

# The South Orange Gaslight



Keep an eye on this star athlete!

## S.O. Little League's Lance Christopher scores unassisted triple play

Nine-year-old Lance Christopher had already made a name for himself in gymnastics and basketball, so the All-American pastime wasn't at the top of his sporting list.

That is, not until May 5, the day he scored an unassisted triple play! Even in the Major Leagues, that's a feat only 15 players have ever accomplished.

For Lance, it happened in the middle of the game between Minor Maplewood Pizza (his team) and the Maplewood VFW team. Playing infield at third base, he caught a line drive. *Out #1.* He stepped on third and tagged the runner who'd taken a head start for home, but had to come back. *Out #2.* Then he tagged the runner coming from second to third. *Out #3.*

"I saw a guy running to third and then another guy running to third. I didn't know why they did that but I tagged them," said Lance.

Tara Christopher, his mom, instantly went berserk in the stands along with everyone else. After all, the potential of two runners already on base could have been devastating. "It was a major save," she said. "Suddenly everyone was screaming."

Lance said at first he didn't realize the significance of the play. But the game stopped momentarily and "everybody came running to me and saying how good I was and stuff, and they never thought that would happen. My coach was really happy but I don't really remember what he said."

At the end of the game, Lance



was honored with the game ball, and a few weeks later, a special package from the Yankees — a hat, T-shirt, cup and calendar. (Tara might have had something to do with that.)

A soon-to-be fourth grader, Lance has played in the South Orange Maplewood Baseball League for two years. He, younger brother

Garrett, older sister Ava and their mom are long-time Villagers.

Tara says Lance's baseball achievement is the latest notch in an already amazing athletic career. He has competed in state and regional gymnastic competitions, and scored the most baskets among second-grade boys in the South Mountain Minute, a popular basketball competition.

Still, "he's very low key," says Tara. When the triple play happened, "he was humble about it."

"That was one of the biggest moments of my life. Definitely," says Lance. "Before, baseball wasn't my favorite sport, now it is." ▲

### Baseball Fact

An unassisted triple play occurs when a defensive player makes all three outs by himself in one continuous play, with no teammates touching the ball. There must be no prior outs in the inning and at least two runners on base.

It's "one of the rarest fabulous feats in Major League baseball," says the Baseball Almanac. "It has been accomplished only fifteen times in history."

### Ask your congressman

A representative from Congressman Bill Pascrell's office will be in Village Hall at 7:30 p.m. prior to each monthly Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees. The representative will discuss any matter of concern to South Orange residents. The board meetings take place the fourth Monday of each month. Upcoming dates are July 26 and Sept. 27. ▲

### Leadership change announced in Clerk's Office

Acting Clerk/Registrar and 34-year Village resident Lynn Cucciniello will be retiring from Village employment on July 31. She has worked in the Clerk's office for 24 years and became Acting Clerk in January 2008.

New Clerk Robin Kline will take over in an acting capacity on July 1 before the appointment takes effect on Aug. 1. Kline is a registered municipal clerk, a certified municipal registrar and a notary public. She has worked for New Jersey municipalities for the past nine years, most recently as the municipal clerk and registrar for Vernon Township. ▲

### Celebrate the Fourth!



South Orange's old fashioned Fourth of July tradition is beckoning once again. This year's fun and festivities will include the bicycle rodeo, a parade along Meadowbrook Lane, a model boat exhibit at the duck pond and Hambone Kelly's Banjo Band in the park. A magician, clown and puppeteer will perform by the pool for children in the afternoon. A July 4th BBQ will be offered at the pool concession stand. Check the Village website for details, [www.south-orange.org](http://www.south-orange.org). ▲

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## In the local goose wars, the flyers are losing!

If you yearn for the geese in our duck pond to—poof!—disappear, you may be surprised to know that the current population is 10 times less than it was 15 years ago.

In fact, the “native” flock is fast approaching zero growth.

John Festa, health officer for the South Orange Health Department, said there were 300 to 400 Canada geese in and around the duck pond back in 1995 when serious efforts to reduce the population began.

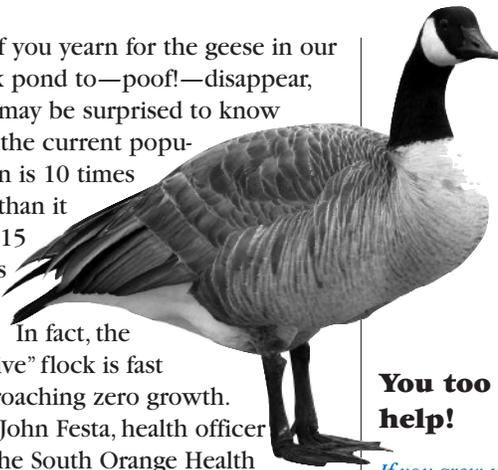
“Wherever they’re born, that’s home,” said Festa. “They may migrate for a while but they’ll always come back and they live about 20 years.”

In a seven-year period, the average pair of geese will have about 100 offspring, and every one of them produces about one pound of poop a day. If there had been no goose control in the last 15 years, imagine the problem we’d have right now!

Back in 1995, “the path around the pond was literally green,” said Festa. “We tried all kinds of things: Mylar balloons, grape juice additive, Public Works was constantly cleaning.” Then the Village got “Boot,” a trained border collie who frightens the geese with her arctic fox profile. Boot is now 15 and arthritic, so her successor, “Cloud,” has taken over the beat. Now that it’s summer and more people are in the park, Cloud works from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Friday. The rest of the year, she’ll work until noon.

But the most defensive tactic of all in the geese wars is oiling. In four years, Festa and team have sprayed about 100 goose eggs with oil. The oil prevents vapors from diffusing through the pores of the egg, which causes the embryo to die of asphyxiation. As a result, Festa said only one gosling was born at the duck pond last year and four this year.

We don’t ever expect to get rid



### You too can help!

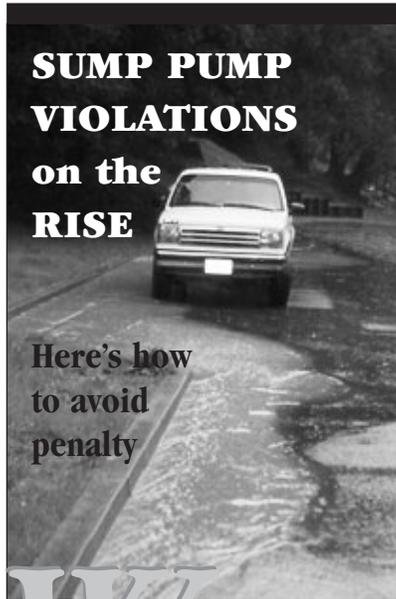
*If you grew up feeding bread and crackers to Gary Goose, the South Orange Health Department urges you to give it up. Feeding the geese does more than contribute to the squishy green mess. Moldy bread poisons the geese and causes deformities in their wings. The poison is transmitted to other geese. Feeding also makes them more aggressive and more dependent on people. And, it violates Board of Health ordinances, as posted on five signs in the pond and two more on the north end of Mead Street.*

*“If you are feeding the geese, please stop because the Department of Health will start enforcing this ordinance in August,” said Festa. No more letting it slide. For more information, call Animal Control Officer Dick Ash at (973) 378-7715, x7711.*

of all the geese.” After all, there will always be pond-hoppers — geese shooshed from one town who simply move into another. But South Orange will never be their birthplace and they won’t nest here. The 35 or 40 who were born at the

duck pond “will be here for another 10 years or so,” said Festa. “Hopefully there won’t be any no new goslings.”

More egg oiling is happening at Manor Homes and along the east branch of the Rahway River. ▲



With all the wet weather in the last year, homeowners are dealing with more ground water than usual, says Township Engineer Sal Renda. One result? More complaints about enforcement of sump pump ordinances.

“Most people have sump pumps; they’re pretty common,” he said. But many of them are improperly connected. If your sump pump illegally discharges to the street, or is connected to your sanitary sewer, contact the Engineering Office for advice. You have two options for fixing the problem.

1.) *Connect directly to the storm sewer system.* The Engineering Office can help you determine whether a storm sewer catch basin or pipe is close enough to your property to connect. If so, the office can issue the necessary connection permits.

2.) *Install an underground seepage pit or dry well.* If storm sewer connection isn’t possible, the alternative is a seepage pit that returns the water to the ground. It is

### Two types of household discharge

• The *sanitary sewer system* collects wastewater from sinks, toilets, showers and washing machines and sends it to a sewer treatment facility.

• A sump pump collects ground water, which does not require treatment. It can be discharged into a *storm sewer system*, which flows directly into streams, rivers and ultimately, the ocean.

Sump pumps that discharge into the street cause major problems in winter. When water from the basement hits the cold air, it freezes, resulting in slippery driving, potholes and heaved curbs.

installed at least 10 feet from the foundation so the water doesn’t find its way back. Ideally, it is also placed downhill from the house.

The Engineering Office cannot design the system but can answer questions about it. To install it, you’ll probably need a plumber.

The Township has been issuing notices of violation to homeowners whose sump pumps are improperly connected. “If water is flowing out of a drain through the curb, then turning on and off in stages, it’s an obvious violation,” said Renda.

Although some residents have claimed a grandfather clause exempts them from penalty, there is no such clause. The Village ordinance regulating proper sump pump operation has always been in force.

For more information, call the Engineer’s Office at (973) 378-7715, x7706. ▲

## Saturday Container Drop-Offs

July 24, Aug. 21 and Sept. 25  
8 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.  
(no arrivals after 1:30 p.m.)  
DPW Yard, 300 Walton Avenue

Special disposal containers are provided. Two proofs of residency are required. Not open to commercial or industrial companies. Call DPW for questions about permissible drop-offs. No commercial vehicles permitted.

## Electronic Drop-Offs

Four Saturdays remain in the 2010 schedule for free electronic drop-off in South Orange or Maplewood. Villagers can drop off at the Public Works Yard in South Orange or the Maplewood Recycling Center. Proof of residency is required. Call DPW to ask about permissible drop-offs.

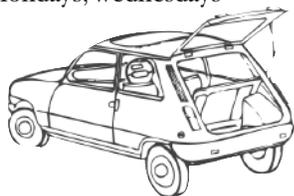
### 8 a.m. - noon

- July 24, Maplewood
- Sept. 4, South Orange
- Oct. 16, Maplewood
- Dec. 4, South Orange

**Alternative Drop-Off** - If you cannot drop off on the designated Saturday, call for alternative drop-off: in South Orange, the prior Thursday; in Maplewood, the prior Friday. Drop-off locations remain the same. If you have any questions, call Maplewood at (973) 762-1175, or South Orange at (973) 378-7741.

## DPW Hours

The recycling facility at 300 Walton Avenue is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon; closed to the public Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



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## Committee/Committed: Pierro @ 16

Now through July 18

Artists on the Pierro Gallery Exhibition Committee are celebrating the gallery's 16 years of operations with an honorary exhibition. Together they have helped establish the significance Pierro has earned in the art world. The 26 artists are among those who have helped with marketing, served as curators and exhibited their own works, all to enrich the local quality of life.

Included in the exhibit are: Mona Brody, Raleigh Caesar, Laura Chenicek, Liz DeMaree, Kate Dodd, SK Duff, Boris Gavrilovic, Peter Jacobs, Jo Jochowitz, Greg Leshe, Karen McDermott, Marco Munoz, Susan Napack, Frank O'Leary, Gary Park, Kaaren Patterson, Sarah Petruziello, Lennie Pierro, Margie Pye, Lauren Rutten, Jay Seldin, Fausto Sevilla, Miriam Sumner, Jennifer Takahashi, Ellen Weisbord, and Judy Wukitsch.

*Works by South Orange artists Jennifer Takahashi, above, and Frank O'Leary, at right.*



## SPORTS AT THE BAIRD

### Summer Sports Camps

A variety of sports camps are offered in South Orange this summer.

- Tennis, ages 3-15, weekly, beginning June 28.
- Cougar Baseball, ages 7-14, weeks of July 12 and 19.
- Cougar Softball, girls grades 7-9, weeks of July 19 and Aug. 2.
- Multi-Sports, ages 3-14, weeks of June 21 and Aug. 16.
- Beginner Golf, ages 5-11, week of Aug. 23.

Details and registration are available at The Baird and online (select "Register Online").

### Fall Soccer

Register NOW for the fall season of South Mountain Soccer, for boys and girls, grades 3 through 8. Players at all skill levels participate for 10 weeks, with professional training one day a week and a game each weekend. There are no tryouts. Register online or at The Baird.

## Get soaked on June 25!

All South Orange residents are invited to visit the pool on Friday, June 25 to "test the waters." Children must be accompanied by adults and must show the gate attendant a driver's license or utility bill with their South Orange address. (Normally, pool admission requires a recreation ID badge.) Badge information is available online or at The Baird.

### DREAMCATCHER REPERATORY THEATER

[www.dreamcatcherrep.org](http://www.dreamcatcherrep.org)  
973-378-7754, x2228

Bring your family to an original show created by the students of Dreamcatcher's Summer Theatre Conservatory. Songs, poetry and stories from popular children's literature will be performed by actors ages 10 to 16, for audiences of all ages. Performances are Friday, July 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, July 31 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

### Summer is fun for adults too

Physical and mental fitness, performing arts and computer classes are among this summer's offerings at the Adult School. Highlights from the catalog include:

- Two new gardening classes on June 29 — summer perennials and vegetables.
- Let's Ride! The South Orange/Maplewood Bicycle Coalition teaches basic repairs and safety on four Tuesday nights beginning July 6.
- Nature photography, July 10. Walk the trails at the South Mountain Reservation with photographer Joy Yagid.

Class schedules and course descriptions are available in the summer 2010 catalog and online. Go to [www.somadulthoodschool.org](http://www.somadulthoodschool.org) or call (973) 378-7620.

### Enjoy a midsummer outdoor movie at Marylawn

Marylawn of the Oranges Academy will host a family-friendly outdoor movie night for the South Orange community on Tuesday, July 27. Admission and popcorn are free. Special activities, including Wii and Guitar Hero on the large movie screen will start at 7 p.m. The movie will run from 8:30 to 10 p.m. A concession stand, face-painting and more will be available.

Marylawn is located at 445 Scotland Road. Park across the street at Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel. For more information, call (973) 762-9222, x15 or e-mail [marylawnmail@gmail.com](mailto:marylawnmail@gmail.com).

### Workshop offered for job-seeking actors

Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre will host a "Career Dynamo for Actors Workshop" on Saturday, July 17 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The one-day intensive will explore job seeking in a competitive marketplace. Workshop leaders are Dreamcatcher Artistic

Director Laura Ekstrand and Penelope Bracket, a career coach who specializes in working with creative artists.

Participants will gain a clear understanding of "type" — your acting strength and how to sell it. In addition, you'll learn how to tailor monologue auditions to your strengths, and how to set immediate and long-term goals. The workshop is ideal for new actors, veterans who want to refresh their skills and outlook, and those taking their hobby to a new level.

Tuition is \$115, or \$95 if you register by July 1. Sign up online at [www.dreamcatcherrep.org](http://www.dreamcatcherrep.org), or call (973) 378-7754, x2228 for more information.

### Main Street Farmers' Market now open

Get your Jersey Fresh fruits and veggies plus delicious prepared foods in our downtown outdoor market. The Main Street South Orange Farmers' Market opens June 30 and continues every Wednesday through Oct. 27. Hours are 2 to 7 p.m. in the Sloan Street parking lot across from the train station. Look for new promotions this year plus a "Certified Naturally Grown" farmer. For more information, go to [www.MainStreetSouthOrange.org](http://www.MainStreetSouthOrange.org).

### Cookin' with Eden & Main Street South Orange

The head chef from Eden Marketplace will provide cooking demonstrations at the MSSO Farmers' Market on Wednesday, July 21, from 2 to 6 p.m. Afterward, join your neighbors and friends for cocktails and dinner until 10 p.m. on the patio at Above Restaurant and Bar, upstairs from Eden Marketplace. Details at [www.MainStreetSouthOrange.org](http://www.MainStreetSouthOrange.org).



### 'As You Like It' performed at the library

The comedy "As You Like It" will be performed by The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, Next Stage Ensemble, on Tuesday, July 20, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Heroine Rosalind flees persecution in her uncle's court to find safety and eventually love in the Forest of Arden. Catch some of Shakespeare's most oft-quoted phrases: "All the world's a stage," and "too much of a good thing." The ensemble tours with minimal sets and no lighting equipment. Actors perform in multiple roles.

### Lecture Series

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

- July 8 - "Pop Culture," with TV broadcaster Cheryl Washington.
- July 22 - "Jane Austen in Film and Literature," with Seton Hall English professor Karen Gevirtz.
- Aug. 5 - "My Time In Dubai," with strategic urban planner Amy Schoeman.
- Aug. 19 - Violinist Kim Chiesa.

### Wednesdays at the Movies

Children and adults, 1 p.m.

- July 7 - "Pirates of the Caribbean"
- July 21 - "Overboard"
- Aug. 4 - "Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken"
- Aug. 18 - "Happy Feet"

### Gaming for All Ages

- Chess, other board games, Wii bowling for seniors and more. June 30, July 14, 28, Aug. 11, 25, at 1 p.m.
- Video gaming for teens/adults (16 and up), July 14 only, 7-11 p.m.

### Read and earn prizes!

All ages: Read a book, article, or website, or write a poem, letter or story and you could win a prize or be entered in a raffle. It's all happening thanks to local merchants for the prizes, and the Friends of SOPL for the great books, including summer reading list titles.

### Children's Summer Programs

July & August

#### Mondays

(except July 5)  
Family Night,  
7 p.m.

#### Tuesdays

- Toddler story-time (with adult), 11 a.m., stories and craft.
- Art with Bernie Williams, 1 p.m.
- Chess, other board games, Wii bowling, 3:30 p.m.

#### Wednesdays

- Babies storytime (with adult), 10 a.m.
- Families, 1 p.m.
- Lunch Bunch Book Group (age 7+), 11:30 a.m.

#### Thursdays

Art in the Afternoon, 2 p.m.

#### Fridays

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# South Orange Concerts in the Park



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# June Villagers of the Month

*Our June Villagers of the Month are 2010 graduates of Columbia High School, both of whom have distinguished themselves in school and in the wider community.*

## Ruby Scalera

Ruby Scalera has been writing her entire life. In fact, she just finished her first romance novel. "So silly and fun," she says. But she's seriously targeting Harlequin Books as the publisher. She also knows — already — that when she heads to Boston's Emerson College this fall, she wants to major in broadcast journalism with a minor in writing.

Ruby's precocious creative flair was incubated at home with her mother, poet Holly Scalera, her father, graphic designer Tomm Scalera. Ruby has reveled in their influence. I want to be around as much art as possible," she says. "I work a lot and in my spare time I want to write."

Professionally, Ruby "would like to go into journalism; it's an exciting field, but my real dream is to sit home and write all the time. I love all kinds of writing and for all different reasons."

Last summer, Ruby's poetry earned her a prestigious scholarship to the Kenyon Review Young Writers Workshop in Ohio, and this year she won the Joe Potts Award for excellence in poetry, a senior award at Columbia High School.

She was junior editor of "Guildscript," the school magazine, a job that kept her writing while inspiring other people. "We really dove into the talent pool at Columbia," she said.

Throughout her high school years, Ruby has been employed as a page at the South Orange Public Library, where she helped patrons and trained other pages. Her recent venture in novel-writing was more evidence of her industrious nature. The project was conceived in part



Ruby Scalera

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as a way to help pay for her college education. "Harlequin accepts unsolicited manuscripts. I need to edit it and send in a query letter," she says.

Ruby also mentors younger students and volunteers on occasion with South Mountain Peace Organization.

South Orange "was the perfect place to be raised," says Ruby. Now, "I want to explore the world and South Orange has given me the right background and experience to do that." ▲

## Shari Ann Arena

Education, communication and psychology are what fascinates Shari Ann Arena, and very likely, those interests will lead her to become an elementary school teacher.

With her GPA of 3.8 and four years of honors classes at Columbia High, Shari Ann landed a 50% academic scholarship to Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Penn. But it was her community service during high school that most imprinted her personal development.

In her last two years at Columbia, Shari Ann was the devoted president of a school service group called "The Elementors." She and other students mentored struggling grammar school students in the district, encouraging them to develop a positive outlook toward education and their own potential.

The activity combined nicely with the peer counseling she did her senior year. Twice a week she visited the elementary schools at lunch time to befriend the younger students who were facing social issues. By "hanging out with them," she helped "get them out of their shells and get them to talk to other people." She also helped students with reading challenges, nudging them up to their proper reading level.

Shari Ann's devotion to younger students began her sophomore year when she worked with the



Shari Ann Arena

Invention Convention, a program that fosters children's science skills. Karen Weiland and Marilou Gregory, from the Parenting Center (a

school district resource) noticed Shari Ann's remarkable abilities with children and recommended her as president of The Elementors. They described Shari Ann as "very organized, energetic and generous with her time."

Outside her community service and academics, Shari Ann played varsity soccer for four years and was team captain her senior year. She performed in All-School Musicals and Half Step Up, an a cappella singing group.

Shari Ann has lived all her life in South Orange with her parents Barbara and Anthony and sister Gabrielle. She thanked her family for their ongoing support and guidance, and Weiland and Gregory at the Parenting Center "for getting me involved in the community." ▲

## Summer hours for 2010-2011 school registration

Registration packets for all grades in the South Orange Maplewood School District can be downloaded at [www.somsd.k12.nj.us](http://www.somsd.k12.nj.us), or they can be picked up Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Office of Registration, 525 Academy Street in Maplewood.

Completed packets can be returned to the Office of Registration Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., or by appointment. The office is closed for administrative work on Fridays. For information, call (973) 762-5600. ▲

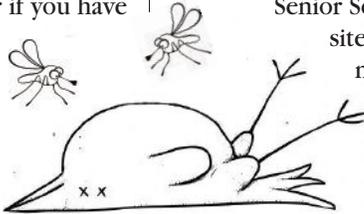
## Help track West Nile Virus

You can help track and control the spread of West Nile Virus by assisting with New Jersey's seasonal surveillance. From now through Oct. 29, the South Orange Department of Health is collecting dead birds in the Corvid family, including crows and blue jays. (Hawks and robins also considered for testing.) Tests determine where the virus is circulating and where enhanced mosquito control may be needed.

If you find a dead crow, blue jay or robin, or if you have a WNV question, call the Animal Control Officer at (973) 378-7715, x7711.

West Nile Virus is transmitted primarily through infected mosquitoes. Larvae are found in still water. To diminish the problem, empty and refill outdoor bird baths daily, tilt wheelbarrows and empty watering cans.

To reduce mosquito bites, avoid shaded areas, limit evening outdoor activity, wear long-sleeved shirts and pants, and use insect repellents with 20-30% DEET. For more information, visit the NJ Health and Senior Services website, [www.state.nj.us/health](http://www.state.nj.us/health). ▲



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Water Service

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## New Health Board members needed

Additional volunteers are needed to serve on the South Orange Board of Health, an independent policy-making body that carries out duties assigned by New Jersey statutes and Village ordinances. The board also can adopt and repeal Village ordinances.

Any Township resident or local school nurse is welcome to apply; medical experience is not mandatory.

To apply for this and other Village board/committee openings, visit [www.southorange.org/volunteer](http://www.southorange.org/volunteer). A link to the volunteer application is available there. ▲

## SOMEF changing its name but not its mission

The South Orange-Maplewood Education Foundation is revitalizing itself with a new, but familiar name. The organization and all of its initiatives will remain the same, but they will be known as the Achieve Foundation of South Orange and Maplewood.

For 20 years, the former SOMEF has raised \$1.5 million dollars from private sources to pay for supplemental programs and activities in the local public schools. SOMEF funds have paid for 351 classroom grants, professional development for educators, parent outreach programs, and improvements to the Columbia High School auditorium. SOMEF is best-known for the Achieve Volunteer Tutor Program, which has engaged 1,500 community members to help struggling students in grades K through 12.

For more information about the foundation, go to [www.achievefoundation.com](http://www.achievefoundation.com) or call (973)378-2055. ▲

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## Health Fair & Newcomers/All Comers Day

*Two special events to be combined on Sept. 11*

### Health Fair, 10 a.m. to noon

The South Orange Department of Health is hosting its fourth annual free health fair for residents and their families on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 11.

Screenings will be conducted to test eyes, blood pressure, spines, hearing, blood glucose (fasting required) and prostate. In addition, blood donations (non-fasting) will be accepted. Nutrition and dental education materials will be available, as will an oral cancer exam and figure analysis. Parents can obtain a child identification kit.

Free smoke alarms and radon test kits will be distributed and fair-goers can examine an electrical safety display. Kids will enjoy coloring books, face painting and educational handouts.

Participating with the health department will be Total Hearing Screening Care, the Northern Eye Institute, the Blood Center of New Jersey, South Orange's fire, police and rescue personnel, South Orange Chiropractic Center, PSE&G, the Essex County Rape Center, Seton Hall University, New Jersey CEED (St. Michael's Medical Center), Spa Lady of South Orange, Nutritional Tables, the Lions Club, Masons of New Jersey, New Jersey Early Intervention, a pediatrician, a dentist, and East Orange WIC.

All activities take place at The Baird (5 Mead Street). For more information, call John Festa at (973) 378-7715, x2020. ▲



### Newcomers/All Comers Day, 1 to 4 p.m.

The traditional grand welcome for South Orange's newest residents will take place on the afternoon of Saturday, Sept. 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Meadowland Park next to The Baird.

All Villagers (newcomers or otherwise) are invited to meet, greet and be informed during this special event. Activities include:

- Visits with volunteer groups to learn how to contribute to the local community.
- Short presentations by the Village president, trustees and department heads.
- Visits with local police, firefighters and EMTs.
- Musical entertainment, refreshments and activities for the kids.

All events will take place at Meadowland Park. More information will be provided in the next edition of the Gaslight. Or call the Village Clerk's office at (973) 378-7715, x7726. ▲