

"It's just food!"

Brighton Food Coöp Newsletter

April 2012

Welcome new members Aaron Myers and Nicole Pfeiffer of Howell!

Key Upcoming Dates:

- Next Distribution: **Tuesday, April 17th** (Terra Bulloch will announce shift times.)
- Initial Orders Due: **Wednesday, April 4th** (by 9:00PM)
 - **UNFI** – Login to the Online System at <https://www.unfi.com> (Warehouse = Greenwood, IN).
 - **Frontier**: Send order to Megan Putnam.
 - **Outside Vendors (OV)**: Send order to Christie Winch at tcwinch@yahoo.com.
 - **Sami's Bakery**: Include your Sami's order with your OV order to Christie Winch.
- **Produce**: Include your Produce Share order with your OV order to Christie Winch. To suggest items for inclusion in the Produce Share or to inquire about availability of items for whole case orders, contact Nicole Brown at colerie@charter.net.
- Unfilled Case Orders Due: **Sunday, April 8th** (by Noon)
- **Creswick Meats**
 - Pickup (for orders placed by March 17th): April 14th
 - May Orders will be due on April 29th for pickup on May 21st
- Note: Honey and Maple Syrup can be ordered for April; Nuts/Candy and Maple Syrup for May.

Distribution Recap

The March 20th distribution went well, despite a rather large order, and may have been expedited by the especially nice weather, which made it easier to offload the UNFI truck and may also have motivated everyone to move along. (After all, who wants to be stuck indoors when the weather outside is fabulous?) Usually, hurrying tends to lead to lots of errors, but this time the only major problem was a misplaced Beeler ham, which has since been tracked down. Cheese distribution, which is typically a bottleneck, went more efficiently because two weigh stations were used instead of one. Most members were able to take their orders home by about 1:30.

Some important points from the Distribution Meeting (aka Circle Meeting):

- Starting in April, members will be able to pre-order extras again. This practice reduces inventory because members can buy items already in inventory rather than having to order them new. (New orders often force Nancy and Christie to add to extras in order to complete unfilled cases.)
- Now that the weather is turning warmer, the Coöp will stop ordering extras of perishable items. If you want a perishable item, but can't get enough other members to help fill the case, you'll have to fill the rest of the case yourself; otherwise the order won't go through.
- Produce Batcher Nicole Brown asks that distribution workers not distribute produce shares until after order-checking is done so extras and shares don't get mixed up.

Great Recipes

No recipes were submitted this month. If you have a recipe you think members would enjoy – especially one that uses ingredients available through the Coöp – please send it to bfc@brightonfoodcoop.com, and we will publish it in the next newsletter and/or put it on the website.

Solicitation Advisory

In the last issue of the newsletter, we listed various members of the Coöp who have part-time jobs or small businesses on the side that provide useful products or services. If you have products or services you'd like Coöp members to be aware of, you're welcome to send me information for the Newsletter, but please send only contact information and a brief description of the product/service – no sales pitches or promotional material! Again, the Coöp will not evaluate or endorse these products/services, and members are not allowed to sell or market them at distributions or through the Coöp's email. However, if you are interested in these products/services, you're welcome to contact the associated members about what they sell/do. Since no new products/services were sent to me this time, you can refer to the last (March) issue of the Newsletter for contact information.

See you on the 17th!

Jim Brown

BFC Communications Coordinator



*Live long and prosper;
keep life in perspective;
and don't ever forget--
it's just food!*