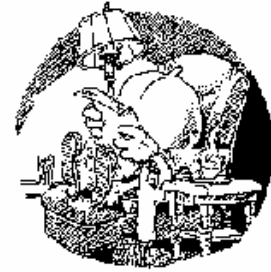




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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

GROWERS MEETING

The next two Growers meetings (board meetings), will be on Monday, October 22, at 6:30 pm, and Monday, November 5th, at 6:30 pm. 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.

CALLING VOLUNTEERS!

Come and earn pumpkins getting the market ready for shopping on Thursdays. We have lots of tasks for both occasional and steady volunteers. See Joni or Julie between 12:30 and 2:30. Thanks! - j

STRAWBOSS POSITION OPEN: Cooler person needed. Weekly duties: organize and maintain refrigerator case and freezers. This shift takes a commitment of approximately 1-2 hours per week. Call Julie @ 338-0031 or email gpeppers@gmail.com

GROWERS FINANCES

For the first six months of 2007, the co-op made \$5,305, after losing \$7,357 from January through June of 2006. In the first six months, total co-op sales were \$3,063 less than in 2006, but from April to June, sales were about the same as last year. The co-op generally has had more money in the checking account than in 2006. We only do an inventory at the end of the year, so we don't know how a possible change in the value of the goods we have in stock might be affecting the finances. We were able to transfer \$5,000 from the Growers Market Building bank account to our Calvert savings account, meaning that Growers has recovered a little from the financial crisis that happened when Cafe Navarro went out of business (Red Agave is the current restaurant tenant). --Milton Takei

THEFT AT GROWERS

A theft occurred while market was open Tuesday evening. During an incident in the market, Grace, our wonderfully dedicated longtime produce strawboss, had her purse stolen. Consequences of this unfortunate event include both the loss of money in her wallet and a need to re-key her car and the locks on her home. A donation jar will be in place near the register for contributions towards these expenses. If you would like to contribute and can't make it to market

this week please contact me (Joni, 345-6808 or dawning@efn.org). This incident raises an issue of concern for the security of any volunteer who works a closing shift (or other quiet time) at market. Volunteers to help with closing are always needed and we all know the adage that there is safety in numbers! Talk to a coordinator about volunteering or just come down to market around closing time and lend a hand.

SAFER'S FALL OPEN HOUSE

We're All Family is the theme for an open house sponsored by Springfield Alliance for Equality and Respect (SAfER) on Saturday, October 13th, 2-4 pm at Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 West C St., Springfield Bring a family photo to help create a diverse "family tree." (The photo can be current or it can be a photo of previous generations. We'll have a copier there, but bring a copy if you can). Everyone bringing a photo will be entered in a drawing for several special prizes. We'll have terrific multi-ethnic and multi-generational entertainment by Ballet Folklorico Infantil, CABA Lion Dancers, and the Willamalane Line Dancers. Photo Exhibits. Refreshments. SAfER, a CALC program, is celebrating 10 years of activism for human rights in Springfield. Free all-ages event; donations accepted. Please join us! For more information: 688-0195 or 726-7377 or safer1214@gmail.com.

SUSTAINABILITY IN SMALL BUSINESS

Announcing October 30, 2007 4-7 PM Sustainability in Small Business Getting the Process Started A lecture by Natalie Reitman-White Sustainability Food Systems Project Manager University of Oregon to be held at Room 213 Lane Community College Business Development Center 1445 Willamette Street.

*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
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