

"It's just food!"

Brighton Food Coöp Newsletter

July 2011

Key Upcoming Dates:

- Next Distribution: **Tuesday, July 12th** (Shift times will be announced by Michelle Kaloustian.)
- Initial Orders Due: **Wednesday, June 29th** (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.
 - **Creswick**: Send order to Dolores Johnson at samjon@sbcglobal.net.
 - **Sami's Bakery**: Send order to Gina Barnowsky at ginabarnowsky@yahoo.com.
 - **Outside Vendors (OV)**: Send order to Nancy Clark at rnspsalding@comcast.net.
 - **Produce**: Include your Produce Share order with your OV order to Nancy Clark. 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 (OV) Due: **Friday, June 1st** (by Noon)
- Unfilled Case Orders (UNFI) Due: **Sunday, July 3rd** (by Noon)
- Creswick Pickup: **Saturday, July 16th**
- Nuts and Candy (except meltables like Chocolate) can be ordered this month, Honey next month.

Distribution Recap

Order volume for the June 14th distribution was the largest in over a year, yet distribution went so well that most members were able to leave with their orders by 1PM. Congratulations to everyone for working together so effectively!

New Produce Supplier

Back in the Spring of 2010, our previous produce supplier, Crosset, announced they could no longer deliver to us on Tuesdays. Since then, we had been looking for another supplier, all the while hoping for a change in Crosset's delivery schedule. Now at last we have found a new supplier! B&B Organics of Mishawaka, Indiana (just outside South Bend) will now supply us with a produce variety comparable to Crosset's. In fact, our first produce order from B&B was delivered at the June 14th distribution, and everyone who had ordered a Produce Share seemed fairly pleased. We hope this supplier relationship will continue for many years! For more information about B&B, you can go to their website at <http://www.bborganics.com>. To get an idea how the price of a Produce Share is derived, you can look at some sample item pricing at http://www.brightonfoodcoop.com/BNB_JUN_6_2011.pdf.

Just Kidding

As you may know, last distribution came only a few days after the end of the school year. As a result, we had more than the usual number of children present. At Brighton Food Coöp we pride ourselves on being especially kid-friendly and family supportive. However, members who bring their children to distribution do need to make sure they are engaged in activities that keep them safe, occupied, and out of the way of distribution workers. Of primary concern is to keep children away from any sharp implements like knives and box-cutters and also from the carts, which may look like fun but can be dangerous. Also, keep in mind that certain distribution jobs require focus and concentration, while others are relatively free-form and interruptible. If you need to keep an eye on children, ask the work coordinator to assign you to jobs that can be interrupted without causing confusion or errors. With a bit of thoughtful planning, we can continue to have distributions that are safe, kid-friendly, and error-free.

Expiration Dates

Most food items have expiration or “best by” dates. For many dairy products carried by United Natural Foods, those dates are often uncomfortably close to our distribution dates. Although it’s unlikely that a dairy item with an expiration date shortly after distribution will go bad right away or become unsafe to eat, we have had instances when products like cottage cheese and sour cream have developed mold soon after distribution, and as a result, members have had to throw them away. During the controlled chaos of distribution, it’s not possible for floor workers to check every expiration date on the dairy products distributed. It’s up to each member to check his/her own order for expiration dates – preferably before getting the order home. If your order contains a dairy item past its expiration date, please report that to a work coordinator. If you’d rather not take a chance on the item, we can return it to UNFI for a refund.

Great Recipes?

Nobody sent us any recipes this time, but if you have one you think members would enjoy – especially one that uses ingredients available through the coop – please send it to bfc@brightonfoodcoop.com, and we will publish it in the next newsletter and/or put it on the website.

See you on the 12th!

Jim Brown

BFC Communications Coordinator



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