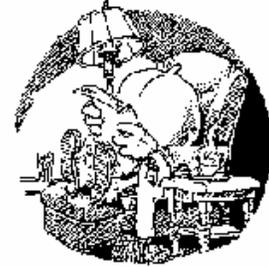




# The Garbanzo Gazette

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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

## DEAR GROWERS:

The board has been presented with an opportunity to increase our revenue by expanding the Red Agave space into our current kitchen and bathroom (around 120 square feet). As an organization, we don't have a lotta money. This expansion would provide growers with an estimated \$10,000 over the 7 year term of the current lease. This new money would be used to pay for, among other things, building a new alter-abled-accessible bathroom and a new kitchen for the co-op in the current couch/play area, and (drumroll please) sanding and refinishing the market's floor.

No decision has been made by the board as yet. We are currently in the process of gathering bids and other cost and revenue information. During this period (and really, at all times) we welcome public comment. Please talk to the board's coordinator liaison, Samuel, with comments. You can e-mail [samueltutledge@gmail.com](mailto:samueltutledge@gmail.com), talk to him at the market, or (if you absolutely can not get in touch in any other way) leave a phone message at 683-8250.

Because a similar issue was discussed several years ago and a decision was made at that time to move forward with a much larger restaurant expansion (which didn't happen because Red Agave changed their minds), and because a timely decision is essential, the board has agreed to make this decision at the board level, taking community input into full account. We will keep you apprised of further developments. Love, Your Loyal BoD

## SPREADING THE WORD

Do you know people who might like shopping at Growers? Near the cash register you can find a postcard-sized notice which has information on Growers shopping hours and orientation times. Look for the designation, "Bee come Growers." You can give these items to people as an aid to our word-of-mouth advertising, or you can put one up on your own refrigerator door. -- Milton

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Growers Board meeting will be on Wednesday, August 15th, at 7 pm. If we are not at the round table upstairs in the Growers Market Building, look for us downstairs in the co-op, or elsewhere in the building. The next co-op coordinators' meeting is set for Monday, August 6th, 6:30 pm, at 380 Howard Ave.

## GROWERS FINANCES

For the first three months of 2007, the food co-op ended up \$416 on the plus side, an improvement over the loss of \$4,807 for January through March of 2006. However, total sales declined from \$59,317 to \$55,853, meaning that people are buying less at Growers, continuing a downward trend that we have seen since a peak in 2003. The value of the goods we have in stock affects

how much we make or lose, but we only do an inventory at the end of the year.

## RESPONSIBLE PERSON NEEDED

We need a reliable person, with experience being reliable and responsible to Growers interested in being even more reliable and responsible by taking on the Thursday, noon to 4:30 coordinator shift. Mimi is vacating this shift in a few weeks. Coordinating at Growers takes a special kind of community-focused responsibility; in fact, this is an unpaid job that requires more responsibility than many paid jobs. With many jobs, for instance, you can call in sick. A Growers Coordinator really needs to make sure there is a replacement. Sometimes no one is available, in which case a coordinator would work sick or whatever. On the other hand, in an emergency, someone always (knock on wood) seems to step up. For instance, Michael covered my shifts that occurred just before and after my mom's passing a few years ago. Another level of responsibility: coordinators really have the lion-share of responsibility for continually educating and empowering members so that some will take on positions like closing, cashiering and, ultimately, coordinating. In short, we need a person interested in helping the unique experiment in community-based food-shopping that is Growers survive and thrive into the future. If interested, talk to any of the current coordinators.

## DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

What are the baseline values of the community in shaping a developer's plans with the City for West Broadway in our Downtown? Will the project be worth the public subsidy? Are their other community priorities that need to be weighed, with over \$50million in public money possibly available for this project? Please come and participate at this Public Forum: **Sat. August 4, 9 AM – Noon, Atrium Lobby, 99 West 10th (north of LTD terminal)**

## HOUSE FOR RENT

As many of you may know already, we are making a move to the Czech Republic, where I'll be teaching English. (I'll be traveling to Prague for interviews next week -wish me luck!). We will be gone for \*at least\* a year, and are looking to rent our house. Here are the details: 1300 sq ft house in the Friendly St neighborhood. Medium sm yard/gardens w/ pear tree. No pesticides since 1994. Growers Market neighbors. Rent may run anywhere from \$750-\$1,000, depending on evolving circumstances and the tenants' willingness to adopt two (well behaved), healthy, elderly gentlemen cats. (Cats' veterinary costs guaranteed for the life of the cats.) We will be asking for first and last month's rent to move in. No dogs please. If interested, email: [cschandler@laughingunicorn.com](mailto:cschandler@laughingunicorn.com)

## **MORE FROM CATHY**

Many of you already know that I have been hatching a plan for some time to get a job teaching English as a Second Language in the Czech Republic, enabling Dave and I to move there and live for the next year or so. Phase one of that plan begins in a few days as I travel to Prague and Brno for a week to conduct two job interviews, and visit a couple of other schools. This adventure finds me even more deeply hooked up with the new global internet communications systems, including Skype, which has proved very useful indeed. As in my last adventure in the far north, however, I will be chronicling my experience on my laughingunicorn LJ site, found here:

<http://laughingunicorn.livejournal.com/> You do not need to be signed up for anything to view the site, or to make comments (click where it says 'make notes' -at the bottom of each entry), and if you do not have your own LJ page, then leaving a comment lets me know who is reading. See you on the web, Cathy

## **SUMMER HERB CLASSES**

**Herbs for Massage II Aug. 20-Aug. 27, Mondays 12-4pm, Cost \$80 (Includes all supplies)**

Currently, there is room in both classes, although to take the intermediate-level class, you must have completed a beginning class or have studied herbs previously. Please inquire. Although these courses are geared towards massage, they are open to everyone. *Deadline to register for Herbs for Massage II is Tuesday, August 14th.* If you have questions, please contact us via email ([givingtree@earthlink.net](mailto:givingtree@earthlink.net)) or by calling us at **344-7534** Thank you, Wendy Loren & Lawrence Birch

*Send submissions to [garbanzo@lists.opn.org](mailto:garbanzo@lists.opn.org). You can also put articles in the garbanzo box at growers. Newsletter copy deadline is 5:00 pm Wednesday. Market hours are Tuesdays 5-7pm; Thursdays 2:30 to 7:30 pm and Fridays 3:00 to 6:30 pm. An orientation to Growers is held each Thursday at 1:30. The Growers email list includes an electronic banzo, events notices, and other misc. info. [growers@lists.opn.org](mailto:growers@lists.opn.org) Growers Market: 687-1145*