Gordon started skating at age 7 and began competing at age 11, but boarding school and its big commute stopped her in her blades.

Four years ago, the itch returned. "I just wanted to exercise and I wanted it to be something I'd enjoy," she said. "I used to run, but didn't like it." Same with the treadmill and Stairmaster.

Skating was the answer, and when she ran into Baron, her childhood coach, she learned about the adult national championships. After competing in Kansas last year, she instantly resumed training for this year's event – a true athlete.

Her daughter, age 9, and son, age 6, "think it's really cool that their mother does this." Both are taking lessons themselves.

As for future competitions, "Oh yes!" she says, there will be more. "Figure skating is a life sport as long as you stay healthy. I'll do this for as long as I can. It's my exercise for mental, physical and spiritual health." ▲



HAPPENINGS

Seton Hall Theatre-in-the-Round

At Bishop Dougherty University Center
(973) 761-9098

• **Godspell** - book by John Michael Tebelak, music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz.

Based on The Gospel according to St. Matthew, this inspiring hit show uses folk-rock, gospel, and vaudeville to tell a tale of friendship, tolerance, and love. June 23, 24, 30, and July 1, at 8 p.m. June 25 and July 2, at 2 p.m. Regular admission, \$15; seniors, \$12; students and children, \$5.

• **Kind Sir** - by Norman Krasna. An accomplished actress finally finds the man of her dreams. But when she finds out he hasn't been completely honest, the diva sets out for revenge in this hilarious light-hearted comedy. July 14, 15, 21, 22, at 8 p.m. July 16, 23, at 2 p.m. Regular admission, \$12; seniors, \$10; students and children, \$5.

Main Street S.O.

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Lunchtime Concert Series

Spiotta Park • Wednesdays in June, noon - 2 p.m.

Spend your lunch hour savoring great choices from a local eatery, while enjoying live music.

• **June 7, Comfort Food** - original jazz compositions, and new approaches to familiar tunes.

• **June 14, Dave Rimelis** - jazz, blues, Celtic and Cajun; strings and vocals with an accent on fun.

• **June 21, Dave Braham and the Latin Jazz Alliance**, music in the tradition of Mongo Santamaria and Tito Puente.

• **June 28, Bones Unlimited** - Maplewood Community Music trombone choir, plays classics and light fare.

Farmers Market

Meadowland Park Duck Pond • Wednesdays, June 28 - Oct. 25, 2-7 p.m.

Enjoy just-picked produce and flowers, all grown in New Jersey, plus prepared foods, fresh cheese, pickles and pickled vegetables. Stop by the Main Street table for weekly recipes and free food samples.

Note! The Farmers Market begins one week earlier this year, so you can shop for July 4th weekend. It also starts an hour earlier. ▲

Be there June 21! for the next meeting of neighbors & trustees

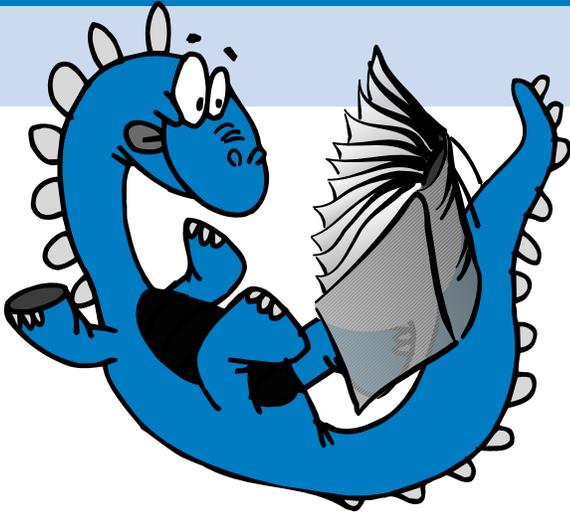
The third Neighborhood Meeting with Village Trustees is set for Wednesday, June 21, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at The Baird. During a preceding "office hour" from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., residents can speak one-on-one with any trustee. Villagers from the following streets are invited, but the meeting is open to all residents:

Zone 5 - Berkeley Av, Charlton Av, Clark Pl, Clark St, Comstock Pl, Connett Pl, Grove Rd, Grove Ter, Halsey Pl, Harrison Ct, Henderson Dr, Hillside Pl, Hillside Ter, Irving Av, Irving Ter, Keasby Rd, Mead St, Meadowbrook Ln, Meadowbrook Pl, Meeker St, Montrose Av (west of Grove Rd), Mountainhouse Rd, Page Ter, Ralston Av, Randolph Pl, Raymond Av, Raymond Ct, Scotland Rd, Taylor Pl, Thatcher Ln, Turrell Av, Village Green Ct, Vose Av, Woodland Crest, Woodland Pl.

Zone 6 - Audley St, Briar Ct, Church St, Conway Ct, Cumberland Rd, Edgewood Ter, Harding Dr South, Hemlock Ter, Kingsland Ct, Kingsland Ter, Lenox Av, Lenox Pl, Lenox Ter, Mews Ln, Ridgewood Rd (south of S. Orange Av), Rynda Rd, S. Orange Av (from the RR tracks west to Harding Dr), Third St (west of RR tracks), Thornden St, Trenchard Pl, Walton Av, Wesley Ct, West End Rd, Western Dr North, Western Dr South, Winthrop Ter.

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Creature Feature

2006 Summer Reading Program

This summer's reading program will incorporate a lively animal theme. Kids and teens can read books, magazines, newspapers or e-books, listen to audiobooks or do their own writing to earn theme-related prizes. Summer reading lists from local schools also will be available at the library.

Opening Day Festivities will be June 22. Drop in any time between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. for games, crafts and other activities.

Children's Programs will include family nights, crafts, storytimes for all ages, chess and games, art projects and movies with popcorn.

Monday Night Family Programs include Mehndi (the art of henna tattooing), Bobaloo (an interactive puppet show), a classical piano performance, and more.

Art in the Afternoon will be offered every Thursday, with projects like tie-dye, papier-mâché and edible art.

Middle Schoolers and Teens can enjoy Playstation gaming, movies, comic book creations and open stage poetry on designated Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Teen Volunteers are needed to help run all programs. Call (973) 762-0230 for more information or to sign up.

Library Summer Hours

Adult Services

Th 9-9 T 9-9 W 9-6 Th 9-9 F 9-6 Sun 2-5

Children's services

Th 9-9 T 9-6 W 9-6 Th 9-9 F 9-6 Sun 2-5

Adult Programs & Events

Summer Movies

Every other Wednesday, 1 p.m.

- July 5 - Splash
- July 19 - Mermaids
- Aug. 2 - In the Good Old Summertime
- Aug. 16 - In the Heat of the Night
- Aug. 30 - The Rainmaker

Summer Lecture Series

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

- June 22 - Prof. John Wargacki, "Poetry of the Seasons."
- July 6 - Prof. Donald Wimmer, "Ancient Near East Archaeology."
- July 20 - Jack Chance, "Outdoor Sculpture in New Jersey."
- Aug. 10 - Karen Gervitz, "New Millennium Fatherhood, Old Millennium Motherhood."
- Aug. 24 - Lori Sender presents a one-woman show as Clara Schumann, the classical pianist.

Comedy of Errors

The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival's Next State Ensemble will perform on Aug. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Hot Films, Cool Conversations

The library and South Orange Recreation are venturing into controversial videos with viewings at the library, followed two weeks later by conversations at the South Orange community pool. During poolside discussions, library staff will offer storytime for kids ages three and older, to entertain them while their parents enjoy the discussion.

- "Crash" - library viewing, July 11, 7 p.m. Poolside discussion, July 25, 6 p.m.
- "Munich" - library viewing, Aug. 8, 7 p.m. Poolside discussion, Aug. 22, 6 p.m.

Regular Library Groups

- S. O. Book Review Group (adults) - Monday, Aug. 7, 7:30 p.m. "The French Lieutenant's Woman," by John Fowles.
- Star Book Group (grades six and up) - Thursday, June 15, 4 p.m. "The Various," by Steve Augarde.
- Open Stage Teen Poetry Reading (9th grade and up) - Thursday, July 20, 7 p.m.

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Welfare, x5
Finance, x6
Engineer, x7
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Health Officer
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Animal Control
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Library
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Police Dept.
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Public Works
378-7708
Recreation &
Cultural Affairs
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Recycling Info. &
Street Dept.
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Villager of the Month

Eleanor Farrell

You've probably strolled through Farrell Fields, the pretty community park on Walton Avenue, but did you know it was named after a venerable local family? One forever associated with South Orange recreation?

Eleanor Farrell, now 86, is the family's current matriarch - mother of three, grandmother of four and great-grandmother of half-a-dozen.

"I was always in the parks as a child," says Eleanor, and "at the Baird Community House. Anything free, I was always there." Those were the places where everyone gathered to play games, eat cake and enjoy a passing breeze. For Eleanor, they are among the fondest memories of her life.

"That's where I met my love. I was sweet 16 and he was 17."

She married Buddy Farrell, "the most handsome man in South Orange," in 1942. When he returned from WWII, his father encouraged him to work in the parks department. The elder Farrell was director for 45 years, says Eleanor, and her husband continued the role for 32 more years.

Farrell Fields indeed!

"I lived near the park when my children were little," said Eleanor. "We went there every day."

And the family's various homes were filled with the paperwork of the parks, Buddy's daily output of service to the Village.

Eleanor stowed reams of his records, and in the last five years they became a treasure trove to historians producing a book and film on South Orange's past.

"For her willingness to share precious photographs and to tell the stories of her life," the South Orange Community Relations Committee honored Eleanor as the May Villager of the Month.



Nancy Heins-Glaser, the committee's presenter, said, "Eleanor has been happy to talk about the rag man, the ice man, and the scissors man - not only because it gives her pleasure to remember them - but because by so doing, she can be sure that others

will know they were here too."

Heins-Glaser, who directed the documentary, "Once Upon A Gaslight...A Walking Tour Of South Orange," said Eleanor's stories and photos of the parks were instrumental in her film. Likewise, 17 of her photos appear in "Images of America: South Orange," the 2002 history written by Villager Naoma Welk.

"Eleanor's many memories are now etched in a whole new group of townspeople, adding richness to the town we call home," said Heins-Glaser. "Thank you so much for letting us into your world firsthand. We have all been enriched by your sharing with us." ▲

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In The Schools



Governor's School accepts five from South Orange

Five Columbia High juniors were accepted into the prestigious New Jersey Governor's School, a tuition-free, two-week summer program that allows them to study special topics at New Jersey universities. Those accepted are:

- Anna Toledano, science program, Drew University.
- Cali Helleman, public issues, Monmouth University.
- Jeanna Phillips, theater, College of New Jersey.
- Anna Campbell and Samantha Gurry, video program, College of New Jersey.

Seniors recognized for volunteerism

The Unity Club of Maplewood and the Village Club of South Orange recently presented outstanding volunteerism awards to 16 CHS seniors who provided services in their local communities.

Six of them were recognized for exceptional service: Olubusola Oyefesobi, Leslie Roper, Jessica Schneider, Emily Sullivan, Daniel Symonds and Ariana Witkin. ▲

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