

"It's just food!"

Brighton Food Coöp Newsletter

April 2011

Key Upcoming Dates:

- Next Distribution: **Tuesday, April 19th** (Shift times will be announced by Michelle Kaloustian.)
- Initial Orders Due: **Wednesday, April 6th** (by 9:00PM)
 - **UNFI** – Login to the Online System at <https://www.unfi.com> (Warehouse = Greenwood, IN).
 - **Frontier**: Send order to Dana Janssen at dana.leahy.janssen@gmail.com.
 - **Sami's Bakery**: Send order to Gina Barnowsky at ginabarnowsky@yahoo.com.
 - **Outside Vendors (OV)**: Send order to Nancy Clark at rnspealding@comcast.net.
 - **Produce**: At present (but we hope only temporarily) Crosset is unable to deliver to us on our distribution day. Until that situation is resolved, we recommend that members order online from Door to Door Organics (<http://michigan.doortodoororganics.com>).
- Unfilled Case Orders Due: **Sunday, April 10th** (by Noon)
- Creswick Pickup: **Saturday, April 16th**
- Honey and Syrup can be ordered this month; Nuts and Candy next month.

Job Opening

As you know, for several years, Bryan and Kim Battjes have been doing a great job picking up Zingerman and Rosewood orders in Ann Arbor (and also, for a while, TMZ Farm orders in Pinckney) and delivering them to distribution. Now they have decided to give up that job. Here are the requirements of the job as described in the BFC Handbook/Bylaws:

1. Have a working knowledge of e-mail.
2. Receive order sheets from Outside Vendor batcher via email for each assigned vendor (Zingerman, Rosewood, and Higher Grounds).
3. Receive Higher Grounds orders in the mail, and group items by ordering member.
4. Communicate with Zingerman and Rosewood to establish pickup time to coincide with distribution schedule.
5. Pick up orders from the Zingerman and Rosewood sites near the Ann Arbor Airport.
6. Inspect items at Zingerman and Rosewood for freshness. Note changes in quantities or any substitutions of product on the order form, and check invoice for accuracy.
7. Deal with Zingerman and Rosewood to resolve any discrepancies/issues found on pickup.
8. Deliver Zingerman, Rosewood, and Higher Grounds orders to distribution as early as possible.
9. If receiving compensation for mileage, work two hours at distribution.

We'd like to fill this job ASAP. If interested, please contact Cindy right away! (cindamon@sbcglobal.net)

Zingerman

While we're on the topic of Zingerman, please note that this supplier has a minimum order requirement. For several months now, we've been struggling to meet that quota. Zingerman's products are wonderful, especially the Bakeshop items, and the Coöp gets great prices on them. If you've been meaning to try any of their goodies, now is the time to order!

Distribution Recap

The March 22nd distribution went especially smoothly, and most of us were able to leave by 1:00. The only significant issue was that the UNFI driver was new and could not figure out how to back the truck down the ramp. He ended up docking head-first, but then had all sorts of trouble backing out. We had to relocate practically every vehicle from the row where most of us park. Let's hope our experienced driver returns for the April distribution!

Special Thanks

Thanks go to everyone who helped make the March distribution go smoothly, but special thanks go to certain members who went "above and beyond" over the past month or so:

- **Dolores Johnson** – for recycling boxes every month as well as taking care to dispose of outdated paperwork from the back room
- **Joan Johnson** – for taking the outdated books in our "library" area for recycling
- **Denise Hauk** – for cleaning up the storage room
- **Don Rose** – for shoveling through that giant snow-mound blocking access to the distribution room back in February!

Tea Party

No, we're not talking about Sarah Palin et al. -- we're talking about Tea, Coffee, and other Hot Brews! As you know, such beverages – most notably, Fresh-Perked Coffee – are available in the kitchen at distribution, but often not until later in the morning. The reason we've had to wait is that we couldn't get a key to the kitchen until the church staff showed up in the office upstairs. Now we're going to start setting up the Hospitality Table in the Big Room right at the start of distribution so that First Shift can fuel up for the work to be done! The target for this new initiative is April Distribution, so come early -- and enjoy the party!

Sure Signs of Spring

Diane Brady has just picked up a new batch of Maple Syrup from our Pinckney supplier – fresh out of the trees in late-February/early-March! The quality is terrific, and you won't find a better price anywhere!

Note that the order due date for our next distribution falls during the week of April 4-8th, when many schools are on Spring Break. You may need to plan accordingly if you're one of those families that likes to take advantage of the break to escape the chill of early Michigan Spring for warmer climes.

Easter is just around the corner. This year it falls on April 24th – just 5 days after our distribution. Unfortunately, Nuts and Candies won't be ordered this time from Albanese, but UNFI has quite a few items in those categories, so you'll want to order accordingly.

Janice Mechan is preparing her annual Flower Order Form for **Superior Landscape Supply** of Howell. Watch your email for that! She handles those orders by a pre-paid voucher that works like a gift card when you go to pick up your order. Just download and print the form, fill it out, and mail it to her together with your check for the items you want. Janice will then mail you the voucher, which you can take to Superior when it's time to go pick out your plants in May.



The second annual **Green Expo** was held on Saturday March 19th at Chilson Hills Church, where we hold our distributions. We were among the organizations/businesses with a booth at the Expo. In keeping with the theme, our booth featured plenty of green. As you can see in the photo, we also displayed a good sampling of items available through the Coöp. The next Green Expo will be held on St. Patrick's Day, which happens to fall on a Saturday next year.

Needless to say, there will be even more "Wearin' o' the Green" on that occasion!

And speaking of Green, let's not forget that our next distribution is the same week as **Earth Day**, which is celebrated this year on Friday April 22nd. The theme of this year's celebration is especially relevant to us: "Picnic for the Planet" emphasizes eating locally!

Another Great Recipe!

Dolores Johnson brought this recipe to our attention. “This smooth, creamy concoction tastes like it’s fresh from the garden. A subtle hint of horseradish and ginger sparks every steaming spoonful.”

Creamy Carrot Parsnip Soup

<u>Ingredients</u>	<u>Directions</u>
8 cups chopped carrots 6 cups chopped peeled parsnips 4 cups chicken broth 3 cups water 2 teaspoons sugar 1 teaspoon salt 1 medium onion, chopped 4 garlic cloves, minced 1 teaspoon peeled grated horseradish 1 teaspoon minced fresh gingerroot 3 tablespoons butter 2 cups buttermilk 2 tablespoons sour cream Fresh dill sprigs, optional	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In a Dutch oven, combine the carrots, parsnips, broth, water, sugar and salt; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and cook for 25-30 minutes or until vegetables are tender.• In a small skillet, sauté onion, garlic, horseradish, and ginger in butter until tender. Add to the carrot mixture.• Transfer soup to a blender in batches; cover and process until smooth. Return to the pan. Stir in buttermilk; heat through (do not boil).• Garnish servings with sour cream and dill if desired. <p>Yield: 12 servings (3 quarts). Nutrition Facts: 1 serving (1 cup) equals 148 calories, 4 g fat (2 g saturated fat), 11 mg cholesterol, 617 mg sodium, 25 g carbohydrate, 6 g fiber, 4 g protein.</p>

If you have a recipe you think members would enjoy – especially one that uses ingredients available through the coop – please send it to bfc@brightonfoodcoop.com, and I will publish it in the next newsletter and/or put it on the website.

See you on the 19th!

Jim Brown

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*Live long and prosper;
keep life in perspective;
and don't ever forget--
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