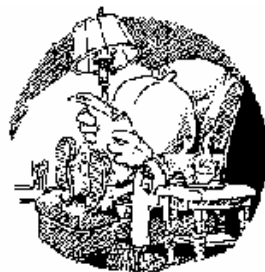


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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

GROWERS OPEN ON TUESDAYS:

You can now shop at Growers on Tuesdays from 5 to 7 pm. Just as on Fridays, nothing will be pre-order.

CO-ORDINATOR SHIFT OPEN

Our current Thursday evening coordinator, Newanna, needs to answer the demands of her crafting business and leave the 4:30 to closing shift. So STEP UP, all those with strawboss experience and a desire to become one of our dynamic team of coordinators! Call Rachel at 687-6727 with questions or your name and phone number if interested. We hope to have a new coordinator in place within two weeks.

WE DIDN'T RAISE PRICES, WE FLIPPED THE STRUCTURE

With an amazing show of time, energy and people power over the past few days, we accomplished the changing of the pricing structure to more currently reflect what running the food buying cooperative costs all of us.

Prices used to show a shopper's cost WITH work credit. As of this week, prices show a shopper's cost WITHOUT work credit. In other words, prices on the shelf and on the produce list reflect the food co-op's costs WITHOUT the huge amassing of volunteer work efforts which make this glorious happening occur each week. The 15% work credit will be subtracted from our totals at the cash register, instead of added. Thank you for your patience while we refine this system, and a huge thank you to all those who helped and are helping.

MOST DIFFICULT TIMES FOR WORK CREDIT:

Thursday afternoons from 2 until 3 or 4, depending on the day. Also, if you have a particular talent, idea or peeve, please see a coordinator for setting up a special project.

EASIEST TIMES FOR WORK CREDIT:

Tuesday afternoons and evenings; 4:30 – 7:00pm
Thursday mornings until 2
Thursday evenings until 9-ish
Friday afternoon into evening
Seasonal cleaning, inventory etc. parties (see the gazette for times)

THOUGHTS ON INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY

I have become concerned about a loss of Growers institutional memory. People remember things as a result of doing work in the co-op, or participating in groups that rent space in the building. They also can remember things because they attended Growers meetings. For example, I recall someone saying in a meeting that an inspector once warned us that the co-op was looking more and more like a store, and that the government might someday require it to satisfy all the code requirements for a store. The next Growers meetings (board meetings) are set for Wednesday, May 12th at 7 pm, and Wednesday, May 26th at 7 pm. --Milton Takei

RIVER ROAD CANDIDATES FORUM

When: Thursday, April 29, 2004, Time: 7-9 PM
Where: Emerald Park, 1400 Lake Drive
In May, local residents will vote in elections for seats for County Sheriff, County Commissioner (North Eugene), Eugene City Council (Ward 7) and Mayor of Eugene. All of the candidates for these seats will be invited to this public forum. This is your chance to meet the candidates, hear them speak, and ask them the questions on the minds of you and your neighbors. Don't miss it! Note: This event will substitute for the regular May monthly RRCO meeting held the second Monday of the month<-no meeting on May 10th.

HEALTH BENEFITS FAIRS

Many Lane County residents are afraid to go to the doctor because of the high cost of health care. PeaceHealth's free Health Benefits Fairs, held in conjunction with National Cover the Uninsured Week, can help relieve many of those residents' fears. Trained financial counselors, including Spanish-speaking counselors, will meet with individuals interested in applying for the Oregon Health Plan (OHP), Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), PeaceHealth's Bridge Assistance Program, and other state and private assistance programs. Attendees are asked to bring proof of income for the past four months if available. The Health Benefits Fairs are scheduled at the following times and locations:

Tuesday, May 11, 3 to 7 p.m.
PHMG Downtown Eugene clinic, 1162 Willamette

Friday, May 14, 3 to 7 p.m.
Barger Medical Building, 4010 Aerial Way

Saturday, May 22, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sacred Heart auditorium, 1255 Hilyard St.

FARM OPEN HOUSE & MOMS DAY PARTY

Winter Green Farm is a 76-acre diversified organic vegetable, herb and berry CSA farm located 20 miles west of Eugene in the foothills of the coast range. They will be hosting a Spring Farm Open House and Mothers Day Party on Saturday, May 8 from 1-4 pm. They will offer Mothers Day gift and scarecrow-making in addition to hay rides and a chance to see their newly planted fields and baby calves. **For more details and directions to the farm, please call us at 935-920, email us at folks@wintergreenfarm.com or visit our website at www.wintergreenfarm.com.**

GROWERS E-MAIL LIST

If you are interested in Growers happenings related to either the co-op or the upstairs offices, you might wish to subscribe to the Growers e-mail list. You can use the following internet address to subscribe: <http://mailman.efn.org/mailman/listinfo/growers>

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