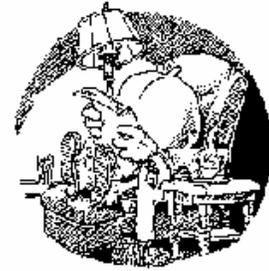


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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next two Growers meetings (board meetings) will be on Tuesday, November 13th, at 7 pm, and Monday, November 26th, at 6:30 pm (I had the first date wrong in my previous announcement). The co-op coordinators' meeting is set for Monday, November 5th, at 6:30 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.

PARKING SOLUTION?

Although minimizing combustion vehicle usage is the goal, sometimes it is still done. At those times, parking the darn machine can be a pain. An idea for a solution is percolating. It's likely not the first time this idea has come up, and it's not perfect, but maybe it could work. Input on how? Your ideas are encouraged. The way I am envisioning it, bugs intact, is the following:

Inquire of the "parking kitty" (could be located by wheelchair elevator?) whether a parking pass is available (double park long enough to come in and look to see whether there is a parking pass in the kitty!) 1st driver volunteering to get things rolling will find an empty kitty. This driver might buy a DAY space, and upon leaving, turn it in to the parking kitty. A subsequent driver might inquire of the parking kitty whether a parking pass is available and find ...a parking pass! They would purchase the space for the time/dollar value used, its remaining value, some such (roll with this, it's a fuzzy area...) When they leave, they would turn the parking pass back into the parking kitty and issue themselves a refund for the unused portion (this would mean shoppers would wind up paying for actual time used). This repeats as needed. At the end of the day, money should accrue. This would go towards the next day's (week/month?) parking pass.

Some obvious bugs: Growers' non-profit tenants may need to park all or most of the day. Growers' shoppers all want to shop at the same time. Some people will have to "prime the pump" to get it going. What if a certain number of monthly passes were purchased (like even two or three?)

The question is, between upstairs and downstairs, if we used the system, could we make it work? If it was done right, (used by enough people) we could subsidize the parking fees (?) Before long, it is conceivable that shoppers could pay less than \$1/hr to park, and accrued funds could go towards upstairs non-profit employee drivers for whom the existing 5 spaces are not enough. This could mean that shoppers who have been getting by via double parking, running and feeding a meter every 1/2 hour, or...etc. could be key to get something like this to work.

In any case, I'm always looking for solutions and win/win situations. I love the whole market. The downstairs shopping area is a lifeline for me. I shop virtually nowhere else. It's my community glue. The upstairs non-profit area is close to my heart. I appreciate it sooo much. I'm soooo glad it and its tenants are there. It's important to me that the upstairs and downstairs work together as much as possible and everyone get their needs met.

Thanks for everything you do!

- Julie Rossberg, new Thursday Middle Coordinator

Editors Note: you are welcome to send ideas about parking to the banzo to share with the growers community. Send submissions to garbanzo@lists.opn.org.

OPEN HOUSE FOR THE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE STRATEGIC PLAN

An Open House for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Plan will take place from 4 – 7 PM on Tuesday, November 13 in the Bascom Room at the Eugene Public Library. Since it is an open house format, people can drop by at any time.

What began last year with the Walking and Biking Summit has steadily evolved into a full-fledged strategic plan to achieve the vision of making Eugene a leader in support of pedestrians and cyclists. City staff developed this strategic plan using a dynamic community and stakeholder

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engagement process with guidance from a citizen led Departmental Advisory Committee (DAC). Members of the DAC and City staff from the Department of Public Works will host an open house on November 13 to present the draft Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Plan. This forum is open to the public and will provide an opportunity for community members interested in improving conditions for pedestrians and cyclists to view and comment on the goals, strategies and actions that are the framework of this plan.

We will take the input received at this open house and work with the DAC to consider how to incorporate it into the final version of the Strategic Plan. The final draft of the plan will be released at the 2008 Eugene Walking and Biking Summit in late January. Click the link below to access a PDF version of the current draft plan.
www.eugene-or.gov/walkbike . - Julie

ECO LOGICAL CULTURE CHANGE TALK

Please join us Tuesday, November 6, 7 PM for a fascinating presentation in Room 150, Columbia Hall, University of Oregon.[across 13th St. north of the EMU by the information kiosks]. Sponsors include OTREC, Live Move, Community Alliance of Lane County, Eugene Permaculture Guild, Center for the Advancement of Sustainable Living, Cascadia's Eco System Advocates Jan Spencer, resident of Eugene, will present. Spencer will briefly describe important aspects of contemporary economics, culture and global trends that make a compelling case for deep Eco Logical Culture Change. The Presentation will focus on diverse elements of Culture Change, touching on Eco Humanism, Community Cohesion, Permaculture, Urban Land Use, Home Economics, Block Planning, Down/Up sizing and External Benefits. The slide show will illustrate real life examples of Culture Change; such as urban food production, cooperative residential living, suburban conversion, eco restoration, community building, local economics, neighborhood culture and more. Some fotos are from Eugene, others from Washington State, Bay Area and Austin, Texas.

After the presentation, please join us for refreshments and a Mix and Mingle, about 9 PM, in Lawrence Hall where sponsoring groups will have tables and information about the positive projects they are involved with.

Spencer is a 14 year resident of Eugene, a transplant from Texas. He has traveled extensively, 35 countries over 5 years. His perspectives are a fusion of permaculture, eco humanism, urban land use, concern for the environment and a life long interest in global geography. Jan stays closer to

home these days writing, speaking, painting and evolving his 1/4 acre Suburban Permaculture project. For more information, visit www.suburbanpermaculture.org

STRAWBOSS POSITIONS AVAILABLE

We are looking for a few people to help close the market on Thursday nights. The "shift" runs from 7-8:30ish and includes a variety of tasks from boxing up produce to sweeping the floor. As this is Growers, we are flexible. We do need volunteers every week but if you can make it every other week or only for a hour, that works. I have been a closer on and off for the last few years and this shift can be really fun...the More the Merrier! It's a great chance to be involved with your community and to help the Growers we love! If you have any questions and/or interested please contact Myriah @ 343-6008 or Nathan @ 302-3205. Thanks- Myriah

GROWERS ENTERS THE 21ST CENTURY

You can place your pre-order online!! Or, more accurately, you can email your pre-order to growers.market@gmail.com. Make sure you send it by 6:30 on Tuesday evening for inclusion in that week's produce order. Email it days in advance if you want, or whenever you think of it - just get it in our inbox by Tuesday evening and you are set! Peace. Taylor

Send submissions to 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 To subscribe via email, send a message to growers-join@lists.opn.org Growers Market: 687-1145

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