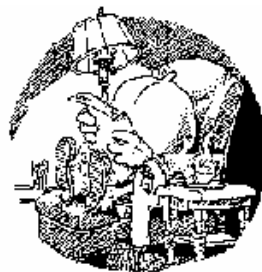


# The Garbanzo Gazette

December 21, 2006



Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

## CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

We've changed the date of the next Growers meeting (board meeting) to Wednesday, December 27th at 5:30 pm. We also set a date for a meeting in January: Wednesday, January 3rd at 5:30 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.

## HELP WITH GROWERS INVENTORY

Growers needs lots of help with the co-op's year-end inventory. In 2006 we will be counting and weighing items on two different days: Friday, December 29th at 6 pm and Saturday, December 30th at 11 am. People can work for only an hour, if they want, or they can do more. No experience is necessary. If you are going to be late on Saturday, I suggest calling ahead to make sure we are still working (the phone number: 687-1145, the number in the phone book under "Growers Market"). This year, we are offering double pumpkins to people who help with inventory. Also, people who do not need pumpkins can get strawboss credit if they help explain to people how to do the job. If you are interested in being an inventory strawboss, contact Milton at 484-6545, e-mail: [miltont@efn.org](mailto:miltont@efn.org).

## THREE STRAWBOSS POSITIONS OPEN!!

1. Refrigerator and freezer stocking on Thursdays about noon-ish for a couple of hours every week. Call Jeanine 461-1614.
2. A reliable, willing-to-be-trained person or persons for 7 to 8 cashier position at least every other Thursday.
3. We need another reliable person to join the closing team every other Thursday, roughly from 7:30 to 8:30 or a little later.

If interested in the latter two positions, call Martin at 744-3265 well before 9 in the evening, or leave me a message on the Growers voicemail 687-1145, or see me when I come in this week.

## BOO BOO THE DOG LOOKING FOR A NEW FOREVER HOME

Hi, My name is Boo Boo, I'm a neutered male dog, probably a cross between a Lab and an Australian Shepherd, about 6 years old. Until a few weeks ago, I was the constant companion of an elderly woman and lived in a trailer park in Veneta. She couldn't let me out of the trailer

because I was too big, and we would have been evicted. She died a short time ago, and now I am living with Steve & Sharon, two members of the Growers Community. They can't keep me, so they're asking about to try to find a new home for me.

I'm kind of heavy right now (I've been living on the doggy equivalent of McDonalds for a long time...), and I've never learned how to walk on leash, but Steve says I'm toning up nicely, and I've learned to use a dog door so I can go in and out now by myself. I pull when walking on a leash, and like to jump up on people, so I need somebody who can spend lots of time with me to teach me how to be a well mannered dog. I was very shy and reclusive when I first came to live with my foster humans, but I am now very sociable with them and with other dogs. I enjoyed my recent trips to the dog park.

Oh, I'm not really attached to my name. If you want to call me something else, I'll figure it out real fast. Call Steve or Sharon @ 689-7579 if you or somebody you know might want to adopt me forever. There is no fee to adopt me, but they will screen to ensure that you are able to provide what I need. --Thanx, Boo Boo (translated and typed by Steve)

## FOR SALE NOW! GARAGE SALE ITEMS

There are some large items for the garage sale that exceed the amount of space available for storage. If you are interested in these items, they are at our home, can be seen and picked up from there. You can make a donation to the wheelchair lift for them and everyone can get what they want without overburdening the need for storage. The items are:

**refrigerator; sofa/sleeper;  
nearly new, excellent condition queen size mattress;  
washer; electric dryer**

Call if interested, I'll answer questions or arrange for you to see the things. Jane 688-6607

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.

## Understanding the markup policy

Recently a question resurfaced concerning the way that prices are determined at Growers. Under the old system, bulk was marked up 15% and packaged goods were marked up 20%. If you did not have work credit, an additional 15% would be added at the cash register.

---

*Example:* Growers buys a packaged item for \$10. On the shelf, it is marked \$12 (a markup of 20%).

You purchase one box of it. This week, you have work credit, so your final price is **\$12.00**.

Next week, you don't have work credit, so your price is now  $\$12 + (15\% \text{ of } \$12)$ . This works out to  $\$12.00 + \$1.80 =$  **\$13.80** for the same item.

Under the current system, bulk is marked up 33%, and packaged goods are marked up 38% (an increase of 18%). If you have work credit, a discount of 13% is deducted at the register (your total is divided by 1.15). At first glance, this does not seem to be the correct amount, so let's take a look at the math.

---

*Example:* Growers buys an item for \$10. On the shelf, it is marked \$13.80 (a 38% markup).

You purchase one box of it. You get to the register, and **\$13.80** is rung up. Then the cashier divides \$13.80 by 1.15 and your total is **\$12.00**. This is the same amount that you paid under the old system. Dividing a number by 1.15 is the same as deducting 13%.

Due to rounding errors, items are marked up slightly more under the new system, approximately \$0.01 per \$10.

---

*One might ask why 18% is not deducted at the register, since 18% was added to the wholesale cost; or why wasn't 15% deducted, since that was added to the retail price?*

The answer is that we are subtracting from a larger amount, as the following example demonstrates:

$\$10 + 15\% \text{ of } \$10$  is written as  $\$10 + (.15 * 10) = \$10 + \$1.50 = \$11.50$

Going back, if we deduct 15%, let's see what happens:

$\$11.50 - 15\% \text{ of } \$11.50$  is written as  $\$11.50 - (.15 * \$11.50) = \$11.50 - \$1.73 = \$9.77$ . Oops, that's off by 23 cents.

$\$11.50 - 13\% \text{ of } \$11.50$  is written as  $\$11.50 - (.13 * \$11.50) = \$11.50 - \$1.50 = \$10$

Now we are back where we started from.

---

To summarize, if you have work credit, you will be paying the same amount for your groceries to within a few cents under the new system of pricing that you would have paid under the old system. If you don't have work credit, thank you for contributing the additional 15% to Growers. It helps pay the bills.

Steve Shapiro  
A Growers Market Member  
Originally published June 2004