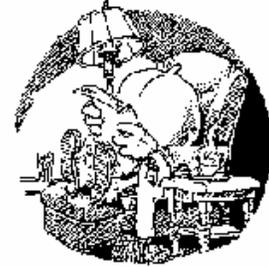




The Garbanzo Gazette

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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

CLEANING PARTY - SUNDAY, JANUARY 20th

11 AM-4 PM: It's time once again to sweep out the cobwebs and dust down the jars! It's gonna be a cleaning party, folks! This is your chance to get dirty, have a great time, see the market sparkle and shine, and earn double pumpkins. That's right - cleaning parties are double the pumpkins and double the fun! So come on by on Sunday, January 20th anytime between 11 and 4. Great things will be in the works and we would love you to come play too!

- Taylor

UPCOMING MEETING

The next Growers meeting (board meeting) will be on Thursday, January 17th, at 6 pm. The next co-op coordinators' meeting is set for Monday, February 4th, 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.

FOOD MILES

Sue Theolass, our dry goods buyer, would like Growers to have a discussion about how many miles our food travels in order to get to us. Because of global warming and a possible decline in global oil production, we should be concerned about how much energy we consume because of our food. One idea is for us to give people a general idea of how far away is the source of different items.

--Milton Takei

CASTERS NEEDED

Note - Casters are those wheels that are mounted on furniture - like desk chairs.

There is a plan in the works to put the market shelves up on wheels for easy rearranging and cleaning. Also so that we could move the shelves aside for fun things like a dance, a class, family movie night, etc. To accomplish this goal, WE NEED WHEELS! If you have any sturdy sets of casters just hanging out taking up space, we could put them to work. Casters that come with a built in brake would be particularly awesome. Please call Nathan about your extra wheels at 302-3205.

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.

EARLY SHOPPING POLICY

Sometimes you will see a few people shopping before the 2:30 opening hour. GASP! Don't worry! Here's the deal:

If a strawboss or coordinator works a shift that spans the 2:30 hour, causing them to be on duty at 2:30, they may shop before the appointed time. For those who work every other week, this policy applies only to the day of their shift. Other early shopping is strongly discouraged, and is allowed under special circumstances only, at the coordinators' discretion.

Questions? Ask a coordinator and we will be happy to fill you in. Want to get this perk yourself? See if there is a 2:30 strawboss position open (ask Joni or Julie). Worried that you might not get some specific produce item? Fill out a pre-order! Thank you for your understanding. - Taylor

THURSDAY STRAWBOSS POSITION - CLOSER

Nathan and Myriah need some loyal and consistent person to help them close up on Thursday evening. It's a nice, mellow time to be at the market. The job involves sweeping, closing jars/boxes/buckets, doing dishes, wiping down surfaces, putting produce, etc. in the walk in, and related tasks. It will take 1 1/2 to 2 hours, so think 7-9 PM on Thursday night. Call Nathan 302-3205 or Myriah 343-6008 for more details.

GROWERS MONEY

Growers took out a bank loan in order to pay for a key card (proximity card) system that opens the outside doors to the Growers Market Building. We had some extra cash on hand, so we paid off the loan ahead of schedule (we still have another loan for the wheelchair lift). I think Growers finances will look better when we seek a loan to repair the supports for the restaurant floor and/or for putting in a green roof. The key card system was the idea of our building manager, Edward Winter. Things worked out really well, though the subprime mortgage mess shows that just because you get a loan doesn't mean you can repay it. Of particular interest to upstairs tenants: Edward thinks we might need to raise rents at the end of 2008. - Milton Takei

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

Pre Order Produce by E-Mail

Send an e-mail to growers.market@gmail.com by Tuesday evening @ 6:30pm to preorder produce for that Thursday