

"It's just food!"

Brighton Food Coöp Newsletter
December 2010

Welcome back, Teresa Katlin of Howell!

Key Upcoming Dates:

- **Annual Membership Meeting: Tuesday, January 11th** (for details, see next page)
- Next Distribution: **Tuesday, January 25th** (Shift times will be announced by Michelle Kaloustian.)
- Initial Orders Due: **Wednesday, January 12th** (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**: Send order to Gina Barnowsky at ginabarnowsky@yahoo.com.
 - **Outside Vendor (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, January 16th** (by 6:00PM)
- Creswick Orders Due: **Sunday, January 16th** (by 6:00PM)
 - Send order to Dolores Johnson at samjon@sbcglobal.net. (Remember, the coöp gets a 10% volume discount on Creswick orders if we meet a total order minimum of \$500.)
 - Pick up order **Saturday, January 29th** at Dolores's house (5816 Oak Creek Lane in Brighton) at a time to be announced.
- Nuts, Candy, and Syrup can be ordered this month; Honey next month.

New Ordering Arrangements for Creswick Farms

As you may know, Creswick (located near Muskegon) delivers to us a variety of grass-fed beef and lamb, heritage pork, and free-range chicken products. (See their fanciful and amusing website at <http://www.creswickfarms.com>, and be sure to have your computer speakers turned on!) For most of 2010, Kathy McKay has been handling our Creswick orders, and we thank her for the excellent job she has done! However, for a number of reasons, she is unable to continue. Since our treasurer, Dolores Johnson, orders from Creswick every month and has been offering her house as the monthly pickup location for Creswick, she has volunteered to take over handling the orders, too. **Starting in January, please send your Creswick orders to Dolores at samjon@sbcglobal.net!**

Distribution Lite

Our December 28th distribution went quickly because we had the smallest order of the year and very few snags. Of course, we also had only a skeleton crew of workers – all on one shift. Still, most members were done by noon, and we were able to close down by around 1:00 – the earliest since July! As always, thanks to everyone for helping make the distribution run smoothly! Just one point to make: Whoever ends up unpacking and setting out stored items for the Extras Table should **make a note of any perishable items with a date more than 90 days old**. Special measures will have to be taken with those items: severely discounting them, giving them away, or in some cases just discarding them.

Annual Membership Meeting

This gathering, which is also a kind of food festival, is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11th, in our usual Distribution Room at Chilson Hills Church. Here's a rough agenda for the meeting:

- 8:30-9:30 – Potluck Breakfast
- 9:30-11:00 – Business Meeting

A more detailed agenda will be handed out at the meeting. This meeting is very important, not only for the topics covered, but also because it's the only time during the year that the entire membership can come together to focus explicitly on coöp governance. Please attend! The meeting is your best opportunity to express yourself about the overall direction of the coöp. Key objectives of the event:

- Raise and discuss matters pertaining to the way the coöp is organized and how we operate, including policies, procedures, and plans for the future.
- Discuss and vote on proposed changes to the Handbook and By-Laws.
- Elect the BFC Board for 2011. (If you are interested in a position on the Board, you're welcome to nominate yourself. Job descriptions are in the Handbook toward the end of the By-Laws at <http://www.brightonfoodcoop.com/PolicyHandbook.pdf>. Please contact Cindy to let her know of your interest so your name can be added to the ballots that will be handed out.)
- Try out and share new recipes, especially using the foods available through the coöp. Be sure to bring a breakfast or brunch dish to pass, and if you can, please make copies of the recipe! The coöp will provide phthalate-free plates, cups, bowls, and utensils, but you are also welcome to bring your own. Please bring your own beverages, though, and if you bring warming trays or other electrical devices, bring your own extension cords.

Be sure to put January 11th on your calendar, and we'll see you then!

Jim Brown
BFC Communications Coordinator



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