

Brighton Food Co-op Newsletter

May 2017

Hi Members!

UNFI Issues: For the third month in a row, UNFI did not notify us that our delivery would be on Thursday not Wednesday. Last month, Amy Ray spoke to a representative from UNFI who promised this would not be a continuing issue. And yet, it happened again. And once again, co-op members stepped up and fixed the problem, this time by meeting the UNFI driver at his hotel at the end of his shift (noon). They unloaded our order from the truck into their vehicles and brought everything back to the church where it was unpacked and distributed. Thanks to Amy Ray, Dolores Johnson, Christie Winch and Sherry Smith for their hard work!

Meanwhile, after getting mixed messages from UNFI Customer Service, Amy contacted the Transportation Department manager who checked into it and found that we have been moved to Thursday. However, Amy is trying to work out an arrangement that would allow us to keep our Wednesday distribution schedule. PLEASE STAY TUNED. MORE INFORMATION ON WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

Holistic and Organic Wellness Fair: We planned to attend this fair to try to sign up some new members. However, we have canceled our participation due to the confusion as to when our UNFI deliveries will be scheduled. Once that is settled, we will look for alternate venues for membership drives. In the meantime, we would really like to add members. Be sure to tell any interested family, friends and neighbors to contact Marilyn.

Albanese: Our last Albanese order before summer will be placed in May. Be sure to order those delicious chocolates next month!

Michigan Sales Tax: Members need to be aware that some purchases made through the co-op come from out of state and are not taxed. In Michigan law this tax is called a "use tax." The information below comes from a State of Michigan website.

- Every state with a sales tax has a companion tax for purchases made outside the state. In Michigan, that tax is called the "use tax" but might be more aptly described as a remote sales tax because it is a 6 percent tax owed on sales made remotely (i.e. outside of Michigan.)
- The use tax is not a new law; it was enacted in 1937. With the birth and rapid growth of Internet sales, revenue lost from non-reporting of the use tax is becoming substantial.
- Remote sales are made up of traditional mail order or catalog sales and e-commerce completed using the Internet.
- Use tax is required by law when a person purchases a good from out of state and the retailer hasn't charged sales tax in their jurisdiction.
- The Michigan Department of Treasury provides a use tax line on the Michigan Individual Income Tax Return to report and pay use tax.
- Report and pay the use tax using Form 5087, Purchaser's Use Tax Return, or the use tax line on the MI-1040 – not both.
- For more information talk with your accountant or check online.

Recipes: My husband and I go to monthly Italian cooking classes. (YUM!) Our instructor, Francesca, was born and raised in Naples but has made her home in Ann Arbor for more than 20 years. This recipe for Mixed Roasted Vegetables can be served on baguettes as an appetizer or alongside any meat, fish or poultry as a delicious side dish. It calls for roasted red peppers and I just picked up a jar off the extras table on Wednesday so I'll be making this recipe soon.

Francesca's Arrosto di Verdure Miste

1 large zucchini
 1 small eggplant
 1 jar roasted red peppers
 6 T. olive oil
 2 T. white wine vinegar
 2 T. lemon juice
 1 finely chopped garlic clove
 2 T. chopped basil
 Salt and pepper

Preheat broiler. Remove peppers from jar, slice into long strips and set aside.

Slice the zucchini and eggplant into 3 inch long ½ inch wide strips. Place strips on a rimmed cookie sheet and brush with olive oil. Place under the broiler for 6-7 minutes. Turn vegetables over and brush with more olive oil and return to broiler for 6-7 minutes.

In a mixing bowl, add the lemon juice and vinegar, salt pepper and garlic. Whisk briskly as you add in the remaining olive oil.

Remove vegetables from the oven and place them, along with the red pepper strips, on a serving platter. Sprinkle the basil over the vegetables and then drizzle with dressing. Cover with plastic and let set for two hours or so before serving.

Next distribution:

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- Creswick Order Due: May 6
- OV/Frontier Order Due: May 10
- OV Filled Cases Due: May 14
- Creswick Delivery: May 15
- UNFI Order Due: May 17
- Distribution: May 24

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:
 - Amy: amrmom70@gmail.com
 - Gina: ginabarnowsky@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!