

Brighton Food Co-op Newsletter

August 2015

Hi Members!

We had a great distribution today and it was so good to see so many members! Those of us who were around in the "old days" remember distributions lasting from 7:30 until 3:00 or later. Well, that time frame is a thing of the past! The UNFI truck arrived at 9:30, Sherry Smith arrived with the Ann Arbor orders around 10:30 and most members were gone by 12:30. A three hour distribution! Awesome!

Meanwhile, here's all the co-op news you need to know:

Ann Arbor Vendor Run: Unfortunately, cleanup and repair at Ann Arbor Tortilla is still on-going following the fire and they have not reopened. We sympathize and hope they will soon be making their delicious tortillas and chips again!

Motave Meadows: We had some wonderful looking produce from Motave this time – kale, Swiss chard, basil, zucchini, yellow and pattypan squash and cucumbers. Unfortunately, Eva's spinach and salad greens suffered in the heat wave and turned bitter. Watch for an email from Christie regarding what will be available next month.

Zingerman's Creamery: Be sure to check the Food Club site next month for possible additions to the offerings from the Creamery. Sherry saw cheese curds and cream cheese with salmon among other things when she made her stop there this morning so Christie will check to see if those and other items can be offered to our members.

Almar: Christie will also check with Almar to see whether they will have apples, cider and donuts in September so watch for an email from her with the details.

Albanese: Albanese candy, nuts and snack foods will be available to order for the October distribution. Mmmmm ... triple-dipped malted milk balls, dark chocolate covered cherries, almonds and cashews!!! Lots of goodies available!

Syrup and Honey: Just a quick reminder that honey and syrup are always available to be purchased as extras even if you did not order them. We keep a supply on hand at the church. Just remember to bring quart jars if you and other members want to split a gallon of syrup.

Next distribution: September 16

- **OV/Frontier Order Due: Sept 2**
- **Creswick Order Due: Sept 5**
- **OV Filled Cases Due: Sept 6**
- **UNFI Order Due: Sept 9**
- **Creswick Delivery: Sept 14**
- **Distribution: Sept 16**

Recipe: Want to prepare a simple and delicious dinner for your family using the wonderful Michigan tomatoes available right now? Some members requested this and I'm happy to provide it:

Linguine with Tomatoes and Basil (from the Silver Palate Cookbook)

4 ripe large tomatoes cut into 1 inch chunks
1 lb. Brie, rind removed and cut into chunks
1 C. basil leaves cut into strips
2 finely minced garlic cloves
1/3 C. extra virgin olive oil
1/2 t. salt
1/2 t. freshly ground black pepper
1 lb. linguine
Freshly grated parmesan cheese

1. Combine everything except linguine in a large bowl 1-2 hrs. before serving. Set aside at room temperature.
2. When ready to eat, bring a big pot of water to boil. Add 1 T. salt to water. Add linguine and cook according to package directions.
3. Drain pasta and immediately toss with tomato mixture. Do not rinse pasta. The heat will cause the Brie to melt slightly and that's what you want.
4. Serve at once, passing the pepper grinder and parmesan.
5. ENJOY!!!

Next month: For those who were not at distribution today to hear this, I am getting new knees next month and will not be at distribution in September and probably not in October. But never fear, I will return! ☺

Here are some things to keep in mind when ordering:

- ❖ Check, check and double check your **UNFI** order to **make sure you check “split”** if you do not want an entire case of a certain item. This is **REALLY** important!
- ❖ If you have an issue with any product you ordered through the co-op be sure to notify the board immediately. Copy your email to all three of us:
 - ❖ Dolores: doloresjohnson68@gmail.com
 - ❖ Denise: djhaukcoop@gmail.com
 - ❖ Marilyn: mmitchell1945@aol.com

As always, if you have a comment or suggestion about co-op please contact Marilyn. The board is always looking for ways to improve the co-op experience for our members!