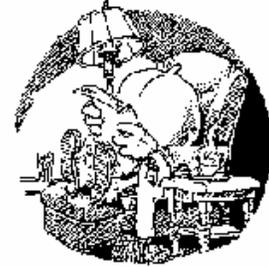




# The Garbanzo Gazette

July 5, 2007



Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

## COUNTRY FAIR WEEK HOURS

Growers will be open Tuesday July 10 from 5 to 7, and on Wednesday July 11 from 2:30 to 7:30. We will be closed Thursday July 12 and Friday July 13. Produce and other food will arrive in time for shopping Tuesday, and should last through a lot of Wednesday shopping hours as well.

Every attempt will be made to save pre-orders through 6:00pm on Weds. Please call in if you do not want your standing order filled.

We hope that this makes it possible for the greatest number of Marketeers, including everyone rushing out to find a better spot in The Far Side or whatever, to buy food at Growers that week.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next two Growers board meetings will be on Tuesday, July 17th, at 7 pm, and Tuesday, July 31st, 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, July 2nd, 6:30 pm, at 1283 W. 4th.

## COORDINATOR MEETING

The next coordinator meeting will be at 6:30 Monday, August 6 at 380 Howard Ave (Sue's house)

## FUN GROWERS JOBS AVAILABLE

We continue to need cashiers for one hour shifts almost anytime between 2:30 and 7:30 on Thursdays. Cashier shifts are available on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. If interested in being a reliable cashier, talk to Myriah, 343-6008, or Nathan, 302-3205. We also have every-other-week Thursday evening closing shifts, from about 7:30 to 9:00: talk to Nathan, 302-3205.

## RESPONSIBLE PERSON NEEDED

We need a reliable person, with experience being reliable at 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.

## 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.

## PUBLIC BENEFIT vs. PUBLIC SUBSIDIES

Monday, July 9 at EWEB, 7:00 PM

Where is the money coming from? The planned West Broadway Development Project could cost the taxpayers up to \$40 million in public subsidies. Didn't the City just pass a gas tax and a bunch of other fees because they did not have the money to maintain our streets? The City of Eugene says the money is coming from URA/BEDI/HUD. Say what? Exactly. What on earth do those acronyms mean? Come to this CPA meeting and find out how the City finds money when it wants to. What will the citizens get for their money? CPA's own Rob Handy is on the 11 member Citizens Advisory Committee that the Mayor has named to advise the City Council about this development. At this meeting, Rob and Greg McLauchlan, the Committee's co-chair, will explain what the newly formed committee has done so far, and how they intend to involve the public as

the design process moves forward. Learn how you can get involved and be prepared for both the related public hearing and the Committee's public input session coming up soon...You may have recently received a seemingly innocuous postcard/hearing notice from the City of Eugene about them...Important decisions will be made about the future of your downtown, come find out all about it!

If you were one of the 150 to 200 citizens who went on CPA's recent "PIT to PIT Walk," come see what you can do next. If you missed the Walk, come learn what's happening!  
<http://www.lanecpa.org/cpa>

### **UPCOMING WETLAND DRAGONFLY WALKS**

What can streak like a fighter plane, hover like a helicopter, dive like a falcon and eat its lunch on the fly? It's not a bird, it's not a plane, it's a dragonfly! The dragonfly has for centuries captivated human imaginations with its daredevil flying maneuvers and vibrant colors. Join dragonfly and damselfly experts Steve Gordon and Cary Kerst for a walk to learn about the biology, ecology and behavior of these ancient insects. Summer time in the West Eugene Wetlands brings abundant life to wetland ponds and skies! Once again Steve Gordon and Cary Kerst, the famous local odonate experts, will lead two summer wetland dragonfly/damselfly walks, one for children and one for all ages. Space is limited, so contact Holly McRae to register today: [hmcr@wewetlands.org](mailto:hmcr@wewetlands.org), 683-6494

Event details: Discover Dragonflies! Children's Dragonfly Walk, Friday, July 6, 9:30 AM. Dragonfly Walk for all ages: Saturday, July 7, 9:30 AM.

Meet at 9:30 a.m. at 5th and Wallis (access Wallis by turning south off West 1st Ave between Seneca and Bertelsen Roads). Wear old shoes that can get muddy and wet and bring sunscreen and water. Space is limited to 15 children. Suggested donation: \$2 (WREN member), \$4 (non-member).

### **A NOTE FROM MILTON**

For all of history, the world has been afflicted by people whose lust for power, wealth and glory outweighed their fear of death. For centuries, only a relatively small number of warriors, aristocrats, government officials and rich people could hope to grasp for power. The peasants were happy to have enough to eat. Industrialism and the consumer society allowed millions of people to strive for money, power and prestige, so that the lust for power is now a mass phenomenon. Power and privilege requires protection, since some people lose out, and become resentful. But police forces and armies can only do so much. Witness current events in Iraq and Afghanistan. I have been doing a lot of thinking about what might happen in Oregon in the event of political collapse, as occurred in Somalia. The police would be gone, perhaps with no replacements. Power-hungry people be warned: retribution could then be terrible. I advise trying to give up privilege.  
--Milton Takei

*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*