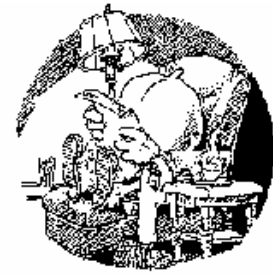


# The Garbanzo Gazette

May 1, 2008



Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter



## GROWERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Growers held our annual meeting this week and here is the 2008 - 2009 Grower's Board of Director's:

Jennefer Harper  
Moises Lucero  
Rodney Tisdale  
Brian  
Leauriy Polk  
Richard Tetley  
Johnathan  
Willcee  
Samuel Rutledge  
Jaci Guarena  
Doug Quirk  
Nathan Greene  
Yeah & thanks! - Jennefer

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next Growers meeting (board meeting) will be on Tuesday, May 13th, 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. The co-op coordinators' meeting is set for Monday, June 2nd, 6 pm, at 380 Howard, Eugene.

## TODAY IS INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY!

Come Celebrate at our Second Annual May Day Party Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 PM - 9 PM at the Grower's Market, 454 Willamette in Eugene. Music by Chico Schwall and others (including the Low Tide Drifters -- ESSN/JwJ's very own Newsletter Collective and local harmonica player Dennis Soper). Professor Chuck Hunt will give a talk on The General Strike. FREE event! All Welcome! Some Food and Beverages Provided, feel free to bring more to share! --Sponsored by the IWW, ISO and ESSN/JWJ

## FRIDAY MORNING HOURS CLARIFICATION

During the school year only, Growers will be open on Fridays, 9:30 am to noon. We will need to close promptly at noon. The 3:00 to 6:30 pm Friday hours remain in effect.

## OPEN HOUSE FOR DOULAS SUPPORTING TEENS

Douglas Supporting Teens' Fifth Anniversary Open House is May 15th! Come by our office, upstairs in the Growers Market Building (454 Willamette), anytime between 3:30-6:30pm to see our new expanded space, learn more about what we do, and meet some of the young families we have had the pleasure of serving. We'll have yummy appetizers from Ring of Fire and Soriah's! Bring a friend! See you there, Iris Bicklser, Douglas Supporting Teens 344.1091, [www.doulassupportingteens.org](http://www.doulassupportingteens.org)

## LOOKING FOR A HOUSESITTER

We are looking for a house sitter in May. The dates are May 14th (Wednesday) through mid day on the 18th (Sunday). We have a sweet, older dog that needs looked after and walked, and some garden plants and seedlings that will need watering. Jason and I live in the River Road neighborhood, very close to the river bike path and have a comfortable, clean house for you to stay in. We can offer money or trade to the right person or persons. For trade, I can offer a Yoga Therapy session, Reiki or an Ayurvedic Consultation. Please give us a call at (541) 607-9576 or email if you are interested or pass the info to someone that might be interested. Thank you!! Blessings, Kaverii, Jason, and the brown dog, Sugar

## BREAST CANCER ALERT

It's a mystery. Tom Coburn doesn't want to find out if breast cancer may have environmental causes. And, guys, did you know that when breast cancer is detected in men, it is more deadly. -- jan

## from THE PROGRESS REPORT

contact tommy at 202 224 5754 or google "tom coburn" senate and select contact:

## SCIENCE -- IS DR. COBURN BLOCKING LEGISLATION FUNDING BREAST CANCER?:

The Senate is currently considering the Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act, legislation that would authorize \$40 million per year over five years to fund research into the possible links between breast cancer and the environment. The proposal has over two-thirds support in the Senate. But the bill's passage has been stalled, as an

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## Pre Order Produce by E-Mail

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anonymous senator placed a "hold" on it. On Monday, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) released a statement announcing that a single senator was blocking the bill, calling it "unconscionable" that one person would "singlehandedly block our ability to have a reasonable debate on a bill." It appears that this lone senator may be Dr. Tom Coburn (R-OK) -- "an obstetrician who sees patients one morning a week." On Monday, when Reid brought the bill to the floor for a vote, Sen. John Kyl (R-AZ) "objected" on behalf of Coburn. In 2006, Coburn put a hold on the same bill, claiming it "would take the authority for research out of the hands of scientists and put it into the hands of politicians." In March, the Senate Health, Education, and Labor Committee passed the breast cancer bill, overriding Coburn's efforts to amend it. Scientists and Engineers For America Action Fund also assert that Coburn is the one placing the hold.

### **CURRENT STATUS OF PUBLIC WORKS HERBICIDE USE IN LANE COUNTY**

After a four years of not using herbicides, the Lane County Board of Commissioners in their capacity as the Board of Health recently took comments regarding the Department of Public Works request to use herbicides along county roadsides. The official comment period ended March 10, and by my tally as listed on the website, there were 42 comments generally in favor of the herbicide use plan and 96 opposed. In addition 213 petition signatures were submitted opposing herbicide use.

Individual responses supporting herbicides were often favoring very limited applications such as spraying the most invasive weeds. Government agencies also submitted support including the BLM, Army Corp., several eastern Oregon counties, Oregon Department of Agriculture and employees, Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, as well as employees of Oregon State Univ. and timber companies or their representatives.

Those opposed to herbicide use were mainly individuals. Groups listed on the website as opposed to the Public Works plan were Lane County Public Health Advisory Committee, Oregon Toxics Alliance, Cascadia Ecosystems Alliance, and the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides(NCAP). NCAP thought the 2008 plan was premature, without specificity about details such as alternatives to herbicides tried. Petition signatures were gathered from individuals and meetings including Health Care for All, Lane County Beekeepers Assn., the local chapter of the North American Butterfly Assn., and the Grower's Market.

The Public Works roadside manager announced at the

April advisory committee meeting that he would discontinue plans to use herbicides this year. The Commissioners have not yet made a decision whether or not to approve the use of herbicides in the future.

While the official comment period has ended, citizens are always encouraged to contact elected officials, county staff, and VMAC regarding their concerns. --Michael Koivola and Jan Nelson, members, Lane County Vegetative Management Advisory Committee(VMAC)

### **URGENT HELP NEEDED ON THURSDAY NIGHTS!**

We (Myriah and Nathan) need help closing on Thursday evenings. Unfortunately we have no closer as of now! The job is from 7ish to 8:30ish and includes boxing up produce, sweeping, closing up bulk areas, and a few other miscellaneous items. This is a great way to get involved more with Growers and YOUR COMMUNITY on a regular basis....a steady job so to say. Growers gives us all so much, and now Growers need YOU! You can call Myriah at 343-6008 at Nathan at 302-3205 or stop by any Thursday evening. We look forward to your support!

### **DRY GOODS NOTES**

OG Coconut Oil is out for a while. Charlie at Hummingbird is trying to find a substitute oil. The usual supply is hung up in customs. No more Marantha Peanut Butter. We may have one more supplier soon. Many many many thanks to Michael for all his years of service to our Market, our Community. Michael has taken care of more loose ends than I can count. He often helped me with ordering glitches on Mondays with me calling in a panic. He has always been a solid calming influence for me and the Market.. So Michael, be well, be happy and don't be a stranger! Sue

*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 9:30 to noon and 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) To subscribe via email, send a message to [growers-join@lists.opn.org](mailto:growers-join@lists.opn.org) Growers Market: 687-1145*

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