

Garden Gourmet is a community gem

To the editor:

Hooray for Garden Gourmet!

We have watched with enthusiasm and local pride as this local market has grown by leaps and bounds in the past several years. Once a spot known for salad fixings and Eastern European sausages, it is now a full-range, all-purpose food market where the owners can be found on the premises and ready to act on customer suggestions and desires. Ask for Andy or Mark to see how quickly they work to please.

Garden Gourmet's steady growth in a hard-to-park, hidden-by-the-el location is testament to intelligent management and a community's response to fresh produce; unlimited cheeses, dips and breads; ever-larger and better-prepared foods; and unusual ethnic items not found elsewhere. Fast-moving check-

out service and service consistently with a positive attitude in general is another big plus.

We've noticed a more discerning, food-oriented clientele too, and not just for the juicy rotisserie chickens (\$5.95).

Garden Gourmet's expansion along its nearby block surely spurred the long overdue makeover of the tired Broadway Stop & Shop.

We delight in the success of this neighborhood treasure, and often direct "foodie" friends from afar to check out what it does better than anyone else.

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