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Brighton Food Coöp Newsletter January 2013



Key Upcoming Dates:

- **Distribution: Tuesday, January 22nd** (Terra Bulloch will announce shift times.)
- Initial Orders Due: **Wednesday, January 9th** (by 9:00PM)
 - **UNFI** – Login to the Online System at <https://www.unfi.com> . (Choose **UNFI East Region**.)
 - **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, January 13th** (by Noon)
- **Creswick Meats**: Orders due to Gina Barnowsky (ginabarnowsky@gmail.com) by Sunday January 13th for pickup on Saturday January 26th at Chilson Hills Church.
- **Vendor 7**: Honey can be ordered this time; Nuts and Candy next time. Maple Syrup is out of stock and won't be available again until March or April.

Annual Membership Meeting & Potluck: Tuesday, January 8th, 9:30AM at Chilson Hills Church.
Please bring a dish to pass, and if you can, make copies of your recipe to share with members.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 30th, 12:30PM at Bigby Café in Hartland.

Any BFC member is welcome to attend, but if you plan to attend, please notify Terra Bulloch (johnandterra@comcast.net) so she can contact you in case of any change in time or location.

Freezer Update

We're still looking for a freezer -- preferably an upright, but a chest will do. If you have one to donate, or know where we can get an inexpensive one, please contact Denise Hauk (djhaukcoop@gmail.com).

Annual Membership Meeting

Every year in January the Coöp holds a General Membership Meeting . This year's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8th, at Chilson Hills Church, in the same area where we hold our distributions.

Key objectives of the event include:

- 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.
 - The current document is at <http://www.brightonfoodcoop.com/PolicyHandbook.pdf>.
 - A copy of the proposed Handbook and By-Laws with changes highlighted is on the website at http://www.brightonfoodcoop.com/documents/BFC_Policy_Handbook_Proposed_Revisions_2012.pdf. Please review this document before the meeting so we won't have to spend a lot of time going over the changes before voting on them.
- Elect the BFC Board for 2013. If you want to nominate someone (including yourself) for any of the board positions, please send your nomination to current President Gina Barnowsky (ginabarnowsky@gmail.com) so she can put the name on the ballot. Job descriptions are in the Handbook toward the end of the By-Laws.
- 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, make copies of the recipe! The coop 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.

Here is a rough agenda for the event:

9:30 Potluck Brunch

10:30 Operational Review

10:45 Vote on Proposed By-Laws Changes

11:15 Vote on Board Candidates

11:30 Fill out and turn in renewal Membership Application forms

12:00 Adjourn

At this point, the ballot for board positions includes:

- President: Michelle Kaloustian (rejoining the Coöp after a year's sabbatical)
- Vice President: Terra Bulloch
- Treasurer: Denise Hauk
- Secretary: Marilyn Mitchell
- Communications Coordinator: Jim Brown

When you turn in your application form to renew your membership, you can elect to pay your 2013 dues by check at the meeting or have the dues added to your bill at the January 22nd distribution or mail a check for the dues to Denise Hauk by the end of January. If you definitely intend **not** to renew your membership for 2013, please let Denise know by mid-January (djhaukcoop@gmail.com).

New Job-Holders

The composition of this year's board will be about the same as last year. The only change expected is at president: the demands of a growing family will prevent Gina Barnowsky from continuing in that job. Taking over for Gina will be Michelle Kaloustian, who was president in 2011 but had to take a sabbatical from the Coöp last year in order to deal with pressing family matters.

Gina will, in turn, take over the Creswick job that Dolores Johnson has performed for the past several years. The "Nut Lady" job (Nuts, Syrup, Honey) is growing to include delivery of Sami's Bakery and Higher Grounds Roastery orders to distribution, and Tina Pospeshil will hand that job off to Carrie Oakwood. Meanwhile, Bryan and Kim Battjes will hand over the Ann Arbor Pickup job (Zingerman's, Rosewood, Tortilla Factory) to Sherry Smith.

Great Recipes

Nacho Cheddar Cheese Dip

Thanks to Kathy McKay for Sending this Recipe

Ingredients	Instructions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 c. raw cashews• 2 T lemon juice• ¼ c. water• 1 T tahini• 1 medium-large red bell pepper• 1 clove garlic• 3 T nutritional yeast• 1½ tsp sea salt• 1-2 T onion powder	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Blend all ingredients until creamy.2. Add more water if too thick.3. Just add a dish of celery and you've got a tasty nutritious snack. <p>As far as I know, you have to use a high-speed blender to make this dip, but it's so good, you may want to try a food processor or regular blender if you don't have a high-speed.</p>

In case you missed it, also take a look at the Roasted Squash Soup recipe Dolores Johnson sent us last time. (See the December newsletter at <http://www.brightonfoodcoop.com/news/NewsDec12.pdf>.)

If you have any recipes or news items you think would interest members of the Coöp, please send them to jaqbrun@gmail.com.

See you on the 8th and the 22nd!

Jim Brown

BFC Communications Coordinator



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