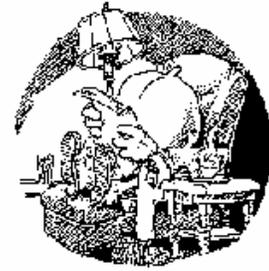




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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

RED AGAVE

Growers has signed a new lease with Brian Hebb, the new owner of Red Agave. The following is Brian's message to us:

First of all, I look forward to working with the Growers Market. I admire your dedication to a local food system and social justice. You will find in me an advocate for the same values and an activist for public awareness in food security through small farms, a living wage, and environmental stewardship. I am currently working on a proposal for a South Willamette Valley Food Festival, emphasizing the link between food's real cost and the food security born of a regionalized sustenance system. I imagine we will have much to discuss towards this end.

The Red Agave is a uniquely successful restaurant. As a result, I will be making only slight changes to the wine list, enhancing the seasonality of the menu, and making superficial repairs and aesthetic improvements inside the restaurant (mostly painting). On the outside of the building, I would like to repaint the facade when the weather improves and add two wall-mounted lamps for better visibility along the sidewalk.

As you know the wood floors in the Agave and the structure beneath them are in need of repair. Edward has assured me that the area is indeed structurally sound. That being the case, I would like to see this addressed early in 2009. It will obviously require a good deal of work and closure of the restaurant. Accordingly, I'd like to get started planning the repairs with the Market as soon as I take over the Agave.

Another topic that we should discuss is expansion. I would very much like to iron out the amount of space that the Market is willing to make available, the price per square foot for the added space, and the terms for improving the expansion. While I had developed a slighter longer time line for considering the expansion, the necessity of repairing the floor in the near future may make it economically advantageous for both of us to handle both projects at the same time.

GROWERS ANNUAL MEETING

The Growers Market annual meeting will be on Tuesday, April 29th, 5:30 pm, at the round table upstairs in the Growers Market Building. The next two Growers meetings (board meetings) are scheduled for Tuesday, March 25th, at 6:15 pm, and Tuesday, April 8th, at 6:15 pm. The co-op coordinators' meeting is set for Monday, April 7th at 6:30 pm (the meeting did not actually decide on a new meeting time, but we have been having them on the first Monday). If we are not at the round table look for us downstairs in the co-op, or elsewhere in the building.

*** LOTS OF FUN STRAWBOSS AND COORDINATOR JOBS AVAILABLE AT GROWERS...STOP IN, CALL UP, OR SEND OUT AN EMAIL FOR DETAILS! ***

LANE COUNTY FARMERS MARKET JOB

Please spread the word that the Lane County Farmer's Market is looking for a dynamic and dedicated person to manage the on-site operations of the Saturday, Tuesday, and Thursday Farmers' Markets in downtown Eugene. In addition to the Site Manager, they will also be hiring a Market Director in the near future. The Coalition is actively supporting the market in this transition. Thanks for helping to get the word out! - Lynne Fessenden, Executive Director, Willamette Farm and Food Coalition

LOOKING FOR RIDE TO BAY AREA IN APRIL

Hi Everyone, I am looking for a ride down to the Bay Area at the beginning of April. I can leave on the 3, 4, or 5th but, I am flexible. Will help with expenses and unfortunately, I do not know how to drive but I have great stories to share on the way down. Please Call Planet at 461-2695. Thanks. Blessings

BREAST MILK REQUEST

Are you a mom who is currently pumping and storing their breast milk and has extra, or do you know of a mom who is pumping and storing?

We (Sharon and Steve) are looking for milk for our
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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 or Friday. New market hours: 9:30 – noon on Fridays starting March 7, 2008

adopted son Daniel. Daniel is now about 14 months old. To date, he's had 23 moms donate milk to him. Some have been one time donations, some have been ongoing for a period of time.

We are also aware of other younger babies in Eugene who are in need of moms milk, so if your child's age is closer to these children, we'll probably ask if you would donate to them.

We do have some screening questions regarding pharmaceutical use, alcohol, smoking, drug use and disease history that we'll ask you in order to be sure that your milk is a good match.

Our phone number is 689-7579 and you can view pictures of us @<http://my.inbox.com/photos/DanielsVillage> thanx, Steve, Daniels Adopted Dad

GROWERS IS OPEN ON FRIDAYS!

Because of the NEW and EXCITING Friday hours, the pre-orders are changing! Now you can order for Thursday or Friday! Now you can order eggs, bread, cheese, and yogurt! It can still be a standing order, or you can make a single order for a special occasion! Oh, the possibilities. But there are some related changes, so READ THIS NEXT BIT: If you have a current standing order, I need you to update it to the NEW form ASAP. Thank you. When you fill out a pre-order or standing order, we need to know if you will be picking up your order on Thursday or Friday. We also need your phone number, even if you email your order. So read that new order form carefully, and talk to a coordinator if you have any questions.

NEED HELP FILLING OUT YOUR PRE-ORDER?

Check out the new "Sample Pre-Order" attached to the pre-order pick-up/drop-off area. On one side it shows you what a perfect pre-order looks like. On the other are common issues that pre-orders might have. Thank you for your attention to these pre-order details!

WE ARE WORKING ON EXPANSION – NEW SHELVES.

What would you like us to put on those shelves? There is list on the west side of the post across from the cashier station. Ask away!

SPRING PLANT SALE

Fern Hill Nursery is having a spring plant sale. Sunday March 30, from 10am to 3pm. Edible and useful plants, healthy for people and our planet. Naturally grown without chemicals or synthetics. 78703 Echo Hollow Lane, Cottage Grove, (541) 942-3118 info@fernhillnursery.com

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 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 To subscribe via email, send a message to growers-join@lists.opn.org Growers Market: 687-1145

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