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Recycling Effort Continues to Gain Ground

By Frank Haberle

The next time you brush your teeth, take a moment to consider the item you're holding next to your mouth. If you purchased that toothbrush at the Coop, chances are that

you're holding a Preserve toothbrush, the latest incarnation of a #5 plastic food container that may have started out on a Coop shelf and been taken back to the Coop for recycling.

After a challenging winter caused by the economic cri-

sis and its impact on recycling centers, the Coop recycling program regained its momentum. Recycling squad members continue to collect and move increasing amounts of recyclable plastics to processing centers where they find new uses. "I think this does make a difference—we are removing so many items from the waste stream for continued use," says Recycling Squad Coordinator Emily Benedetto. "We have certainly seen a spike in intake over the past few years, as knowledge of our program has grown and as many people have become more environmentally conscious."

It was recently estimated that the weekend shifts collect up to 50 medium-sized boxes of #5 type plastics—and each of these boxes can contain up to 500 pieces of plastic of various sizes and shapes. This number grows when the squads use larger Green Forest and Seventh Generation cardboard boxes, or when boxes are filled only with small yogurt containers. As for the other assorted plastics now collected, the average weekend collection is now close to 15 bags.

The recycling program's increased volume was reflected on an otherwise quiet Thursday evening in July, with a dozen squad members busily sorting and organizing a steady stream of recyclables brought in by Coop members, guided by squad leader Lloyd Hicks. "Every squad is very busy now," says Lloyd. "It's actually



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Swine Flu:

Taking Precautions as Workers and Shoppers

By Alison Levy

Although there have been some outbreaks of swine flu (the H1N1 influenza) in the New York area, with at least one known episode affecting a Coop member, according to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, "We have no evidence that H1N1 flu is more, or less severe than seasonal flu.

Most cases are mild and most people recover quickly without medical treatment." However, given this recent and other past outbreaks of airborne diseases, it's wise to learn how to avoid contracting or spreading the flu virus at the Coop.

The Department of Health guidelines advise that the flu spreads when someone who

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Next General Meeting August 25

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month.* The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 25, 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Pl.

The agenda will be available as a flyer in the entryway of the Coop on Wednesday, August 5. For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

* Exceptions for November and December will be posted.

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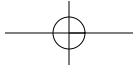
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Coop Event Highlights

- Thu, Jul 30** • **Blood Drive**, 3:00–8:00 p.m.
Fri, Jul 31 • **Blood Drive**, 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Sat, Aug 1 • **Blood Drive**, 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Sat, Aug 15 • **Adult Clothing & Jewelry Exchange**, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Look for additional information about these and other events in this issue.



Recycling

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a lot more busy on Saturdays and Sundays.” A program that began as an occasional collection by committed volunteers now features two weekend shifts in addition to the Thursday night collection, for a total of three collection periods each month.

Emily is quick to point out that there are other alternatives that are even better than recycling. “I am so glad that the Coop has banned plastic bags and I think that the muslin bags we sell are a great alternative to produce bags,” she said recently. “Recycling does reduce waste, but it reduces waste even more if you avoid taking home too much plastic and find a use for the items you do end up with. People who use our program know that the recycling isn’t always convenient, particularly since our regulations change so frequently. Adding to this the recent downturn in the recycling market, rendering so much more of our plastic into trash, I think and hope that people will start being more conscientious about the waste they end up with.”



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The downturn that Emily refers to was closely aligned with the worldwide economic

crisis at the end of 2008. In November longtime Coop vendor AAA Polymer, a local company that accepted all sorts of plastics for recycling, had to shut its doors to the Coop. On the brink of suspending collections altogether due to the resulting pileup and potential fire hazard, Emily and Lloyd identified Metropolitan Recycling, located in East New York. Metropolitan is a transfer station that handles recyclables from all over the city for widespread uses. At present they take clear film and #1’s and #6’s, while #2’s and #4’s are off the list until a new vendor is identified.

The Clean and Dry Policy

Recycling squad members are required to strongly enforce a strict policy: #5 recyclables must be clean and dry on arrival. There is good reason for this policy. For several years, the Coop has sent its #5 recyclables to Recycline, a Massachusetts-based company that converts these items into everyday products like Preserve toothbrushes and reusable dinnerware. Additionally, some plastics, like takeout food containers, are carefully put aside by squad members before they are brought to CHIPS, the local soup kitchen and food pantry, for reuse. “When we first partnered

with Recycline,” Emily says, “we received strict feedback from them about mold that was forming during shipment, contaminating and corrupting entire boxes. For that reason we issued a vigilant ‘utterly clean and dry’ policy about all number 5 plastics, with no exceptions. We have received more recent feedback from Recycline that what we are sending them is excellent.” The recycling squad encourages recyclers to treat their #5 plastics as they would their dishes at home, not their trash, because the cleaner the plastic, the cleaner and more efficient the recycling process. And they must be dry, because plastics that sit for long periods of time before reaching the recycling center leave the window open for moisture and “wet dirt” to fester, contaminating an entire box or bag.

Post-Collection

While the collection period is very busy, each squad gets far busier as soon as collection ends. Another strict rule that must be followed is that the squad members must stop collection at the appointed time. The collections operate from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the second Saturday and last Sunday of every month; and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month.

A portion of the plastic is taken to the back alley and stored there for pickup by Coop members with large capacity vehicles who spend their workshifts driving the plastic to vendors. The #5’s are boxed, sealed and taken upstairs to be prepared for shipment to Recycline. This shipment is arranged online, with labels created for each box and boxes then stored in relatively out-of-the-way spots.

“I think this does make a difference—we are removing so many items from the waste stream for continued use,” says Recycling Squad Coordinator Emily Benedetto.

Managing increasing volume and the loss of AAA Polymer have pressed the recycling squad into several decisions that are trade-offs. “We like Recycline,” Emily explains, “because plastics are recycled on site and made directly into the Preserve products that we sell at the Coop. At the same time, pollution produced in transporting the plastics between Brooklyn and Massachusetts is probably not insignificant. Less pollution might be produced in taking the plastics to Metropolitan right here in Brooklyn. But they are a transfer station, and we have less knowledge of the ultimate fate of the plastics. They sell plastics to different buyers, usually overseas, where the boat trip and other elements might not be great for the environment.”

Emily adds, “We have to consider the logistics of the Coop. There are a lot of questions to wrestle with and we do our best with the information available.” Currently, the Coop recyclables are split between Recycline and Metropolitan.

The recycling program continues to reach out to Coop members and the greater community to keep plastics recycling alive in the community, even as the processing aspect of the work becomes more tricky. Recently several local entities from Fort Greene and Williamsburg reached out to the Coop for information on how to establish a plastics recycling program, and Emily was happy to provide them with detailed information they needed to start their own programs. ■

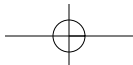
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Product Return Policy

The Coop does not “exchange” items. You must return item and repurchase what you need. Returns of eligible items will be handled at the Second Floor Service Desk within 30 days of purchase only when accompanied by the PAID IN FULL receipt.

Please use the following guide to determine if an item is eligible for return:

Produce (fresh fruits & vegetables)	May not be returned with the exception of coconuts, pineapples and watermelon. Even if the claim is that the item is spoiled or that it was purchased by mistake, produce cannot be returned except for the three items listed above.
	The produce buyer may be contacted on weekdays by members to discuss any other claims for credit.
Books	May not be returned.
Juicers	May not be returned.
Bulk items & bulk items packaged by the Coop	May not be returned. Members may contact the bulk buyer to discuss any other claims for credit.
Refrigerated items Frozen items	May not be returned unless spoiled before the expiration date or within 30 days of purchase, whichever is sooner.
All Other Products (not covered above)	A. Other products may be returned if they are spoiled or defective and the category is not specified above
	B. Other products may be returned if they are unopened, undamaged and therefore can be sold again.
	C. Other products may not be returned if they are opened or unsellable, and were purchased by mistake or not needed.



GENERAL MEETING RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

Progress Report

By David Hamilton Golland

MANDATE. The Park Slope Food Coop Special Committee for the Revision of the General Meeting Rules of Conduct was created on September 26, 2006 by resolution of the General Meeting.

GM Rules Committee Proposal: The General Coordinators, Agenda Committee and Chair Committee will each choose one member of the committee. Together, those three members will solicit interested Coop members to join the committee. From those who respond, they will choose three or four additional members, making the membership of the entire committee either six or seven. At its discretion, the committee will make progress reports to the General Meeting, and either accepted or rejected, the committee will disband. Members will receive workslot credit for their service on the committee.

In essence the purpose of the committee is to propose revisions to the rules of the General Meeting to make them clearer and more user-friendly.

FORMATION

At the October and November 2008 General Meetings, Allen Zimmerman, Glenn Brill and David Golland, representing the general coordinators, Agenda Committee and Chair Committee, respectively, solicited interested Coop members. Jim Abbazia, Alex Gordon-Brander, Katy Krantz and Elizabeth Tobier volunteered.

MEETINGS

The committee met for the first time on January 21, 2009 and has held a total of six meetings. The committee has decided to meet once per month except in August.

WORKSLOT CREDIT

Of the seven committee members, two have elected not to receive workslot credit. To date, the remaining five members of the committee have received a total of 29 FTOP credits.

SCOPE

The proposal creating the

committee did not specify the committee's scope. The committee has therefore inferred as its scope the following tasks:

1. Rewrite and reorganize the "General Meeting Rules of Conduct" document for clarity.
2. Propose changes to the rules to better facilitate the mission of the General Meeting.
3. Consider the "Standard Election Procedures" and "Structure of the General Meeting" and rewrite and reorganize for clarity.
4. Determine the necessity of proposing changes to the election procedures and/or meeting structure.
5. Consider the overall appearance, form and use of all three aforementioned documents from the perspective of the first-time attendee of the General Meeting and reorganize as necessary.

PROGRESS

The committee has reviewed all three documents.

1. Revisions for clarity. Working

in groups of one and two, members of the committee have prepared draft revisions/reorganizations of all three documents for clarity.

2. Changes to the rules of conduct. The members working on the "GM Rules of Conduct" document have prepared minor draft changes to the rules.
3. Changes to the election rules and meeting structure. At the present time, the committee does not feel that the meeting structure or election procedures require revisions.
4. Overall appearance, form and use of the three documents. The committee is considering replacing all three documents with easy-to-follow single-page "FAQ"-style handouts, an additional page covering the very basic knowledge needs for first-time attendees in a simple grid (to include the basic structure and a quick explanation of the three types of agenda item—discussion, proposal and elec-

tion), and combining the formal rules of all three documents into a single document equivalent to a "GM Bylaws." These discussions are ongoing.

5. Final presentation to the GM. At this time the committee is not prepared to make our final presentation to the General Meeting. We expect to do so in mid- to late 2010.

QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

The committee welcomes questions about and feedback on our progress and scope. Please feel free to e-mail the committee at CoopRulesRevision@google-groups.com. Questions will also be taken from the floor at the time this progress report is presented to the General Meeting. ■



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SUMMERTIME

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If you plan on being away during one of your workslots, please make arrangements to have your shift covered.

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check out the coop's products blog at www.foodcoop.com

the place to go for the latest info on our current product inventory.

Swine Flu

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is infected coughs or sneezes, sending out airborne droplets that can be inhaled by others. That's why it's considerate to cover your mouth or nose when you cough or sneeze; parents should cover the mouths and noses of coughing or sneezing children.

The virus can also travel when people touch a contaminated surface, and next touch their mouth and/or nose. Surfaces where viruses lodge at the Coop may include door knobs, counters, telephones, shopping cart handles, cooler door handles, food and other products, computer and office locations, childcare and bathrooms. In traveling through the city, subway and bus railings; subway staircase railings; doors; turnstiles; counters; drinking fountains; restaurant, fast food and salad bar tables and surfaces; salad bar, restaurant and coffee bar condiments; drink, sugar and milk dispensers; movie theatre seat rests; shared computers; airport and railway check-in stations; public sinks; showers and toilets; and bills and coins are just a few things that a multitude touches. Again, it's impossible to avoid all these potentially contaminated surfaces and items which is why the Department of Health advises frequent handwashing as a key act of prevention.

This can be done before and after eating and following contact with a questionable item, surface or person. Instead of washing, you can use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Should You Come to the Coop to Work When You Are Sick?

The Department of Health advisory for employers states that employees "should not come to work if they have flu-like symptoms (fever and cough). They should not return until 24 hours after their symptoms resolve."

Two of areas of concern for the spread of possible disease at the Coop are childcare and food handling.

At the Coop, the initial training instructs childcare workers not to come to childcare when sick. Nor should parents bring children who are sick to childcare. The Coop website at www.foodcoop.com states that "a sick child cannot be left in childcare. A child who is sneezing and/or coughing and/or has a runny nose will be sent back to their parent."

Receiving Coordinator Ron Zisa, who oversees several aspects of the Coop's food processing, reports that shift workers are required to wear hairnets and gloves when they handle foods. "If they are sick, they should not be processing food," he says.

However, shift workers who

receive foods, stock shelves and handle foods at checkout are not required to wear gloves for reasons of hygiene, although some who stock foods wear gloves for warmth. Membership Coordinator Karen Mancuso therefore urges Coop shoppers to carefully wash all produce as there is no guarantee of absolute hygiene in the travel from farm to Coop shelf through checkout to your plate.

Should you report for your shift if you are sick? Shift workers who handle food should speak to their squad leaders for permission to absent themselves or receive a temporary reassignment when they are ill. However, such absences must be approved on a case-by-case basis to assure that people are not using these policies too liberally to avoid doing their shifts. "The Coop policy is that if someone misses their shift they have to do two makeup shifts—although exceptions can be made by squad leaders and supervisors," says Mancuso.

If members notice someone who is ill at work on a shift where they are handling food, Mancuso advises alerting a squad leader. If the squad leader is hesitant to speak to the sick person handling food, members are welcome to ask a staff member to intervene.

On nearly a dozen occasions, this reporter has observed checkout workers who smelled the food that they were checking out. Although this is a natural human impulse, particularly with the Coop's delicious produce, it certainly isn't very hygienic. However, Mancuso jokes that "there's no rule about smelling food, but perhaps there should be."

Should You Shop if You Are Sick?

The Department of Health lists the following as swine flu symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue, headache, body aches, lethargy, stuffy nose, chills, diarrhea and vomiting.

Shoppers who have any of these symptoms, the flu or another contagious illness are advised not to come in to shop as they might risk exposing others. However, there is no way to monitor this so Coop members are asked to use their own best judgment in this regard. "We hope that they will use their own best judgment and do the right thing," says Mancuso. "It's not considerate to infect people."



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In the wake of growing awareness about the potential for an avian flu pandemic, Mancuso reports that the Coop staff began to "think about prevention and began disinfecting" key areas on a more frequent basis.

In the Membership office where computers and desks are shared by many, the daily shift to-do lists for office workers includes cleaning keyboards and phones. Phones on the shopping floor, which are used by hundreds of people daily, are also cleaned many times per day. Checkout stations are cleaned every morning. Bathrooms are cleaned several times daily, as well as deep cleaned periodically. Regular maintenance crews mop floors and clean all equipment and mop heads.

Mancuso says, "We're always open to ideas so long as we don't force [a policy] down people's throats." She recommends that "people take personal responsibility to protect themselves" by washing their hands or traveling with a hand sanitizer. Mancuso uses one and notes that "I personally wash my hands a million times per day. It's always good to remind people."

The "Hygiene Hypothesis"

Mancuso is hygiene-conscious because "when I first started working here, I was

getting sick a lot. It happens to a lot of people when they first become staff members."

But with the precautions she takes, Mancuso reports that she hasn't had "a cold in a year and a half."

On the other hand, the increase in infections experienced by new staffers and the improved immunity to colds that Mancuso reports could be due to a broader exposure to microbes, which might be considered beneficial according to the "hygiene hypothesis" formulated nearly 20 years ago. This widely researched and documented theory (see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hygiene_hypothesis) reveals improved immunity to disease in those who have been exposed to multiple microbes and infectious agents. Scientists theorize that such exposures increase immune system resilience. Thus a microbe-free environment would not be desirable. "Longitudinal studies in the third world demonstrate an increase in immunological disorders as a country grows more affluent and, presumably, cleaner," researchers found in a study published in 2007. With its large membership and rotating group of workers, the Coop may never be perfectly sterile. But it hypothetically might be ideal for building capacity to handle some of the types of microbes that come along. ■



The Fun Committee Needs You!

The Fun Committee is looking for an enthusiastic member who has experience and expertise in "alternate outreach"—21st-century style—to inform our membership and community of our committee's upcoming events.

We want to increase attendance and participation at our events by creating an online presence on sites like Facebook.

Recent Fun Committee events include Poker Night, Game Night, Pub Night, Valentine Card-Making workshop, Adult Variety Show and the Food Conference.

All interested members, please e-mail Len Heisler at heislerlen@yahoo.com.

Emergency Planning 'Soft Spots' Revisited

By Ed Levy

How safe is the Coop in case of a fire or other emergency that would require everyone to leave the building? A recent *Linewaiters' Gazette* article explored this issue and confirmed that with numerous exits, a staff trained for emergencies, with backup lighting, fire extinguishers and the use of fireproof materials throughout the building, the Coop meets all fire safety standards. The fact that FDNY Squad No. 1 is literally next door obviously increases safety. Assuming the fire trucks were not out on a call, one Squad No. 1 fireman told the *Gazette*, "The response time would be, well, a few seconds, maybe a minute or so." Nevertheless, Willow Lawson's and Frank Haberle's recent reporting on crowding and emergency procedures, respectively, point to several soft spots in the Coop's emergency planning, in particular for basement workers.

Crowding in the basement has produced "a nearly daily frenzy," Lawson wrote, with every square inch of space taken up with product, while Haberle points out that the second staircase that exits from the basement, in the northwest corner of the building, did not appear to be well known to most basement workers. These two factors combine to create a relatively greater risk for people who do basement shifts. Indeed, a check with squad members one recent Saturday afternoon revealed that none had thought about emergency procedures, few knew about the additional staircase and one thought there was an exit somewhere in the back.

The Coop is actually three buildings, 780, 782 and 784 Union Street. In the basement, the conveyer belt is in the 780 building (the building that is furthest west, or "down the slope"); the large center room is in the 782 building and the bulk packaging area is in the 784 building. All three buildings are joined by the corridor that runs along the front. This corridor joins the two staircases, one on the extreme west side and the other in the middle. The three buildings are also joined in the center of the basement by pass-throughs that go between the 784 and 782 buildings and between the 782 and 780 buildings. To pass between the latter two buildings, you must lift up the hinged portion of the conveyer belt.

A visual inspection of the basement found several areas that seemed to be inadequately marked with exit signs. For example, in the bulk item packaging area, there is no visible exit sign at all, since the nearest exit sign is not facing into the room, where the work table is, but toward the rear. Although most people know where the main staircase is, if for some reason the route to that exit was blocked—and a squad member we spoke to said it often was blocked with boxes—or if the corridor were impassable for some other reason, workers would need to follow the other route, the one that uses the pass-throughs between the 784 and 782 buildings, and then through the break in the conveyer belt. Once through the belt they would then turn right, head to the front and exit using one of the two stairways, either to the left or to the right. However, tracing this route recently, someone facing the front after entering the

780 building would see no exit signs at all. In addition, none of the exit signs on the north wall exits are visible in the rear of the basement.

Member awareness on this issue is not high. Asked how he would leave the building in an emergency, one person working in the basement said his motto was "Just get the f**k out!" When pressed, he said, "Push!" Another said he'd never thought about it, and asked if the rear lift could be used in an emergency. Still another said that he had worked his stockroom shift for years but was unaware of the western staircase. He joined a *Gazette* reporter in looking for fire extinguishers. While there were a number of recently inspected or installed fire extinguishers, the worker remarked that it would be even more helpful to have signs throughout pointing to the locations of the extinguishers, so people could find them very quickly if necessary. An example of such a sign with an arrow is on the shopping floor's southeast corner, near the lift.

For that matter, the worker added, it would be helpful not just to post exit signs at the exits, since there is so much visual interference in the basement too, but to have signs pointing in the direction of the exits as well. A squad member suggested that there could be trained fire marshals for the basement as well, with one on hand for every shift to guide people in the event of an emergency.

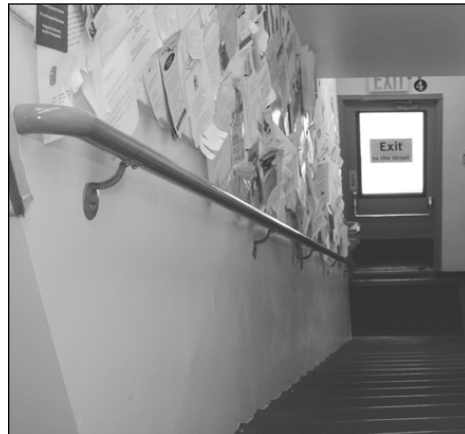
Coordinators Will Improve Signage and Awareness for Basement Workers

General Coordinator Joe Holtz, while stressing the Coop's safety measures, agreed that raising awareness about fire prevention and emergency procedures among basement workers is an excellent idea, and said he will arrange to have additional signs posted in the basement and to have safety information as well as the basement layout communicated to workers more directly. Holtz also said he and the other coordinators would look into the possibility of including fire safety in orientations for new members.

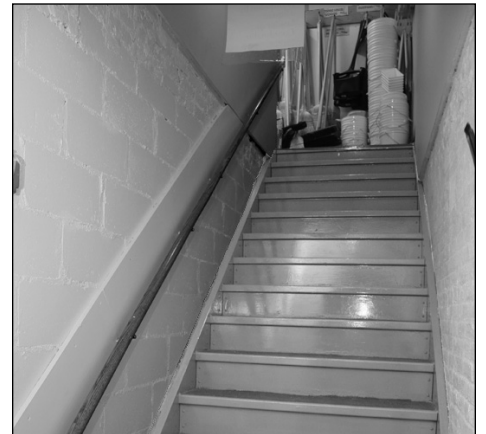
Holtz pointed out that Coop staff are trained to check when coming into the building that all doors are open and all security gates are up, and also to make sure that they are not closed prematurely at night, when there may still be workers in the store. "If they see them down, staff members should put them up," Holtz says. "It's every staff member's job, even though specific members are



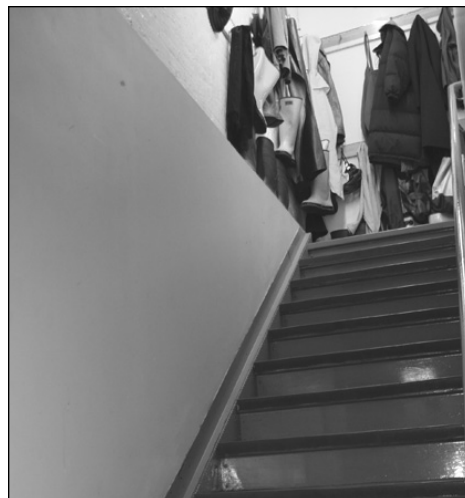
Exit signs always indicate access to the street, or the way out.



The most traveled staircase, from the street level to the main upper floor. Because of its easy accessibility, these stairs are also used for posting fliers, business cards, apartment rentals and other information.



The stairs to and from the first floor down to the basement, on the far west side of the Coop, in the 780 Union Street building.



The stairs to and from the first floor down to the basement, in the 782 Union Street building.



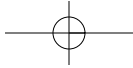
Always look for signs and familiarize yourself with them. This one shows where the fire extinguisher is located.

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assigned to that job."

Remarking on the level of planning about safety, Holtz also said that in 2001, when the building got its certificate of occupancy, the building inspector asked the Coop to reconfigure the position of the padlocks on the gates so that no one could maliciously roll down the gates from outside while people are still inside the building. Holtz pointed out that even the bulletin boards that line the staircase to the second floor are made of fireproof material, that the building itself is constructed of brick and that 62 feet of the 84-foot-wide ground floor are concrete. Ceilings in the basement are composed of sheetrock.

Yves Roger, one of the architects who planned the Coop's expansion, agreed that simply posting signs and floor plans, while important, is never enough, and suggested that squad leaders might have periodic discussions with workers to remind them of exits and to caution them about not exiting to the roof or rear. Given the big turnover in membership, he said, it becomes even more important to revisit these procedures often. He added that it would also be good from time to time to check doors that are rarely used, like the north staircase exit, to make sure they haven't frozen shut. ■



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



LETTERS POLICY

We welcome letters from members. Submission deadlines appear in the Coop Calendar. All letters will be printed if they conform to the published guidelines. We will not knowingly publish articles which are racist, sexist or otherwise discriminatory.

The maximum length for letters is 500 words. Letters must include your name and phone number and be typed or very legibly handwritten. Editors will reject letters that are illegible or too long.

You may submit on paper, typed or very legibly handwritten, or via email to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop or on disk.

Anonymity

Unattributed letters will not be published unless the *Gazette* knows the identity of the writer, and therefore must be signed when submitted (giving phone number). Such letters will be published only where a reason is given to the editor as to why public identification of the writer would impose an unfair burden of embarrassment or difficulty. Such letters must relate to Coop issues and avoid any non-constructive, non-cooperative language.

Fairness

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, factual coverage:

1. The *Gazette* will not publish hearsay—that is, allegations not based on the author's first-hand observation.

2. Nor will we publish accusations that are not specific or are not substantiated by factual assertions.

3. Copies of submissions that make substantive accusations against specific individuals will be given to those persons to enable them to write a response, and both submissions and response will be published simultaneously. This means that the original submission may not appear until the issue after the one for which it was submitted.

The above applies to both articles and letters. The only exceptions will be articles by *Gazette* reporters which will be required to include the response within the article itself.

Respect

Letters must not be personally derogatory or insulting, even when strongly criticizing an individual member's actions. Letter writers must refer to other people with respect, refrain from calling someone by a nickname that the person never uses himself or herself, and refrain from comparing other people to odious figures like Hitler or Idi Amin.

BUYER BEWARE OF SPOILED MEAT!

TO THE EDITOR:

Have *you* ever purchased spoiled meat from our Coop?

Yesterday I sought a small piece of organic beef. I put back a piece I thought was too pricey, costing \$15 per pound, then picked up the next: \$16 per lb, then \$17 per lb, up to filet mignon at \$25/lb. Fully chastened, yet wanting a piece of beef (seriously: doctor's orders), I purchased 3/4 lb. Natural Acres Organic Grass Fed Delmonico Steak, the piece costing \$13.20.

Tonight I cooked it, and found—at first bite—that the meat was spoiled. It took a second bite to confirm what I really did know on first bite: DO NOT EAT. THROW AWAY.

So there it is, \$13.20 in the trash, with a label that says “Sell or Freeze by July 16, 2009,” which is five days hence.

I understand, with vegetables and meat at the Coop, that our rule is “Buyer Beware!” Yet this is NOT the first time I have purchased spoiled meat. It *looks* fine in the package (except for the literally green frozen chopmeat I once pointed out to a squad leader), but, looks mean little. We cooperators have no way of knowing what piece may have lain, unsold, at the checkout and been “thoughtfully” restocked to the cooler, or which stock sat on the floor between basement and cooler for hours between shifts, before being cooled once again.

What can I do in this case? Bring the rotten steak to the leader currently staffing? Save the label? I did this, but it proves only that there is a label. Is there any recourse?

Since this is not my first spoiled organic meat at the Coop, I write this letter to ask if any other cooperators have had such an experience, and to warn all: *Caveat emptor!* At the PSFC, organic does not necessarily mean *safe to eat*.

Regretfully,
Mary Rose Dallal

WHY ARE WE EVER SHORT-STAFFED?

TO THE EDITOR:

On both this past Saturday and Sunday morning, I was buying eight items at 7:15 a.m., but there was no checkout person in the express line on either day. Consequently, I found myself, along with several other members who had fewer than 14 items, waiting for 20 minutes BEHIND people whose carts were so full they probably each needed a forklift truck to get home. I'm not upset with them; they were in the correct line and were also shopping off hours (to address Rebecca Schwarz' recent letter). However, I did ask the shift supervisor on Saturday why there was no express checkout, and he replied that he “didn't have enough staff,” which begs the question of WHY? Every time I read the *Linewaiters' Gazette*, 100+ new members are listed, and it seems that

someone else is complaining that the Coop has too many members. I'm a “walker” and have noticed that, when the weather is very bad, my shift is often short-staffed. If that is because of legitimately excused absences and the shift supervisor or Coop office have been notified, I have no basis to complain (those are the Coop rules and “life happens”). But if, as often seems the case, someone cuts a shift simply because he/she doesn't like the weather or doesn't feel like working at the Coop today, and does not notify the shift supervisor, perhaps the penalty needs to be to be increased, even up to expulsion for repeat offenders. If the Coop truly has too many members, maybe we should consider eliminating those who routinely don't keep their agreements?

And with regard to the checkout shifts being short-staffed, I offer the following suggestion:

Instead of people with fewer items waiting in the regular line, wouldn't it be better to always have ONE person in the express line to speed them through, and IF there is no one waiting in the express line, that person can THEN check out whoever is next in the regular line. Even if this wasn't more efficient (and I don't think it would be any less efficient), it would be far more considerate.

Sincerely,
James Harter

EXHIBIT ON MANHATTAN'S NATURAL HISTORY

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you, Anita Aboulafia, for the article on the current exhibit on Manhattan's natural history at the Museum of the City of New York through Oct. 12.

It is well worth seeing—the teeming abundance of food supply that once drew people to this area was amazing. Free admission for PSFC members was a nice plus.

A fascinating history of Manhattan.
Much appreciated,
Claudia Joseph

KIDS' REPUBLIC OF PARK SLOPE

TO THE EDITOR:

It once had bars and churches, Baseball players and bowlers, But now if someone searches He finds just kids in strollers. A homespun smalltown setting Like a film by Darryl Zanuck, The result of couples becoming Fruitful from food that's organic.

Leon Freilich

A COLLECTIVE REALITY CHECK

DEAR COOP MEMBERS,

I enjoyed reading Curtis March's letter in the July 16 *Gazette* all about what it feels like to work on the Disciplinary Committee.

Later, I found myself mulling over his self-deprecating assertion, “...while the Coop *may* be a way of life to some, at the end of the day it's a grocery store.” Probably everyone at the Coop has heard or said some version of this sentiment.

We seem to reach for that “reality check” when we feel a self-conscious need to diminish the importance of our attributing too much value to being concerned about Coop issues. Collectively, we are ambivalent about the idea that Coop matters are truly worth our time, when in reality we can always save ourselves the bother and just go shop for food somewhere else. So, we sometimes make light of our own attachment to the Coop, beyond our interest as consumers.

The Coop makes it easy to participate, requiring very little of us, due to the strength and effectiveness of our cooperation. Even though the Coop is our grocery store, at the end of the day our unique organization flourishes due to membership involvement and caring.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Tobier

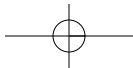
ISRAELI PRODUCT BOYCOTT

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is in response to Carol Lipton, who supported a previous call by Ann Schneider for a PSFC boycott of all Israeli products.

Let me start by saying that as an Israeli myself, I am disgusted by the Israeli government and military actions in Gaza. I don't need to argue here why collective punishment against Palestinians that results in thousands of dead children is unjustifiable. Suffice to say that I believe Israel has, for a long time, been heading down a dangerous path that is not only oppressive towards the Palestinian population, but hardly serves its own self-interest.

That being said, I find the call for a boycott against Israeli products incredibly hypocritical, and unfortunately typical of American “liberal” attitudes towards the Arab-Israeli conflict. My argument against it is simple. You are calling for a boycott not against the Israeli government, but against its people, many of whom do not principally align themselves with their government. Now, I understand your rationale here. You want to pressure the Israeli government by impacting its economy (at least symbolically). But the PSFC lines our shelves with American products every





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single day. That's right, the same America that has occupied Iraq since 2003, and is responsible for the death of hundreds of thousands of civilians there (it would take hundreds of Gaza invasions to measure up against that). But strangely enough, I don't hear anyone calling for a boycott of American products. Here you are, calling for action against a nation in the Middle East, but unwilling to apply the same moral standard to your own country.

So what's the problem with an American boycott, exactly? You could say that an American boycott would effectively shut down the Coop, but then you'd be admitting that your moral standard applies only when it's convenient for you. In other words, "I'm willing to stand up against human rights violations if it means I have to sacrifice my Israeli-brand cous cous, but not if it means I can't get my fruits and produce." Or you might jump to defend our friendly upstate farmers and explain they have nothing to do with the war in Iraq, but then you'd be implying that all our Israeli products come from hardcore anti-Palestinians who support the Gaza invasion.

All in all, this boycott idea reminds me of conversations I've had with fellow Americans who rail against Israel's existence and call for the Palestinian right of return. I listen patiently, often agreeing with their criticism of Israel's actions, but then I pose a question: "Are you willing to fight for our government to return total sovereignty of the U.S.A. to Native Americans and leave your home so they can have back what was once rightfully theirs?" And as their own hypocrisy dawns upon them, they begin to realize that this issue is far more complicated and nuanced than they thought. And it's going to take a lot more than regurgitating half-baked arguments and symbolic actions to move forward.

Daniel Zier

FOR THE RECORD

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm disappointed that my PSFC member friends misrepresent past and present history in favor of their misguided political ideology (dare I say ignorance). Specifically, (Flynn) Shaka Belfon's use of the term apartheid system and Carol Lipton's characterization of "Israel's invasion of Gaza." There were so many one-sided comments in their letters that it would take more than a page to correct.

Apartheid —def: segregation of political & economic discrimination against non-European groups in the republic of South Africa.

First of all, there are over a million Arabs (1/5 of the total population of Israel), both Muslim (over 80%) and Christian, living with full rights within Israel, from north to south, east to

west, voting in all local and general elections and working side by side with their Jewish/Israeli neighbors. Doesn't sound much like apartheid anymore does it? What Arab country allows Jews free religious worship and voting without persecution? Iran? Saudi Arabia? Lebanon? Syria? Jordan? Have any of you called for their boycott? Has anyone denounced their human rights violations both within their own country or externally?

Regarding Israel's "invasion" of Gaza: Israel, in 1948, was granted, by the UN, a right to exist, along with half of what is now Israel, to be shared with existing Arabs. As the Arabs willfully fled (in response to pressure from neighboring Arab countries) the newly formed Israeli nation, formerly under British control, Israel was attacked from every neighboring country, aided by every Arab country as well as the Soviet Union and Great Britain. It survived. Fast forward to 1967, when, for the third time in as many decades (not counting daily terrorist acts against civilian men, women and children from various PLO factions), Israel was once again attacked by its neighbors. In that six-day war, Israel entered the West Bank and Gaza, which it then controlled for the next 38 years. It did so in order to protect itself with a buffer zone from neighboring countries sworn to its destruction. In September 2005, Israel unilaterally withdrew from Gaza. What did Israel get in return? From the very first day of the Israeli withdrawal, a barrage of thousands of indiscriminate missiles were launched at neighboring towns, villages and homes of Israeli civilians. Those missiles continue to drop daily, although not reported by the media. And truth be told, Israel, with its military capabili-

ty, not to mention atomic weaponry, could easily and swiftly destroy every square millimeter of the Gaza strip. Had Hamas (and the PLO in years past) been given the same capability, it surely would have destroyed Israel, as they have sworn to do since 1948. A policy which they have publicly stated, and yet this has never been challenged by the likes of the two people mentioned above.

So, before you send your hypocritical, one-sided, hate-spreading political agenda, look at history and all the facts. And for the record, let's keep buying all of the Israeli products on the shelf, as a token of our support of Middle East democracy, along with the olive oil imported from Palestine.

Mark Amir

SELECTIVE TARGETING

DEAR EDITOR:

Carol Lipton's email demonstrates the selective targeting of one country that while flawed is undeserving of the reactive attacks against it. First, as Ms. Lipton demonstrates, Israel has an active culture of dissent in which many domestic groups criticize its policies. One wished such groups existed in the West Bank and Gaza; then maybe real peace could be achieved.

Ms. Lipton cites various organizations' criticism of Israel's conduct during the war with Hamas. She neglects to mention that Human Rights Watch also condemned Hamas' actions for launching rockets at innocent Israeli civilians; of course this is what caused the war in Gaza.

She mentions the United Nations condemning Israeli actions. Yes, it continues to do so while ignoring China's genocidal policies in Tibet; its racist murdering of the Uighurs; and

its execution of its own citizens. I hope there is a move to boycott products from China. The U.N. happily ignores Robert Mugabe's murdering of his own citizens while condemning Israel. I hope Ms. Lipton is just as critical of those nations as she is of Israel.

Ms. Lipton can go to PMW.org or MEMRITV.org to see videos of the anti-Semitic hate that spews in places like Gaza, and the West Bank, indoctrinating young children in the philosophy of continued war ("resistance").

As Coop manager Joe Holtz said in his article in the *Gazette*, Israel differs from nations like South Africa where the desire to boycott was unanimous. The Coop has many members who are both supportive of and have lived in Israel. Such a boycott would only antagonize them because they would see that a flawed nation was being selectively targeted. Given the torture and war committed by the U.S. over the last six years, I would expect a debate over the boycott of all American-made products as well.

Rick Armstrong

PRODUCT LABELING

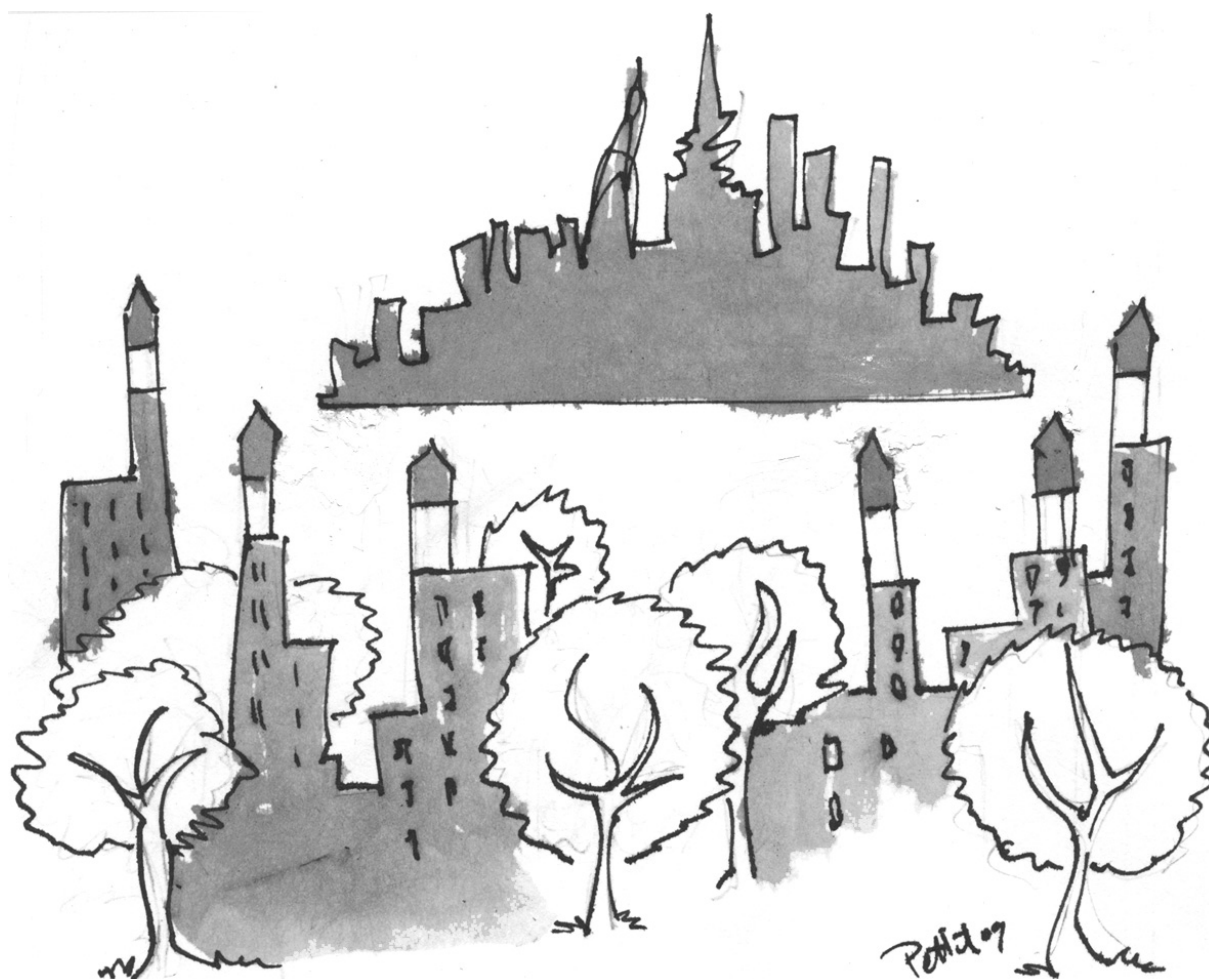
DEAR EDITOR:

In order not to "support financially the apartheid system in Israel," Shaka Belfon suggests that the Coop should "always label produce which come from Israel or from entities that act as subsidiaries of Israeli companies."

I think this is a GREAT idea, one that does not call to mind *at all* a darker past somewhere in Europe. We need easy-to-spot, distinctive labels.

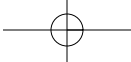
In keeping with the overall good taste of the proposition, may I suggest nice, bright yellow stars?

Nauseatingly,
Benedicte Charpentier



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Read the *Gazette* while you're standing on line OR online at www.foodcoop.com



COOP HOURS

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Shopping Hours:

Monday–Friday
8:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.
Saturday
6:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.
Sunday
6:00 a.m. to 7:30* p.m.

* Shoppers must be on a checkout line
15 minutes after closing time.

Childcare Hours:

Monday through Sunday
8:00 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Telephone:

718-622-0560

Web address:

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LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All submissions MUST include author's name and phone number and conform to the following guidelines. Editors will reject letters and articles that are illegible or too long. Submission deadlines appear in the Coop Calendar opposite.

- Letters:** Maximum 500 words. All letters will be printed if they conform to the guidelines above. The Anonymity and Fairness policies appear on the letters page in most issues.
- Voluntary Articles:** Maximum 750 words. Please note that member-submitted articles, unlike letters, can be edited for content and style by editors. Editors will reject articles that are essentially just advertisements for member businesses and services.
- Committee Reports:** Maximum 1,000 words. Like member-submitted articles, committee reports can be edited for content and style by editors.

- Submissions on Paper:** Typed or very legibly handwritten and placed in the wallpocket labeled "Editor" on the second floor at the base of the ramp.
- Submissions on Disk & by Email:** We welcome digital submissions. Drop disks in the wallpocket described above. The email address for submissions is GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Receipt of your submissions will be acknowledged on the deadline day.
- Classified & Display Ads:** Ads may only be placed by and on behalf of Coop members. Classified ads are prepaid at \$15 per insertion, business card ads at \$30. (Ads in the "Merchandise–Non-commercial" category are free.) All ads must be written on a submission form (available in a wallpocket on the first floor near the elevator). Classified ads may be up to 315 characters and spaces. Display ads must be camera-ready and business card size (2"x3.5").

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Puzzle Corner

Go Figure

The answers to all clues are positive integers, and no answer is repeated. Can you complete the puzzle without getting a wrong number?

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For answers, see page 15. This issue's puzzle author: Stuart Marquis

Monthly on the...

Second Saturday
August 8
7:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.

Third Thursday
August 20
10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

Last Sunday
August 30
10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

On the sidewalk in front of the receiving area at the Coop.

RECYCLING

PLASTICS

What plastics do we accept?
Until further notice:

#1 and #6 type non-bottle shaped containers, transparent only, labels ok

Plastic film and bubble wrap, transparent only, no colored or opaque, no labels

#5 plastic cups, tubs, and specifically marked caps and lids, very clean and dry (discard any with paper labels, or cut off)

NOTE: We are no longer accepting #2 or #4 type plastics.

PLASTIC MUST BE COMPLETELY CLEAN & DRY

We close up promptly.
Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the collection end time to allow for inspection and sorting of your plastic.

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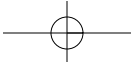
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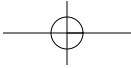
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WORKSLOT NEEDS

Office Phone Answering

Sunday, 10:30 am, 1:00 pm, or 3:30 pm

The Membership Office is closed on Sundays, but the phone still rings. If you're a concise, clear speaker who can manage multiple phone lines and handle the paging system, you'd be a good candidate for this job. You will be trafficking all phone calls and will be working on other projects, as needed, in the office. Your timeliness and attendance are crucial. Contact Camille Scuria about this shift, at camille_scuria@psfc.coop, or call the Membership Office Saturday through Wednesday to speak to her.

Cash Disbursed Bookkeeping

Monday, 6:00 to 8:45 p.m.

Do you have neat, legible handwriting and like

to work with numbers and calculators? You will be transferring information about checks written from individual papers into our checkbook (cash disbursed journal) and adding it up. Attention to details (especially working with numbers) is a must. You need to be a member of the Coop for 6 months to be eligible for this workslot. If you are interested, please speak to Renee St. Furcy, Monday through Thursday or email her at renee_stfurcy@psfc.coop.

Office Data Entry

Tuesday, 4:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Are you a stickler for details, accurate on the computer and like working independently? If this sounds like you, then Office Data Entry will be your perfect shift. You will receive training,

and Coop staff will always be available to answer questions. Please speak to Ginger Hargett in the Membership Office if you would like more information. Workslot requires a six-month commitment.

Cash Received Bookkeeping

Tuesday, 6:00 to 8:45 pm

Do you like working with numbers, have good data entry skills and can work independently? This workslot involves verifying cashier report data and inputing data into an Excel worksheet. The position requires good attendance and a six-month commitment to the workslot. Please contact Kathy Hieatt through the Membership Office if you are interested in the position.

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COOP CALENDAR

New Member Orientations

Attending an Orientation is the first step toward Coop membership. Pre-registration is required for all of the four weekly New Member Orientations. To pre-register, visit www.foodcoop.com or contact the Membership Office. Visit in person or call 718-622-0560 during office hours.

Have questions about Orientation? Please visit www.foodcoop.com and look at the "Join the Coop" page for answers to frequently asked questions.

The Coop on the Internet

www.foodcoop.com

The Coop on Cable TV

Inside the Park Slope Food Coop

FRIDAYS 2:30 p.m. with a replay at 10:30 p.m.
Channels: 56 (TimeWarner), 69 (CableVision).

General Meeting Info

TUE, AUG 4

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.
Submissions will be considered for the Aug 25 General Meeting.

TUE, AUG 25

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Aug 13 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon, Aug 3
Aug 27 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon, Aug 17

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Aug 13 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Aug 5
Aug 27 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Aug 19

ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

From our inception in 1973 to the present, the open monthly General Meetings have been at the center of the Coop's decision-making process. Since the Coop incorporated in 1977, we have been legally required to have a Board of Directors. The Coop continued the tradition of General Meetings by requiring the Board to have open meetings and to receive the advice of the members at General Meetings. The Board of Directors, which is required to act legally and responsibly, has approved almost every General Meeting decision at the end of every General Meeting. Board members are elected at the Annual Meeting in June. Copies of the Coop's bylaws are available at the Coop Community Corner and at every General Meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 25, 7:00 p.m.

The General Meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month.

Location

The Temple House of Congregation Beth Elohim (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

How to Place an Item on the Agenda

If you have something you'd like discussed at a General Meeting, please complete a submission form for the Agenda Committee. Forms are available in the rack near the Coop Community Corner bulletin board and at General Meetings. Instructions and helpful information on how to submit an item appear on the submission form. The Agenda Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month to plan the agenda for the GM held on the last Tuesday of the month. If you have a question, please call Ellen Weinstat in the office.

Meeting Format

Warm Up (7:00 p.m.) • Meet the Coordinators

• Enjoy some Coop snacks • Submit Open Forum items • Explore meeting literature

Open Forum (7:15 p.m.) Open Forum is a time for members to bring brief items to the General Meeting. If an item is more than brief, it can be submitted to the Agenda Committee as an item for a future GM.

Reports (7:30 p.m.) • Financial Report • Coordinators' Report • Committee Reports

Agenda (8:00 p.m.)

• The agenda is posted at the Coop Community Corner and may also appear elsewhere in this issue.

Wrap Up (9:30-9:45) (unless there is a vote to extend the meeting) • Meeting evaluation • Board of Directors vote • Announcements, etc.

Attend a GM and Receive Work Credit

Since the Coop's inception in 1973, the General Meeting has been our decision-making body. At the General Meeting (GM) members gather to make decisions and set Coop policy. The General-Meeting-for-workslot-credit program was created to increase participation in the Coop's decision-making process.

Following is an outline of the program. *For full details, see the instruction sheets by the sign-up board.*

• **Advance Sign-up required:**

To be eligible for workslot credit, you must add your name to the sign-up sheet in the elevator lobby.

Some restrictions to this program do apply. Please see below for details.

• **Two GM attendance credits per year:**

Each member may take advantage of the GM-for-workslot-credit program two times per calendar year.

• **Certain Squads not eligible:**

Eligible: Shopping, Receiving/ Stocking, Food Processing, Office, Maintenance, Inventory, Construction, and FTOP committees. (Some Committees are omitted because covering absent members is too difficult.)

• **Attend the entire GM:**

In order to earn workslot credit you must be present for the *entire* meeting.

• **Childcare can be provided at GMs:**

Please notify an Office Coordinator in the Membership Office at least one week prior to the meeting date.

• **Signing in at the Meeting:**

1. After the meeting the Chair will provide the Workslot Credit Attendance Sheet.

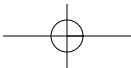
2. Please also sign in the attendance book that is passed around during the meeting.

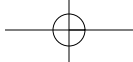
• **Being Absent from the GM:**

It is possible to cancel without penalty. We do ask that you remove your name if you know cannot attend. Please do not call the Membership Office with GM cancellations.

Park Slope Food Coop Mission Statement

The Park Slope Food Coop is a member-owned and operated food store—an alternative to commercial profit-oriented business. As members, we contribute our labor: working together builds trust through cooperation and teamwork and enables us to keep prices as low as possible within the context of our values and principles. Only members may shop, and we share responsibilities and benefits equally. We strive to be a responsible and ethical employer and neighbor. We are a buying agent for our members and not a selling agent for any industry. We are a part of and support the cooperative movement. **We offer a diversity of products with an emphasis on organic, minimally processed and healthful foods.** We seek to avoid products that depend on the exploitation of others. We support non-toxic, sustainable agriculture. **We respect the environment.** We strive to reduce the impact of our lifestyles on the world we share with other species and future generations. We prefer to buy from local, earth-friendly producers. We recycle. We try to lead by example, educating ourselves and others about health and nutrition, cooperation and the environment. **We are committed to diversity and equality.** We oppose discrimination in any form. We strive to make the Coop welcoming and accessible to all and to respect the opinions, needs and concerns of every member.





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calendar of events

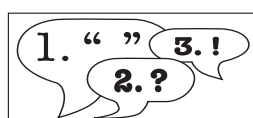
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Family Music Workshop

The Flying Teapot: Music for Kids, with **Joanne Riel**. Join us for this magical class that will nurture your child's unique expression. Songs just happen when grownups and children come together to make music. Joanne, a Coop member, has been engaging children and parents in the community for many years, with her unique and spontaneous style.

aug 4
tue 7 pm

Agenda Committee Meeting



The committee reviews pending agenda items and creates the agenda for this month's General Meeting. Drop by and talk with committee members face-to-face between 8 and 8:15 p.m.

Before submitting an item, read "How to Develop an Agenda

Item for the General Meeting" and fill out the General Meeting Agenda Item

Submission Form, both available from the Membership Office. ***The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 7 p.m., at Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place at Eighth Avenue.***

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fri 7 pm

What Is the Truth About The Ion Cleanse/Foot Bath?

It's a rejuvenating, energizing and refreshing technology that cleanses the body on a cellular level. And there is more. Witness the benefits, warnings and testimonials at this presentation and demonstration by Coop member **Marija Santo**, CNHP and Geotran Practitioner.

aug 8
sat 10 am

The Basics of Greenroofs

Topics include NYC incentives, reviews of some green roof products on the market, DIY versions, greenroof horticulture, cost and the questions around irrigation. Coop member **Atom Cianfarani** is a recycled-commodities designer, sculptor and greenroof specialist. She's a board member of the Lower East Side Ecology Center and is known for her sustainable design of Brooklyn's famous eco-eatery Habana Outpost.

aug 8
sat 1 pm

Bowenwork®

Come see a demonstration of this holistic bodywork that stimulates the body's own healing response. Gentle moves across muscle and connective tissue send signals to the body to relax and move toward balance. Coop member **Moraima Suarez** is a certified Bowenwork Therapist and Reiki practitioner who has studied and practiced the healing arts for more than 20 years.

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sun 12 pm

College Applications: What to Do, When

This workshop for high school students and their parents will help you start your essay, learn which standardized tests to take and how to prepare, and how to get going on your application. Coop member **Marissa Pareles** (pareles@gmail.com) is a private SAT and writing tutor with more than six years of experience.

aug 14
fri 7:30 pm

Budgeting Made Easy

A budget should be a flexible, positive plan for using financial resources to meet needs and desires — not a restrictive and punitive document. Learn how to create and use a budget that is right for you or your family. Presented by **Arthur Goodman**, a long-time PSFC member, who has been an accountant for too many years.

aug 15
sat 10 am–2 pm

Adult Clothing & Costume Jewelry Exchange



The season is changing, and this is your opportunity to trade gently used and beautiful clothes and costume jewelry that you no longer wear with other Coop members. Do not leave clothing or jewelry in the Coop before the hours of the exchange. Bring

up to 15 items only. Unchosen items will be donated to a local shelter.

aug 16
sun 12 pm

Six Healing Sounds of Qi Gung

Each of six Qi Gung exercises is performed with a sound that has a healing resonance with a body organ: liver, heart, spleen, lungs, kidneys, and triple burner. The "life/breath" of each organ can be strengthened with regular practice. This workshop is limited to 12 participants. Please reserve by calling **Ann E. Reibel-Coyne** at 718-622-0122.

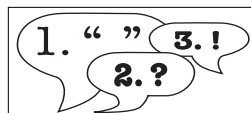
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PSFC AUGUST General Meeting

Meeting Agenda to be announced. For information on how to place an item on the Agenda, please see the center pages of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. The Agenda Committee minutes and the status of pending agenda items are available in the Coop office and at all General Meetings. **Meeting location: Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place at Eighth Avenue.**

sep 1
tue 7 pm

Agenda Committee Meeting



The committee reviews pending agenda items and creates the agenda for this month's General Meeting. Drop by and talk with committee members face-to-face between 8 and 8:15 p.m.

Before submitting an item, read "How to Develop an Agenda

Item for the General Meeting" and fill out the General Meeting Agenda Item

Submission Form, both available from the Membership Office. ***The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 7 p.m., at Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place at Eighth Avenue.***

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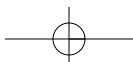
Food Class: Malaysia—The Heart of the Spice Trade

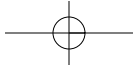


Malaysia was centrally located in the heart of the spice trade and its cuisine is a lively blend of Malayo-Polynesian, Chinese, Indian and Thai influences. Menu includes *mixed vegetable achar, tempeh and pressed rice cake skewers with*

spicy peanut sauce, dry prawn sambal, and taro, coconut and banana pudding. Guest chef Annie Kunjappy works as a private chef and teaches at the Natural Gourmet Institute for Health and Culinary Arts. **Materials fee: \$4.**

To book a Food Class, contact Susan Baldassano, sueb@naturalgourmetschool.com.





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sep 4
fri 7 pm

Quest for Honor



Quest for Honor is a profile of Runak Faran, a powerful women's rights activist in Iraqi Kurdistan. The film follows Runak as she investigates several honor killings and attempts to appeal to a corrupt, male-dominated power struggle to end the senseless violence toward women. **Quest for Honor** premiered at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival. Gabriel Rhodes is the editor of this film and will be in attendance for the q&a.

To book a Film Night, contact Alexandra Berger, isisprods@yahoo.com.

sep 5
sat 10:30 am

Getting to Yes

Via an interactive workshop based on role-plays, come and learn practical skills to increase your ability to connect with others and be heard and understood. This workshop offers a basic introduction to the practices of compassionate, nonviolent communication, presented by **Dian Killian**, PhD, founder and director of Brooklyn Nonviolent Communication.

sep 12
sat 2 pm

Intuitive Parenting Workshop

Explore the journey of parenting in a safe, fun, hands-on environment. You will learn tools for making parenting decisions from your intuition and from your heart; sensing into exactly what is right for your child and for your family; getting clear on what your parenting goals and priorities are. Please bring a journal or notebook and a pen. Coop member **Britt Pastor Bolnick** is the creator of In Arms Coaching.

sep 12-13
sat-sun 9 am–7 pm

Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen

CHIPS Soup Kitchen, located at 4th Ave. and Sackett St., is the recipient of much of our edible but unsaleable perishable food. They also need donations of nonperishable foods. This food will go to CHIPS to help them feed people in the neighborhood who are in need of a nutritious meal. Consider contributing nonperishable foods and commercially packaged foods; canned fish; canned fruits and vegetables; pasta sauce; pasta; pre-packaged rice; pre-packaged beans; canned beans; canned soups; Parmalat milk; dry milk; peanut butter; or boxed raisins. Give donations to the collection table outside the Coop.

sep 13
sun 12 pm

Nutrition Response Testing

Join us for a look at Nutrition Response Testing. **Diane Paxton**, MS, LAc, will explain how NRT can identify the underlying reason your body is creating symptoms and help you design a personalized clinical nutrition program to have you looking and feeling better than you have in years.

sep 17
thu 7 pm

Wordsprouts: The PSFC's Reading Series



Wordsprouts agenda to be announced. To book a Wordsprouts, contact P.J. Corso, paola_corso@hotmail.com.

sep 18
fri 8 pm

The Very Good Coffeehouse Coop Concert Series



The Very Good Coffeehouse is a monthly musical fundraising partnership of the Coop and the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture. To book a Coffeehouse event, contact Bev Grant, 718-788-3741. Concert takes place at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Park West (at 2nd Street) • \$10 • doors open at 7:45.

*For more information on these and other events,
visit the Coop's website: foodcoop.com*

All events take place at the Park Slope Food Coop unless otherwise noted.
Nonmembers are welcome to attend workshops.
Views expressed by the presenter do not necessarily represent
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sep 19 What Is the Truth About the
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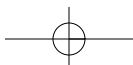
sep 26 Emotional Side of Healthy Living

sep 27 Blogging: Getting Started

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Kheel Plan

By David Barouh

The MTA funding crisis is settled for now, but while it raged, New Yorkers were a captive audience, albeit a jaded one, knowing that all the funding plans had one thing in common—mass transit fares would increase in the teeth of tough times. The mayor's congestion pricing plan would have provided funding by imposing once-per-day fees of \$8 on cars and commercial vehicles and \$21 on trucks entering Manhattan's Central Business District (CBD) below 86th Street during business hours. The Ravitch plan would have raised transit fares and tolls and imposed new tolls on currently free bridges. The plan that was finally agreed on imposes an average 10% subway, bus, Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North Railroad fare hike, a 50¢ surcharge on taxi rides, and a 10% increase on MTA bridge and tunnel tolls (but no new tolls on East River and Harlem River bridges).

The most game-changing plan of them all, with roots going back over 40 years, was ignored—the Kheel plan—

from Theodore Kheel, longtime labor mediator and, at age 95, New York City icon and visionary miles ahead of the city's transportation establishment.

The original Kheel plan, introduced in January 2008, would have made subways and buses *free!*—paid for by doubling the congestion pricing fees proposed in the CBD to \$16 for cars and \$32 for trucks, charged once per day including weekends, raising taxi fares 25%, and charging curbside parking fees in the areas bordering the CBD. The latest plan, introduced in January 2009, would moderate congestion pricing fees and make subways free at night and on weekends, while reducing fares during week-days, especially during off-peak hours. Buses would remain free 24/7. Called the Kheel-Komanoff plan (acknowledging the work of Kheel's collaborator, energy-policy analyst, transport economist and former Transportation Alternatives president Charles Komanoff), this plan acknowledges political "realities," yet still faces widespread media indifference.

Could It Work?

Free or nearly free, is it feasible—or just fantasy? In the 1960s, Kheel took on Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority's Robert Moses in calling for toll increases to subsidize mass transit. Moses had spearheaded a trend to support and subsidize auto use while ignoring mass transit. He characterized Kheel's plan as "too silly for words" and fumed that "Ted Kheel has gone berserk." Kheel lost those battles, resulting in the Port Authority's being unable to use funds for mass transit until 2007.

But times have changed. Cars choke the city with congestion, pollution and greenhouse gases in the midst of a global climate crisis. The majority of city residents are being slapped with transit fare increases at the worst time, that is, in hard economic circumstances. Bloomberg's Congestion Pricing was a frank acknowledgement of the climate crisis, and its defeat was nothing less than crass pseudo-populism on the part of politicians defending car owners' interests. It was

argued that drivers were being unfairly burdened with the cost of saving mass transit (ignoring the burden that cars place on *all* city residents) and that the burden should be shared by all (always a reliable euphemism meaning the poor and middle class pay, and the rich benefit). The perverse consequences will be to encourage *more* auto use because of fare hikes for *all* transit riders, with additional costs to only *some* drivers, while yet more traffic is diverted to still free East River and Harlem River bridges.

Congestion pricing fell victim less to stiff *opposition* than to lackluster *support*. While politicians speaking for drivers were up in arms about new tolls intended to change behavior that has finally been recognized as a societal ill, the majority of city residents, who don't own automobiles, pay stiff fares that have risen and are likely to rise yet again. Had the idea of free or greatly reduced transit fares been on the table, one can imagine the groundswell of support that would have emerged to pressure politicians.

Quality of Life

One can also imagine a range of quality of life improve-

ments. Of course less traffic—Komanoff estimates that drivers not opting for mass transit would (for their added expense) complete their trips through the CBD 20% quicker, and throughout the city nearly 10% faster. With no need for passengers to swipe MetroCards, greatly reducing boarding time, buses would travel their routes faster and make more runs per day, thereby increasing bus service without adding buses. Air pollution would obviously be decreased.

Subway crowding would actually decrease. Many people would adjust their schedules to take advantage of the off-peak fare reductions and free buses. And many would ride bikes. Fear of traffic is the main reason preventing more bicycle commuting. Kheel cites a key stat: 2% of all person trips in the city (excluding walking) are by bicycle, compared to 23% in Northern European cities that have aggressively promoted bicycle commuting.

A recent Transportation Alternatives study of traffic in Park Slope found that 45% of traffic on Seventh Avenue is composed of cars looking for parking, that during normal business hours, 97% of free and metered spaces are occupied and that cars sometimes search for nearly an hour to find parking. Clearly, any trend toward mass transit and away from driving would dramatically improve the quality of life in the 'hood.

Wouldn't free or greatly reduced fares attract unwanted elements into the subways? Kheel says that reduced need for police presence in traffic control and in attending to traffic accidents would free up many officers who could be redeployed in the subways.

Prospects

Kheel's plan has received considerable attention in the city's blogs, and articles about it appeared in the Daily News and Newsday, but none in the New York Times. Charles Komanoff was interviewed about it by Doug Greenwood on WBAI, but it was ignored by WNYC.

But it won't simply disappear. An August 21, 2008 *Daily News* blog entry by Elizabeth Benjamin states that Kheel intends to spend \$1,000,000 of his own money to make it an issue in the 2009 mayoral race. ■



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This is the long-awaited directory of neighborhood merchants offering exclusive discounts to Park Slope Food Coop members.

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Interested in Engaging Coop Work? Disciplinary Committee Seeks NEW Members

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Communicating • Problem solving • Dealing with difficult situations • Investigating *We need you!*

The DC is seeking new members to work with us on making the Coop the best place it can be for everyone.

Being a DC member offers the opportunity to be involved in **important, interesting and challenging work**. We contribute more time than regular monthly shift (much of it is done from home via phone & e-mail). We are seeking members prepared to make a **substantial and consistent commitment** to the Coop (you will get credit for overtime hours)

Some of our work includes:

- Investigating allegations of misbehavior by members, such as failing to report for or to complete shifts, bringing in non-members to shop, shopping while suspended, stealing, using racist, sexist, homophobic or nasty language against other Coop members and staff, etc.
- Participating in disciplinary hearings
- Mediating disputes between Coop members
- Engaging in problem-solving and policy issues related to the DC's work

We recognize the importance of various points of view when considering cases brought to us. WE ARE SEEKING A CANDIDATE POOL THAT REFLECTS THE DIVERSITY OF THE COOP'S MEMBERSHIP.

Requirements for Candidates:

- Coop members for at least a year & have good attendance records
- attend an evening meeting approximately every six weeks.

Candidates with experience in **writing, investigation, conflict-resolution, or mental health professionals** encouraged to apply. Use of a **computer and email is essential**.

Interested? Please call **Jeff: 718-636-3880**

Hearing Officer Committee Seeks New Members

The Hearing Office Committee is seeking two new members. The committee conducts and presides over disciplinary hearings, ensures that hearings proceed in an efficient and unbiased manner and, after a randomly selected Deciding Group has decided whether an accused member violated a Coop rule, determines what disciplinary action should be taken against the member. Applicants should be Coop members in good standing for at least two years, have good attendance records and preferably have judicial, arbitration, mediation or legal backgrounds.

Members of the committee meet and earn workslot credit on an as-needed basis only, that is, when hearings are required. Therefore these members must maintain regular Coop workslots in good standing or be FTOP members in good standing.

The nature of the committee's work requires that all members maintain strict confidentiality with respect to all matters on which they work.

The committee seeks an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop membership at large.

Those interested, please telephone Marian Hertz of the Hearing Officer Committee at 212-440-2743 or email at Marian.Hertz@cnacna.com.



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However, shopping for any items that you pass while waiting on line is definitely both convenient and the cooperative way to do it.

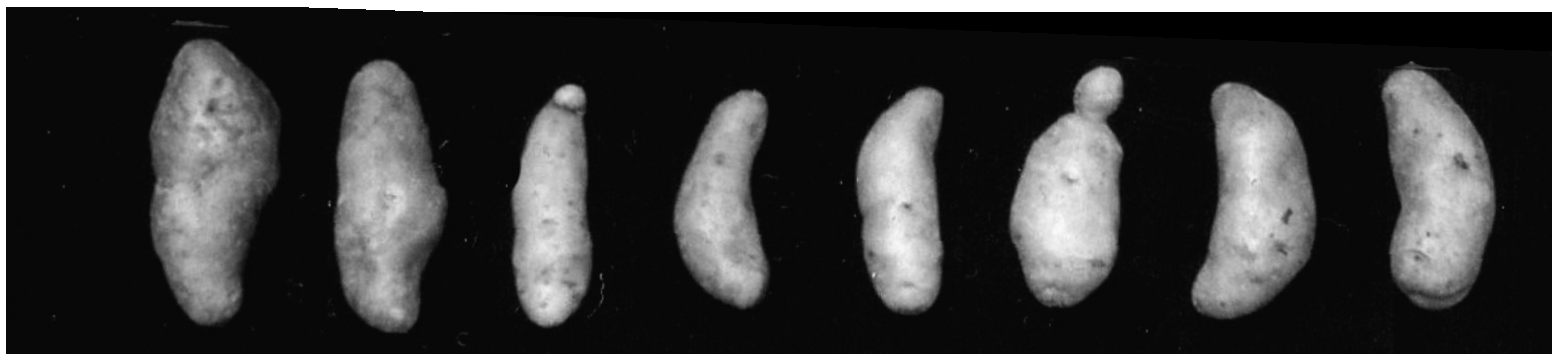
If you have inadvertently forgotten an item after you have reached the checkout line, please say something to the people behind you before leaving your cart to get the item.

The Environmental Committee has a blog!

Please visit often for timely news and information from the PSFC Environmental Committee.

We're blogging about our activities at the Coop, as well as environmental events of interest at the Coop and beyond.

Find us at:
<http://ecokvetch.blogspot.com/>



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WANTED Bike Valet Parking Squad Leaders

The Coop needs reliable, detail-oriented and personable members to lead the new Bike Valet Parking service.

Members will be trained for this position.

Currently, these shifts will be on Saturday afternoons, though we are looking at Sunday afternoon/early evening and would like to expand this service.

The Bike Valet Parking service is for Coop members and works like a coat check for bikes (and strollers!). FTOP workers will check in and watch bikes during their shift.

Depending on the shift time, the Squad Leader will be responsible for directing either the set-up or take-down of the bike racks and canopy. Training FTOP workers will be required at the beginning of each shift.

If you are interested, please contact Charlene Swift in the Membership Office at 718-622-0560.



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WORKSLOT NEEDS

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Cashier Report Prep Sunday, anytime

This job is task-oriented, not time-oriented. You will be sorting, organizing and labeling paperwork generated by cashiers for a given day. Being detail oriented is a must, as is reliability and a good attendance record. This job does not involve the use of a computer. You must be able to show up for your scheduled slots and/or find coverage for your absences. Please contact Kathy Hieatt at kathy_hieatt@psfc.coop or 718-622-0560 if you are interested.

Bathroom Cleaning Weekdays, 12 p.m.

Work with a partner to deep clean the Coop's bathrooms. Tasks include scrubbing floor tiles, cleaning toilets, mopping floors and stocking the bathrooms. You will work with only natural cleaning products. This job is perfect for members who like to clean and are conscientious about doing a thorough job.

Laundry and Toy Cleaning Tuesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

You will load laundry into dryer, fold it and redistribute it around the Coop. While the laundry is washing/drying, you will clean toys in the childcare room. Please contact Annette or Jana in the Membership Office for further information.

Kitchen Cleaning Wednesday, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Deep clean all three kitchens in the Coop: childcare, meeting room and staff room. You will work independently to clean countertops, cabinets, drawers, kitchen equipment, sinks and refrigerators. Must be reliable as you are the only person coming to do this job on your day. Please speak to Adriana in the Membership Office, Monday to Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. if you are interested.

Refrigerator Cleaning

Monday or Wednesday, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

This position requires a desire to do physical work, enjoy cleaning, and organize refrigerators. You will thoroughly clean the refrigerator, removing all movable parts and cleaning them, label food items, and discard old or out-of-date products.

Voucher Data Entry

Tuesday, 7:00 to 9:45 a.m.

The Coop needs detail-oriented members to enter data from voucher sheets into an Excel spreadsheet. Accuracy working with numbers and facility with Excel required. The shift must begin by 7:00 a.m. but you can come as early as 6:00 a.m. You will need to work independently, be self-motivated and reliable. Please contact Renee St. Furcy at renee_stfurcy@psfc.coop or 718-622-0560 if you are interested.

Shopping Floor Set-up and Cleaning

Monday, 6:00 to 8:00 a.m.

Are you an early riser with a love of cleaning and organizing? Work under the supervision of a staff person to set up and clean the shopping floor checkout stations. Must like to clean, be meticulous, detail oriented and able to work independently. Great opportunity for someone who wants to work when the Coop is not crowded. Please contact Cynthia Pennycooke at cynthia_pennycooke@psfc.coop or through the Membership Office at 718-622-0560.



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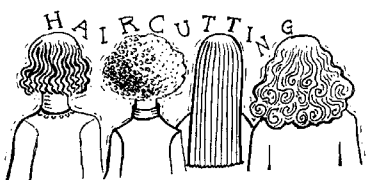
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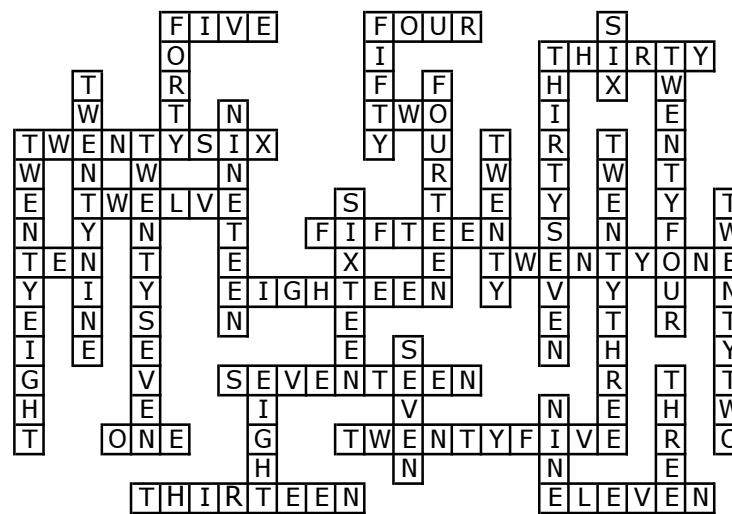
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Coop Job Opening: Membership Coordinator

Description:

The Coop is hiring a Membership Coordinator to fill an afternoon/evening and weekend schedule. Membership Coordinators divide their time between shifts of approximately 6 hours in the Membership Office, Technical Support shifts of approximately 6.5 hours working on the shopping floor, and oversight/ coordination of the Coop's administrative functions. Applicants must have excellent people skills, excellent communication and organizational skills as well as patience, comfort with computers and computer technology, and the ability to do detailed record keeping. Applicants should be able to remain calm in hectic surroundings, oversee the work of others, teach and explain procedures, delegate work, give feedback, pay attention to several things at once and maintain high standards of accuracy.

As a retail business, the Coop's busiest times are during traditional holiday seasons. Applicants must be prepared to work during many of the holiday periods, particularly in the winter.

- Hours:**
- Approx. 38 hours in 5 days/week: Thursday–Monday. Weekday schedule will be afternoon/evening hours (some shifts until 11:30 p.m.). Saturday and Sunday hours will vary, though shifts are between 5 and 8 hours in length.
- Wages:**
- \$23.39/hour.
- Benefits:**
- Health insurance

— Pension plan/401(k) plans

— Vacation—three weeks/year increasing in the 4th, 7th & 10th years

— Health and Personal time

How to Apply:

Please provide your résumé along with a cover letter stating your relevant qualifications, skills and experience. Materials should be e-mailed to hc-membershipcoordinator@psfc.coop. Please put "Membership Coordinator" in the subject field. Applicants will receive an e-mail acknowledging receipt of their materials. Please do not call the Office to check on the status of your application. Applications will be reviewed and interviews scheduled on a rolling basis until the position has been filled. If you applied to a previous Coop job offering, please re-submit your materials.

Probation Period:

There will be a six-month probation period.

Prerequisite:

Must be a current member of the Park Slope Food Coop for at least six months immediately prior to application.

No Membership Office experience necessary to submit application materials. However, in order to be considered for an interview applicants must have worked at least four shifts in the Membership Office. After submitting your materials, if you wish to schedule shifts in the Office please contact the Coop at hc-membershipcoordinator@psfc.coop. Please put "Schedule Shifts" in the subject field.

We are seeking an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop's membership.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following members for referring friends who joined the Coop in the last four weeks.

April	Jessica Habie	Philip Rosenbloom
Benita	Erin Harper	Donnie Rotkin
Bit	Shauntee Henry	Wayne Roylance
Jennie	Karen Hernandez	Wayne Roylance
Krisztina	Elizabeth Hoyt	Benjamin Rubin
Tabeel	Maida Ives	Zach Samalin
Adrienne Almeida	Anne January	JoAnn Santangelo
Emily Anderson	Molly Jensen	Carlene Scheel
Peter Axtman	Sat Jot Kaur Khalsa	Rochelle Schieck
Ellen Baxt	Bonnie Kaplan	Juliann Schwartz
Brian Beatty	Tasja Keethman	Mrigaa Sethi
Nicholas Bergson-	Nathan Kendall	Jordan Shapiro
Shilcock	Jay Key	Lauren Shookhoff
Drea Bernardi	Mary Kohatsu	Leah Siepel
Gabriela Betancourt	Sally Kohn	Kathryn Sigler
Jennifer Bogo	Anastasia Konecky	Alisa Sikelianos
Katherine Borowitz	Abigail Kramer	Seth Slade
Frank Bucalo	John Lee	Matthew Smith
Keala Carter	Peggy Leggat	Karen Sorensen
Risa Chubinsky	Scott Lennox	Erynn Sosinski
Alethe Clemetson	Lola Lloyd Horwitz	Joshua Stern
Ariana Cohen-	Hillevi Loven	Ilana Storace
Halberstam	Isabelle Lumpkin	Carolyn Tkach
Saskia Cornes	Maia Macdonald	Donnell Turner
Lisa Cowan	Bronwen Macro	Jeanne Vaccaro
Christina DaCosta	Khin Mai Aung	Angela Valerio
Elizabeth Dettori	Alla Makeeva	T.J. Volonis
Etta Dixon	Alla Makeeva	Siraj Wahhaj
Emily Douglas	Heather McCabe	Beccah Watson
Ithran Einhorn	Holly Mendenhall	Ellen Weinstat
Linda Ellman	Anthony Mohen	Kayla Wexelberg
Jeff Erickson	Ed Murach	Aaron Wexler
Juliette Faust	Noriyuki Murakami	Eleanor Whitney
Seth Feaster	Traci O'Kelly	Lisa Williams
Sam Feather-Garner	George Olken	Amanda Winters
Adrianna Fie	Jeffrey Opdyke	Joli Wright
Marlena Francisco	Katie Osborn	Jeremy Zilar
Melissa Gable	Charlotta Otterbeck	
Dana Gentile	Sunu P. Chandy	
Debra George	Angela Parcesepe	
Meghann Gerber	Sam Patton	
Courtney Gleason	Kate Payne	
Kevin Gordon	Ana Pelaez	
Carole Gould	Michael Perlberg	
Emily Grotheer	Scott Pittinsky	
Matthew Grubler	Anu Prestonia	
Jennifer Gubitz	Judith Pushett	
Jyllian Gunther	Bernadette Quattrone	

WELCOME!

A warm welcome to these new Coop members who have joined us in the last four weeks. We're glad you've decided to be a part of our community.

Tim Adams	Femi Cameron	Jean Doneker	Jeremy Gordon	Lyra Kilston	Claudia MacPherson	Nakisha Oliver	Steve Rubinstein	Norma Torres
Debby Albenda	Macaulay Campbell	Theresa Dougherty	Charles Gray	Jason Kim	Havona Madama	Veronica Ordaz	Chris Russell	Vu Huy Tran
Ruth Allanbrook	Beatrice Carre-Alleyne	Lenny Dukhon	Matthew Greenbaum	Audrey Kobayashi	Audrey Malachowsky	Eileen Otto	Megan Ryan	Alex Ugelow
Adrian Alleyne	Hatice Cezzar	Rafael Eaton	Rose Greene	Hiroki Kobayashi	Jillian Mallozzi	Melinda Paquin	Anna Rzerzicha	Brigitta Ujhelyi
Maggie Anderson	Juliette Cezzar	Nathan Ehrlich	Taylor Greene	Karen Kochanski	Elizabeth Mansfield	Elizabeth Patton	Ane Salerno	Shalini Vallabhan
John Anklow	Urvashi Chakravorty	Donald Eipper	Andrew Gwozdziwycz	Yvonne Kodl	Carrie Marker	Carmen Pelaez	Luz Sanchez	Chris Van Maarseveen
Anthony Aubourg	Joyce Chow	Marily Eipper	Sasha Gwozdziwycz	Ann Kohatsu	Mona Marquardt	Marc Peloquin	Adam Scheldt	Jini Van Maarseveen
Dionne Aubourg	Russell Chun	Aristottle Elefiades	Gabrielle Haskins	Kelly Kraft	Laura Martin	Rolando Penate	Jessica Schoen	Emily Vaughn
Carrie Babcock	Emily Clary	Margarita Elefiades	Joe Hasler	Laura Kulaw	Kerry McArthur	Rachael Peters	Leah Schrager	Vincent Venturella
Jr., Richie Babstock	Eavan Cleary	Dawn Eshelman	Andrew Haynes	Jake Lancaster	Lima McCabe	Chaydha Pleasant	George Schumacher	Janis Vogel
Rose Babstock	Joseph Coffey	Louis (Lee) Eskin	Coralie Haynes	Kate Laughlin	Shanequa McCrimmon	Shulamit Ponet	Stephanie Schwam	Richard Wald
Sr., Richard Babstock	Rebecca Cohen	Michael Estes	Mary Hillemeier	Carlyle Leach	Casey McDonald	Roderick Potts	Tobias Schwinn	Jenny Walker
Leslie Barnes	Philbert Cole	Gal Feinstein	Phil Hoff	Josue Leconte	Sarah Meier-Zimbler	Bernard Prince	Sandra Seigel	Michael Walter
Nina Barrett	Elise Coleman	Liz Feinstein	Channell Holiday	Hannah Lee	Manshi Puri	Molly Quammen	Zach Shapiro	Richard Walton
Dan Becker	Gabriel Colker	Dana Ferguson	Darla Horn	Joseph Lee	John Quinn	John Quinn	Caitlin Shey	Matthew Ward
Rosina Belcourt	Melanie Colton	Paul Fisher	Tanya Hossli	Narae Lee	Maggie Raife	Maggie Raife	Angelica Silva	Jerry Weider
Julia Bender	Will Comerford	Jason Fleischauer	Shira Husbands-Hankin	Sylvaine Lemeilleur	Marie Redonnet	Marie Redonnet	Robert Silva	Rosalie Weider
Caesar Bernardo	Pamela Cooke	Jennifer Frankel	Randal Jeffrey	Beatriz Leon	Amy Reinholtz	Amy Reinholtz	Jordan Smith	Katherine (Kate) Weiss
Claire Bernardo	Caleb Cooks	Stacie Freasier	Luke Jenner	Parker Leventer	Shana Robinson	Shana Robinson	Rajesh Soni	Nicola Wells
Rachel Blackwell	Sarah Cooley	Isabel Frisari	Stephanie Jenner	Gabriel Levey	Joseph Morelli	Sarah Rohm	Elizabeth Spackman	Kimberly Wetherell
Roy Blumenfeld	Audrey Crabtree	Vincent Frisari	Matthew Jensen	Sharon Levy	Eric Muehlhausen	Shimon Roitblat	Gabrielle Steinhardt	Michael Williams
Nicole Bouquet	Nina Crews	Sarah Fulton	Max Joel	James Li	Imani Romney-Rosa	Imani Romney-Rosa	Precious Stepney	Harvey Wirth
Myles Brawer	Simon Daillie	Derek Gates	Bethany Jones	Daisy Lidz	Devorah Roness	Devorah Roness	Jacquelyn Stewart	Colin Wyatt
Ron Brawer	Maryam Dalan	Alec Gessner	Isaac Kaplan	Lauren Links	Myer Roness	Myer Roness	Katherine Strauchen	Yoshi Yamada
Ashley Brokaw	James Daniel	Debra Gibbs	Nathan Karp	Mirielle Liong-A-Kong	Harold "Alex" Ross	Harold "Alex" Ross	Sara Swartz	David Young
Jamin Brophy-Warren	Jen Day	Dania Gold Namdar	Jeffrey Kastner	Jenna Loyd	Niramon Ross	Niramon Ross	Kristen Taylor	
Sorcha Brophy-Warren	Bibi Deitz	Jesse Goldman	Marc Katz	Orest Ludwig	Lauren Ross-Miller	Lauren Ross-Miller	Katya Tepper	
Brad Burnett	Anna Deknatel	Hevra Goodman	Katherine Kelly	Jesús López	Deborah Roth	Deborah Roth	Xavier Thomas	
Lorna Burrows	Morris Denmark	Robert Goodman	Terence Kennedy	Serena Ma	Ella Rozin	Ella Rozin	Carolyn Tkach	
Rachel Busse	Carolyn Deuschle	Adrian Gordon			Phoebe Oelheim	Julia Rubin-Cadrain	Martin Torres	

