

"It's just food!"

Brighton Food Coöp Newsletter March 2012

Key Upcoming Dates:

- Next Distribution: **Tuesday, March 20th** (Terra Bulloch will announce shift times.)
- Initial Orders Due: **Wednesday, March 7th** (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.
Note: Nuts/Candy can be ordered this time, but not Honey or Syrup.
 - **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, March 11th** (by Noon)
- **Creswick Meats**
 - Pickup (for orders placed by February 26th): March 17th
 - April Orders will be due on March 25th for pickup on April 14th

Motave Meadows Transplants

In response to our suggestions, Motave Meadows will offer organic transplants (aka bedding plants) this spring. Details are at <http://www.brightonfoodcoop.com/MotaveMeadowsTransplants2012.pdf>.

The transplants they actually grow will, of course, depend on which transplants we order and in what volumes. We'll need to place advanced orders now so Motave can acquire the appropriate seeds and begin growing the required volumes of transplants in their greenhouse.

Transplant orders should be included in your Outside Vendor orders submitted to Christie Winch. The **deadline** is the same as for March OV unfilled case orders: **Sunday, March 11th**. The transplants you order will then be delivered to our May 15th distribution.

Nuts/Honey/Syrup Schedule

A reminder that Tina Pospeshil has laid out the following ordering schedule for the next several months:

- Mar.: Nuts/Candy Only
- Apr.: Honey, Syrup
- May: Nuts/Candy, Syrup
- Jun: Honey, Syrup

Note that nuts/candy will be ordered in March to accommodate needs for Easter, which falls on April 8th this year. In April, Tina will pick up fresh maple syrup the supplier just produced in March, and she also expects to pick up honey for the April 17th distribution. Please plan accordingly!

Distribution Recap

The February 21st distribution seemed especially calm and quiet, with few problems, and most members were able to check out by about 2:00. Photos of the distribution have been posted to the website, updating our **Picture Gallery**. (See <http://www.brightonfoodcoop.com/gallery.htm>.)

Now, VP Terra Bulloch has some important points for you to keep in mind at distribution:

- If you are working on distributing items, please distribute all perishable and frozen items first – **before** starting on any non-perishable items.
- Please make sure that perishable or frozen items are put into a cooler. If the member has not yet provided a cooler, please let Terra know; the Coöp has some extras in the storage room.
- When checking orders for Sami's, Rosewood, Higher Grounds, Zingermans, and nuts/candy items, please make sure each price on the **member bill** is the same as on the **item label**. Both the bills and the labels are printed from our Outside Vendors Database, but sometimes the prices in the database are out-of-date and need to be updated against the vendor invoice. Whoever splits and/or bags the item is supposed to correct the price on the label, but **the checkers must then correct the price on the member bill as they are checking the member's order!**
- When correcting a price, please **circle** the old incorrect price (do **not** ~~cross~~ it out) and write the new correct price next to it.
- If an item is missing from the order, please check with Terra; it may have shown up in another member's order, or it may not have come in at all (in which case, write DNR next to the item).
- Please place a check mark next to every item you have checked on the member bill and extras sheet.
- To ensure that all items are checked, please take all of the items out of each cooler or box and then place each item back in after checking it off.
- Thank you for all of your time and effort! The distributions have been going very smoothly with all of your hard work.

Great Recipes

Many members brought recipe cards with their potluck dishes to the Annual Membership Meeting in January, but I was unable to record any of the recipes. If your recipe seemed to go over especially well, please email it to me, and I'll put it in the next Newsletter. Meanwhile, Terra Bulloch has sent a recipe for Grilled Salmon with Lentil Tabouli: <http://www.brightonfoodcoop.com/Salmon-Lentil-Tabouli.pdf>.

Solicitation Advisory

Many members of the Coöp have part-time jobs or small businesses on the side that provide useful products or services. The Coöp is not in a position to evaluate or endorse such products/services, nor can we allow non-Coöp business to disrupt distributions or other Coöp operations; so we have a policy against members' actively soliciting business from other members either at distribution or through the use of the Coöp's email list. (We have a similar policy against political campaigning except for issues that directly affect the Coöp.) We can, however, provide a list of members and their products/services here in the Newsletter, and you are then welcome to contact those members about what they sell/do.

Here, then, is an initial list based on information we currently have:

Gina Barnowsky	H&R Block Tax Services	810-629-0707
	Young Living Essential Oils	ginabarnowsky@gmail.com
Terra Bulloch	Advocare Nutritional Products	johnandterra@comcast.net
Denise Hauk	H&R Block Tax Services	810-629-0707
Dolores Johnson	Real Estate Sales	djohnson@previewproperties.com 810-220-1403 or 810-220-1513
Kathy McKay	Good Herbs Health Supplements	katherine-mckay@comcast.net 248-318-2649
Nancy Nowak	Reliv Nutritional Products	drnancycouch@pol.net

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 marketing material!

See you on the 20th!

Jim Brown

BFC Communications Coordinator



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