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## What About the Trees? An Interview with Botanic Garden Arborist and PSFC Member Chris Roddick

By Frank Haberle

In the days following Hurricane Sandy, if you took a walk near Prospect Park or the Botanic Garden (or even up Garfield Place), you may have stopped to wonder about the fate of our trees. You may have seen the spectacular oak tree, uprooted, lying across a street; or the shattered ruins of your favorite sleepy shade trees behind the band shell. There was the mountain of severed branches and trunks piled up by the lake, with rows and rows of trucks waiting to cart them away. Hurricane Sandy is only the latest storm to wreak havoc on the canopy of trees that shade our community, following Irene, tornadoes and snowstorms. How bad was Sandy for our trees, and how bad were the storms that preceded it? Are we losing our tree canopy? And what can we do to protect it?

It turns out that, within our membership, we have a tree expert: Chris Roddick, a PSFC member and the arborist at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. The *Gazette* interviewed Chris to gain his perspective on the state of Brooklyn's trees in the age of hurricanes and tornadoes and rapid urban development.

*Gazette:* How long have you been in our community, how long have you been a Coop member, and what do you do for your work shift?

Chris (CR): I've been a Brooklyn resident for



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18 years, since coming to work as an arborist for the Botanic Garden, and I joined the Coop about ten years ago. I'm on a composting squad; I come to the Coop three times a month with a big pickup truck to get 30-35 cans of compost and take them to the Garden. The compost we get from the Coop is very high-end; it creates a really hot pile with a lot of diversity and biological activity. We use it for our potted plants. It takes about three months to break down this time of year; about two months in the summer.

*Gazette:* When I told my friends I was going to be interviewing an arborist, they all said, "Wow. That's got to be the coolest job in the world." Is it the coolest job in the world?

CR: Absolutely.

*Gazette:* What's the best part of your job?

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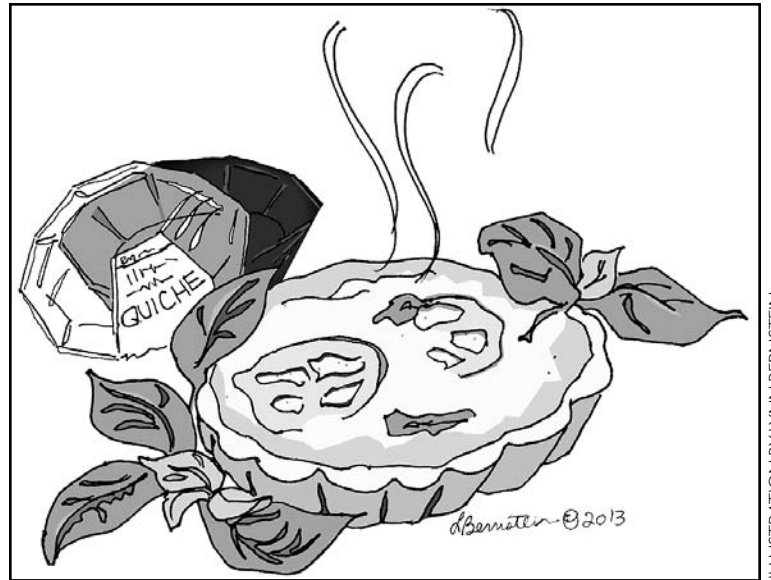


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## Prepared Food 101

By Alison Rose Levy

At the Food Coop, prepared food, ready to heat-and-eat at home, is as multi-ethnic as Brooklyn itself; and in most cases as healthy as Coop members like to be—although different people may define what constitutes healthy food differently.

For example, for vegetarians (who eat eggs and dairy products and avoid meat) who

might enjoy a warm quiche on a cold day, the Coop offers Food Gems Tarts, which can be heated for 20 minutes in a pre-heated 325° oven or nuked for two to three minutes in a microwave. At \$3.53 per tart, "Every pie is a little gem" claims the supplier. The selection includes Broccoli Cheddar, Spinach and Mushroom, and Tomato and Basil.

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### Next General Meeting on February 26

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The January General Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m. at MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts. Enter on Fourth St. cul-de-sac. The Fourth St. entrance is handicap-accessible.

The agenda is in this *Gazette*, on the Coop website at [www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com) and available as a flier in the entryway of the Coop. For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

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## Coop Event Highlights

**Thu, Feb 7 • Food Class: Gluten-Free  
Valentine's Day Treats 7:30 p.m.**

**Fri, Feb 8 • Wordsprouts: Love, Romance,  
And Personal Responsibility 7:00 p.m.**

**Sat, Feb 9 • Valentine's Day  
Card-Making Party 2:00 p.m.**

**Tue, Feb 12 • Safe Food Committee Film Night:  
Food Matters 7:00 p.m.**

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



**New location for General Meeting:  
MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth & Fifth Sts.**



## What About the Trees?

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CR: I get to climb trees all day.

Gazette: What's the worst part?

CR: Sometimes I have to climb trees with a chainsaw.

Gazette: You don't really have to climb trees with a chainsaw, do you?

CR: Yes, I do. This is an extremely dangerous job; in fact it's rated as one of the five most dangerous jobs in the country, up there with commercial fishermen. Statistically, being a policeman or a fireman is a much safer vocation. Forestry jobs require years of special training—you need ropes certification, rigging certification and climbing training. These are just to meet the physical challenges. Horticulture is the mental side of the job, a whole other set of



PHOTO BY CHRIS RODDICK

**Roddick estimates that New York City lost 15,000 trees with Sandy.**

skills. I'm not just cutting branches; I'm working with a complex organism within a complex ecosystem. And I have to make sure it is safe, so that people can walk underneath it.

Gazette: From your perspective, how harmful was Sandy to the overall health of the trees of our community? Is this just part of the natural process, or was this storm particularly bad?

CR: In part, Sandy is part of the natural process; that said, I've been here 18 years and I've never seen anything like the past three years in terms of so many intense storms, packed so closely together.



PHOTO BY REBECCA BULLENE

er. In the past you might have an occasional storm pass through and you might lose a few trees. Since the blizzard that hit in March 2010, it's all changed. That storm had heavy wet snow, high winds, and the ground was already completely saturated. Before that, at the Garden, my partner and I would receive initial help after storms, then finish the cleanup ourselves. Now, the work of cleanup and repair after storms is a large part of what we are doing, year-round.

With Sandy, at the Garden we lost 25-30 big trees, mostly up by Eastern Parkway; we also had around 100 damaged trees. I volunteered in the clean up in Prospect Park and the storm damage there was significant.

Gazette: What kinds of trees took the hardest hit?

CR: Older, less healthy trees were affected the most. With this storm and with Irene, which was a much wetter storm, if you examined the trees that fell, you could see that every tree had a major defect—often in the trunk or root system. Often the defects were structural, not biological. With Sandy it appeared that Oak and Linden trees were hit the worst, mainly because it was a wind event, and they still had their leaves.

Gazette: What did you do with the felled trees and branches?

CR: We try to repurpose everything at the Garden. We created 420 cubic yards of wood chips. We milled up some of the bigger pieces, to be converted into a treehouse garden. The biggest pieces are sent to a chainsaw mill to be cut into quality wood. Small branches and leaves are converted into compost and mulch.

Gazette: Overall—in the Garden, Prospect Park and the community—is it possible to replant at a pace that keeps up with the numbers of trees we're losing to these storms?

CR: Yes and no. There are programs like the Million Tree Campaign, but a lot of the trees they are planting won't be quality trees for a long, long time. Of major U.S. cities, New York is one of the few that is currently losing its tree canopy right now. Part of this is storm loss, but a bigger problem is the pace of development. We're not preserving and protecting our old, mature trees. We're not protecting them on city-owned nor on private land. Developers will remove an oak tree to build on the site, promising that they will plant ten trees to replace it. But it takes 25-30 years for a tree to grow to a point where it contributes to creating quality air and shade. It doesn't work. We're not doing enough tree preservation and soil preservation and protection.

Gazette: What can we as citizens do to contribute to the health and safety of our trees?

CR: The biggest thing we can all do is become an advocate for our trees—not just for planting new



PHOTO BY TRAVIS WOLF

**Arborist is rated as one of the five most dangerous jobs in the country.**

trees, but for preserving our old trees. We need to preserve the root systems of these trees. We need to put more pressure on the City to protect our older trees from development.

To put it in perspective: overall, New York City lost an estimated 15,000 trees with Sandy, of the many millions of trees in our city. Hurricane Sandy and storms like it are one part of the loss of tree canopy in our city, but so is overdevelopment and bad land management. We need to protect the trees that we have. ■

To find out how to get involved as a volunteer and advocate for trees, please visit the NY State Environmental Protection Agency's Volunteer Program, New York ReLeaf ([www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5307](http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5307)) or the New York City nonprofit organization, TreesNY ([www.treesny.org](http://www.treesny.org)).

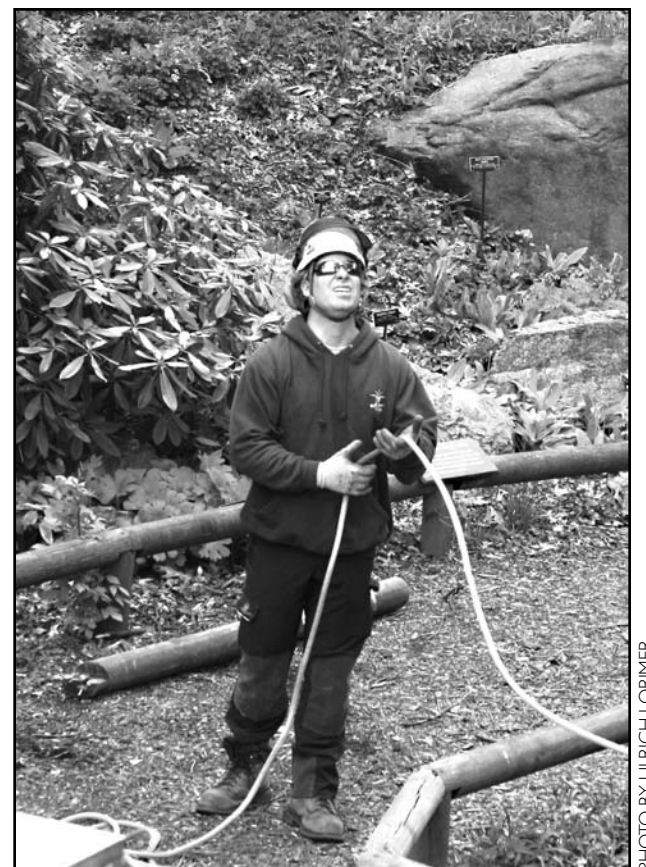


PHOTO BY ULRICH LORIMER

**Coop member Chris Roddick has been the senior arborist for the Brooklyn Botanic Garden for 18 years.**



## Prepared Food

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Vegans, on the other hand, might like to take home a wide range of typical Asian foods served at New York restaurants. Prepared by Macro Vegetarian, there's a choice of Sesame Noodles, Shanghai Dumplings, Hunan Dumplings and Tokyo Buckwheat Soba Noodles. At \$3.94 for 14 oz. of tangy goodness, apart from the buckwheat in the soba and the wheat in the sesame noodles, most of these mostly organic dishes contain similar ingredients, such as cabbage, tamari, scallion and cilantro. Distinguishing between the Hunan and Shanghai Dumpling was a challenge without a taste test.

The meat eaters among us can head down to the first meat case and to the right of the poultry find a wide selection of pates and meat spreads. These include several choices from Alexia Pate, including their pate de Campagne, (5 oz. at \$3.84) for a hearty blend of pork, pork fat and pork liver—not for the faint-hearted (or those keeping Kosher.) Alexia's Pheasant-Duck Rosemary pate (5

the Rustique (which contains pork at \$3.83 for 6.5 oz.), and one for vegetarians—Spinach with Roquefort (6 oz. for \$4.03). Note: Both blue cheese and Swiss cheese appear higher on the ingredient list than the Roquefort—which appears to be yet another soupçon, (French for a “hint”) . A side trip to the bread aisle for a crunchy loaf to spread it on and you are just a bread knife away from what qualifies in France as lunch.

Pate-craving vegans have only to return to the prepared foods section to find an authentic organic vegan pate, crafted by Regal Vegan. Made of toasted walnuts and lentils, and flavored with organic red miso, Faux Gras (priced at \$4.60) is the real deal of vegan pates; and “the only thing my son will eat,” a mother grabbing a container of it, told me, spontaneously supplying this article's sole testimonial.

Another prepared food staple are Naturally Delicious homemade soups. Indonesian Cauliflower Soup was available the day I researched this article, but the selection varies weekly and seasonally.

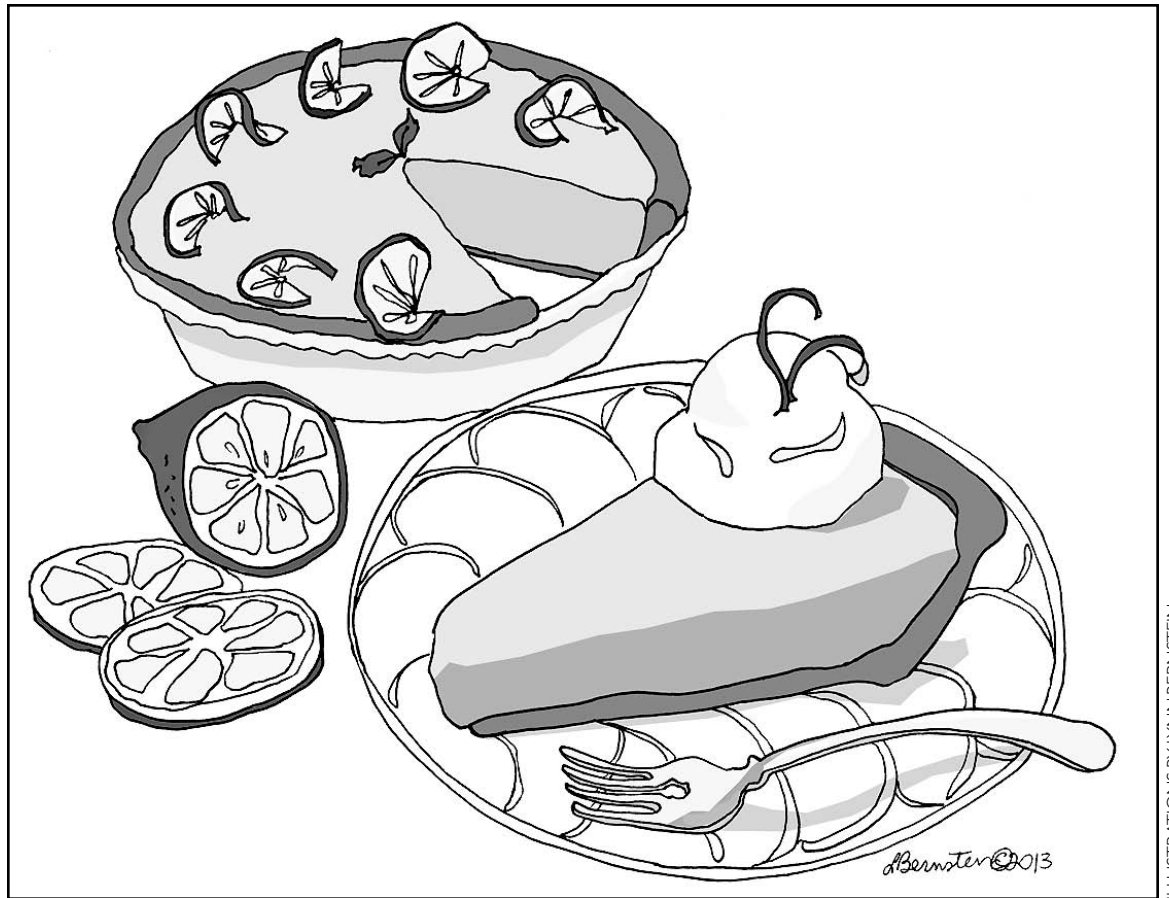
But what would a multi-ethnic tour of the Coop's prepared cuisines be without

the round-trip subway fare into the city. You could spend that savings on a second package.

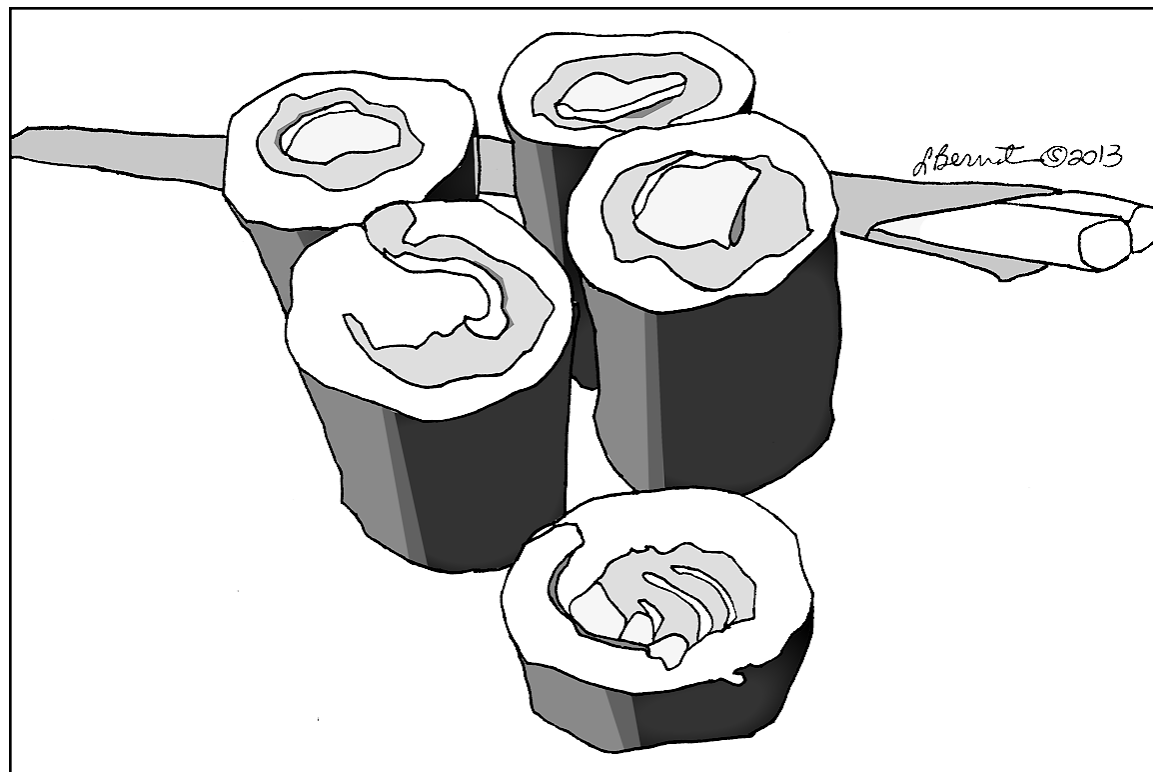
Moshe's Samosa Bits, as the name suggests, are bite-sized servings of the favorite Indian triangular fritter—stuffed with potatoes and peas (and served with spinach chutney), \$3.27 for 8 oz.

Eastern yogurt and cucumber salad. And then there are the grape leaves. \$4.60 will get you 8 oz. of neatly wrapped leaves—stuffed with parsley, onion and bulgur wheat. Baba Ghanouj, made with eggplant and tahini, is another staple of Middle Eastern cuisine, while Bamia B'zeit (okra and tomatoes)

the frozen food section are less likely to be locally produced (in New York or the tri-state area); and they also require heating, rather than allowing immediate eating. But there are both staples and new options, some of which I'll briefly highlight. First, let's talk basics: veggie burgers, fish sticks and chick-



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oz. for \$5.05) also contains pork, along with duck as the two main ingredients with a soupçon of pheasant further down on the ingredient list, along with pecans. Alexia's Chicken Liver Mousse (a creamy blend of chicken liver and chicken fat) sells for \$4.44 per 5-oz. package.

Trois Petits Cochons (which means “three little pigs” for those who don't remember their Junior High School French) offers two choices of pate—one for meat-eaters,

some Japanese, Indian, Middle Eastern, Mexican and Italian selections?—especially in a place like Brooklyn where you can find everything. Why go to Nobu when you can dine at home on sushi-roll combinations sold at the Coop prepared by Premium Food? An eight-piece salmon-avocado roll sets you back \$3.81; eight pieces of a spicy tuna roll or a California roll go for the same. Six pieces of a Nigiri roll is a mere \$4.66. Plus you save on

For a ready-made party, or appetizer offering when friends or family get the munchies, Tripoli, a food supplier located not far way from the Coop on Brooklyn's Atlantic Ave., offers a complete spread of Middle Eastern specialties. Their creamy preservative-free hummus comes in an 8-oz. container costing \$3.15. A pint of Tripoli's Mujadra (a lentil and bulgur dish) costs \$3.93; while a \$3.15 pint of their Khair B'leban is a Middle

and Foul M'damas (a mixture of fava beans and chick peas) are less well-known specialties, all priced under \$4 for 8 oz. Tripoli even offers a dessert—a rose water-scented rice pudding in a 4-oz. serving for \$3.63.

But that's just the beginning of dessert in the prepared foods section. While the Coop is loaded with a wide range of ready-made sweets, including cookies, chocolate candy bars, prepared foods feature refrigerated items. Steve's Authentic Key Lime Pie (trans-fat free and made in Red Hook) is a full-size pie that you can serve yourself and your crowd for \$12.10. Merry Miracle Tarts are individual gluten-free pies made with raw coconut oils. Their Coconut Vanilla tart is made of shredded coconut and flavored with Madagascar bourbon vanilla. Their Meyer Lemon tart is sweetened with agave and made creamy by cashews. Their Chocolate tart contains maple syrup and Fair trade dark chocolate; and their Persian Lime tart features raw almond flour along with agave and coconut butter as its primary ingredients. Ranging from 2.5 to 3 oz., these tarts vary in price under \$3.50.

Unlike the meals in the prepared food case, meals in

en tenders. Of course, there's pizza for all dietary persuasions: the national brand Amy's offers Mushroom and Olive (with cheese); Pesto (contains cheese), Vegetable with No Cheese; and Dairy-Free with Rice Crust. Red's offers all-natural burritos (11 oz. for \$2.24) with different fillings, including turkey mole, chicken, and beans and rice. A New Mexican company called Buenatural offers tamales with Red Chili Zucchini or Green Chili Zucchini with Cheese. These highlights only scratch the surface of the offerings in the frozen prepared food section, which are worth checking out.

I'll conclude with one of the Coop's unique offerings: Taste of Ethiopia (in the regular prepared food aisle) offers an entire Ethiopian meal that includes Injera, the traditional Ethiopian gluten-free flatbread, (two per package at \$2.18) along with the varied vegetable stews used as toppings, such as cabbage and carrots, collard greens, and spicy red lentils (all in 10-oz. servings for \$4.54). Yum! ■

*Editor's note: All prices in this article are accurate at the time of this writing.*



SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

Plow-to-Plate Movie Series Presents: Food Matters

By Adam Rabiner

**F**ood Matters is an intensely personal film. Yes it addresses many of the Big Issues that the Plow to Plate Film Series tackles each month: the sorry state of today's food due to its industrialized production, genetically modified organisms, the coopting of regulators by corporations, food deserts and the resurgence of local food movements. But these are not the central themes nor take-aways of Food Matters. Unlike last December's screening of the anti-fracking film, Dear Governor Cuomo, which urged political action, those viewing Food Matters will want to reach for a carrot or celery stick, not a pen with which to write their local legislators.

Food Matters argues that Americans are sick because our food is sick. Not just the processed stuff in the middle aisles of our supermarkets, but even the "fresh" fruits and vegetables found on the perimeter. Our cucumbers are malnourished because the soil they were grown in has been robbed of most essential nutrients save three—nitrogen, phosphorous and

potassium—the ingredients that make up artificial fertilizers (healthy soil needs 52 nutrients but on most large commercial farms 49 are missing). And then, rather than eating our vegetables raw, we often boil, steam or otherwise overcook them, killing enzymes and depleting vitamins and minerals. The movie posits that 51% of the food we eat should be raw. No wonder ingesting this anemic fare, our bodies and our brains remain deficient, chronically malnourished and hungry, even toxic.

Food Matters prides itself on being controversial. For example, many haute chefs and ordinary folk might be upset to hear that cooking food bastardizes its structure so that the human body no longer recognizes it and treats it as if it were a foreign organism or toxin, prompting allergic reactions. And one talking head is a relentless and articulate critic of the medical and pharmaceutical industries, partly because they do not embrace his belief that mega-doses of vitamin C can cure cancer and other viruses, or that massive

infusions of niacin can alleviate even the deepest of depressions. His claim that scientifically validated alternative treatments have not gained mainstream traction because there's no profit in it is interesting, and may even be true. Yet one may also remember that at the end of his life Steve Jobs regretted his embrace of alternative medicine and his decision to delay more conventional treatments.

But you don't have to believe all the claims made in Food Matters to benefit from it. Most of what it says is sensible and irrefutable and much of it easy enough to do. Many of us may not have the stomach (or should I say bladder) to follow their advice to drink a liter or two of water each morning before our coffee or tea. But it's easy enough to dissolve some spirulina (one of their touted detoxifying super foods) in a cup of water for a quick boost of energy and cleanse. At the end of the day it is hard to argue with the central theme which is the age-old clichés that "you are what you eat" and "your

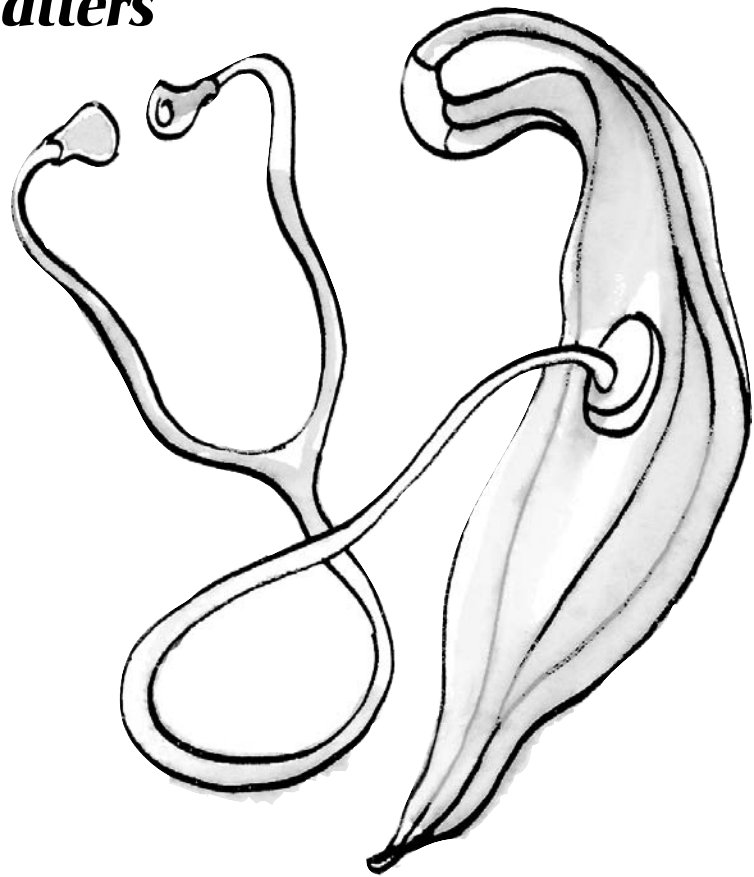


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food determines your mood." Food Matters has an enduring belief in the body's ability to heal itself, if fed a proper diet. In that, it is very optimistic and liberating. The choice of what we put in our bodies, or what kinds of treatment we seek to cure our ills, is ours. So if you are

looking for a great affirmation for why you belong to the Park Slope Food Coop, Food Matters will supply that, in droves. ■

Watch Food Matters on Tuesday, February 12, 7 p.m., Park Slope Food Coop, 782 Union St., 2nd floor. Refreshments will be served.

Sudoku

Sudoku is a puzzle. You are presented with a 9x9 grid of squares, and that grid is divided into 3x3 zones. You solve the puzzle by filling the empty squares with single-digit numbers so that every zone, column and row uses each of the numbers from 1 to 9.

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Puzzle author: James Vasile. For answers, see page 16.

Board of Directors Election

The General Meeting & The Board of Directors

From our inception in 1973 to the present, the monthly General Meeting has been the decision-making body of the Coop. Since the Coop incorporated in 1977, we have been legally required to have a Board of Directors.

The Bylaws of the Park Slope Food Coop state: "The portion of the Board of Directors meeting that is devoted to receiving the advice of the members shall be known as the General Meeting.... The members who gather to give advice to the directors may choose to vote in order to express their support or opposition for any of the issues that have come before the meeting."

Duties of the Directors

The Board of Directors is comprised of five elected Coop members and the senior General Coordinator present. Members serve three-year terms. Members of the Board are expected to attend GMs monthly. They receive Coop work credit for their attendance.

The Board of Directors conducts votes at the end of every GM whether to accept the advice of the members that night. Members of the Board are required to act legally and responsibly.

Openings

There are two openings on the Board. Each position is for a term of three years.

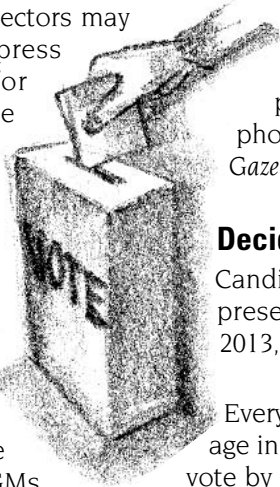
Candidate Deadline

If you wish to place your name into nomination, you must declare your candidacy by Friday, March 1, 2013. Please submit a statement of up to 750 words to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Please include a small photo for publication in the Linewaiters' Gazette and the member proxy mailing.

Deciding and Voting

Candidates will have the opportunity to present their platform at the March 26, 2013, General Meeting.

Every member will receive a proxy package in the mail in late May. Members may vote by returning their ballot by mail or by bringing it to the Coop. Members may also vote at the Annual Meeting on June 25, 2013.





# FROM THE ARCHIVES

## CHIPS and the Coop

One of the Coop's oldest partnerships is with CHIPS (Christian Help In Park Slope), a nonprofit charitable organization that "help[s] the poor, the needy, and the homeless, as well as those in emergency situations" (chipsonline.org). The Coop has been donating food and volunteer energy to the CHIPS soup kitchen since not long after their 1972 founding. Today, our Receiving workers sort produce that is good but not saleable to donate to the soup kitchen five days per week. (The Coop also donates food to City Harvest, and we compost food that is no longer edible.)

In these 1994 photos, Coop members getting work credit and CHIPS volunteers prepare ingredients and cook a hot soup, as part of the more than 200 meals the soup kitchen provides daily. The excerpt from the December 9, 1976, issue of the *Linewaiters' Gazette* is the first article on CHIPS in the Coop's newspaper that we have found. Anyone remember the early years of partnering with the soup kitchen?

Please send your comments, questions, and memories to [archivecommittee@psfc.coop](mailto:archivecommittee@psfc.coop).

—Archives Committee



### CHIPS

Shortly after 1:00 on Saturday, a Co-op member called Chips. We had a certain amount of food which would not last until Thurs. and nobody wanted to buy it. We gave this food to CHIPS (Christian Help In Park Slope) - a neighborhood run organization that makes sure that no one in the Slope need go without food, clothing or housing.

Ed Mohler, a doctor from the neighborhood, came by to pick up the boxes full of bananas, cucumbers and cabbages. He took it all back to the cheerful Chips "Store" on Fifth Ave. near Carroll St. (Before moving to this building, Chips operated out of a building on Sixth Ave., now occupied by "The Children's Collective".)

On Saturday afternoons, Chips is something of a neighborhood gathering place as people come to cook and eat the free dinner served on donated plates. The "Store" is loaded with furniture, clothes and household utensils which are distributed free to anyone in need. On Wednesday nights, an attorney consults with people (by appointment) and Dr. Mohler seems to be always around for help - medical, and otherwise.

## Earn FTOP Hours in Queens!



Help the Queens Harvest Food Co-op bring sustainable and affordable food options to Queens and earn FTOP hours at the same time.

The Queens Harvest Buying Club is looking for volunteers to help during our monthly distributions. If you love farmers, fresh foods, conversation, and arithmetic, then spend a couple hours with the crew and get to know us (and Queens!) a little better.

**We especially need a bookkeeper.**

We are a monthly buying club and need volunteers each month.

Our next distribution will be in late January. E-mail [qhbuyingclub@gmail.com](mailto:qhbuyingclub@gmail.com) for the date.

We need extra hands for:

- Morning Shifts—Setup, Data Entry, Receiving, Inventory
- Afternoon Shifts—Receiving, Data Entry, Kitchen Prep, Packing
- Evening Shifts—Packing, Data Entry, Cleaning, Breakdown

Our distribution site is St. Jacobus Lutheran Church, in Woodside, which is just three blocks from the Roosevelt Ave. stop (E/F/R/M/7 trains) in the heart of Jackson Heights.

Interested in volunteering? E-mail us: [qhbuyingclub@gmail.com](mailto:qhbuyingclub@gmail.com)

## GMO ROUND UP!

Transgenics, the Coop, and You

### Did you know?

A recent French study connects GMO corn and cancer in lab rats

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MEMBER SUBMISSION

# Woodstock Moves to Criminalize Fracking by Passing a Resolution

By Alice Joyce-Alcala

The following resolution was passed by the Woodstock, NY Town Board on January 16, 2013:

This Resolution in support of NEW YORK PUBLIC LAW 1, a law to criminalize hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas and all related activities, is submitted for public discussion and official endorsement in the towns and villages, cities and counties throughout New York State.

One basis for this act of criminalization rests in Chapter 40, Title A, of the NYS Penal Code, which states: "the general provisions of this chapter are:

- To proscribe (make illegal) conduct which unjustifiably and inexcusably causes or threatens substantial harm to individual or public interests.

- To give fair warning of the nature of the conduct proscribed and of the sentences authorized upon conviction.

To insure the public safety by preventing the commission of offenses through the deterrent influence of the sentences authorized, the rehabilitation of those convicted, and their confinement when required in the public interest."

Whereas, to prohibit the industrial technology known as hydraulic fracturing, or "hydrofracking" for oil and gas and all activities that surround and support such technology; and

Whereas, hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas is a shale gas and oil extraction procedure designed and perpetrated by business corporation directors exercising rights, powers and decision-making authority never granted to corporate entities by the People; and

Whereas, the rights of the People, especially with regard to their health and safety, are supreme, and their rightful decision-making

authority must take precedence over the privileging of corporations by federal and state legislators, executives and judges; and

Whereas, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Division of Mineral Resources is mandated "to authorize and to provide for the operation and development of oil and gas properties in such manner that a greater ultimate recovery of oil and gas may be had," and, therefore is not mandated, making it incapable, to protect people, their communities or their natural environments; and

Whereas, destructive impacts to water, air, land, local economies, housing resources, roadway infrastructure, and public health are significant and well-documented; and

Whereas, all bans and moratoria on hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas are not true prohibitions accompanied by deterrent-level penalties, subject as they are to the vast discretionary authority of DEC officials appointed by the governor or executive office agencies; and

Whereas, bans and moratoria cannot guarantee prohibition of the many related activities that can be imposed on communities, including but not limited to water withdrawals, importing/dumping of oil and gas hydraulic fracturing wastes and operation of already permitted hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas wells; and

Whereas, it is necessary to move beyond past focus on the techniques and harms of drilling, toxic chemicals, corporate poisoning of water and the like, and strongly assert the Peoples' authority to decide the circumstances of energy production in our state and nation, thereby placing such decision-making where it belongs in any real democracy, in the will of the governed; and

Whereas, a law to criminalize hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas with appropriate penalties is unlikely to originate in the legislature or from our state officials, it is incumbent upon the people of the State to instruct our legislators to introduce and enact this law; therefore be it

Resolved, that hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas and all related activities shall be illegal in New York State as anti-social and anti-ecological behaviors; and be it further

Resolved, that all corporate directors or public officials committing or enabling hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas or related activity shall be penalized commensurate with their violation of the law; and be it further

Resolved, that as self-governing people it is our responsibility to make the rules and write the laws by which we shall be governed; and therefore, be it finally

Resolved, that the Town of Woodstock in the State of New York supports the passage of NEW YORK PUBLIC LAW #1 and instructs the Woodstock Town Clerk to send a certified copy of this resolution urging enactment of said law to our legislators in the Assembly and the Senate along with a copy of NEW YORK PUBLIC LAW #1." ■

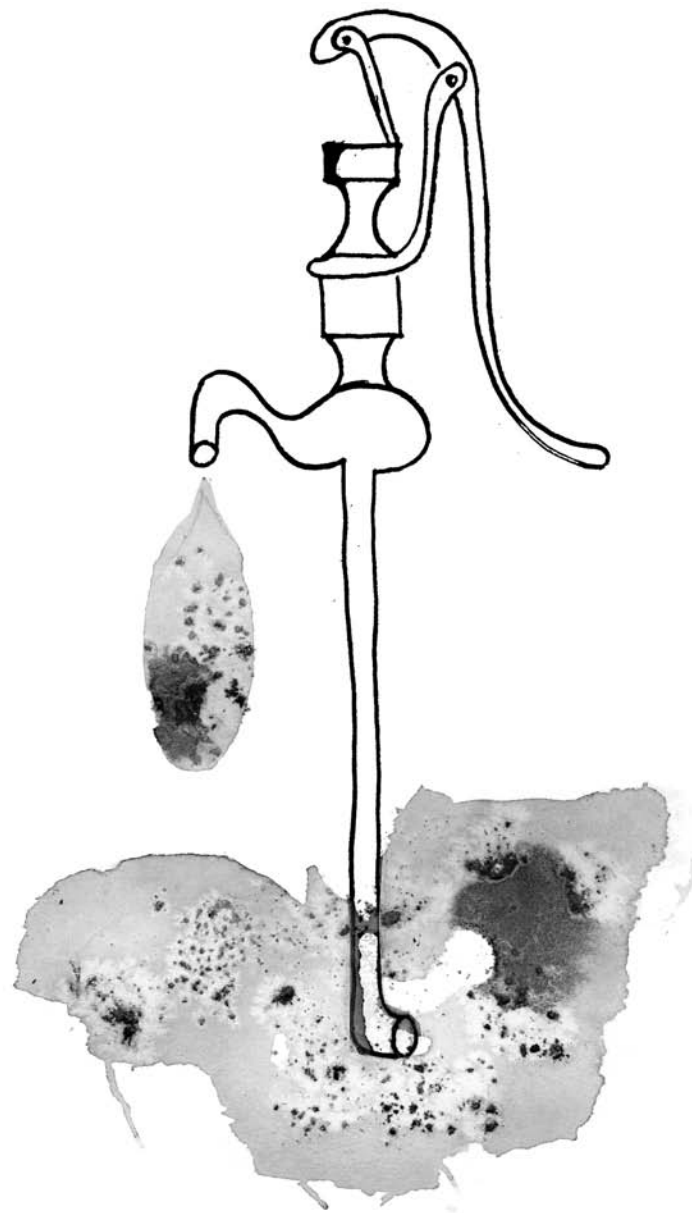


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## WORDSPROUTS

The Park Slope Food Coop's Reading Series

### Attention Writers: Wordsprouts Wants You!

Are you a novelist, poet, playwright, songwriter, essayist, journalist, or blogger?

Are you looking for a forum where you can promote your work or get feedback?

Do you want to moderate a panel or teach a writers' workshop?

Do you want to meet fellow Coop writers?

Wordsprouts, the Park Slope Food Coop's reading series, is looking for writers who are members of the Coop. Even if you're not ready to commit to an upcoming event, drop us a line and let us know you're out there!

E-mail [paulabernstein@gmail.com](mailto:paulabernstein@gmail.com).

## ON THE SHOPPING FLOOR...



PHOTO BY JOE SZLADEK

Coop Receiving Coordinator Carline and an unidentified young shopper share a particular love for cold-weather fashion.



**The Agenda Committee is urgently seeking new members!**  
Join the Committee and help set the monthly General Meeting agenda.

### Requirements:

- ◆ Attend monthly Committee meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Attend at least five General Meetings per year
- ◆ Have a cooperative spirit and willingness to work in a collaborative committee environment
- ◆ Be interested in the ongoing business of the Coop
- ◆ Have a good attendance record

If interested, contact Ann Herpel at 718-622-0560 or [ann\\_herpel@psfc.coop](mailto:ann_herpel@psfc.coop). The Committee will interview applicants before submitting candidates to the GM for election. We are seeking an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop's membership.

## Hearing Administration Committee is seeking new members

The HAC performs administrative functions necessary to arrange and facilitate disciplinary hearings, coordinating with the Coop's Disciplinary Committee and the Hearing Officers Committee.

Applicants should be detail-oriented, comfortable working by e-mail and telephone; they should be Coop members for at least one year and have excellent attendance records.

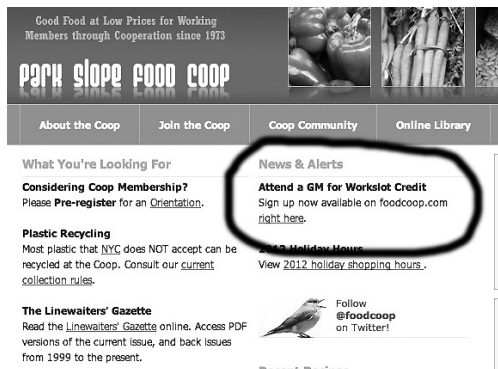
Members of the HAC work on an as-needed basis, only when hearings are required, and earn FTOP credit. Therefore these members must maintain regular Coop shifts or be FTOP members in good standing.

The nature of this work requires that all members maintain strict confidentiality with respect to all matters on which they work.

We are seeking an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop membership at large.

Those interested should telephone Rachel Garber at 718-218-3925.

To receive workslot credit for attending the monthly General Meeting, members must sign up in advance in one of the following three ways:



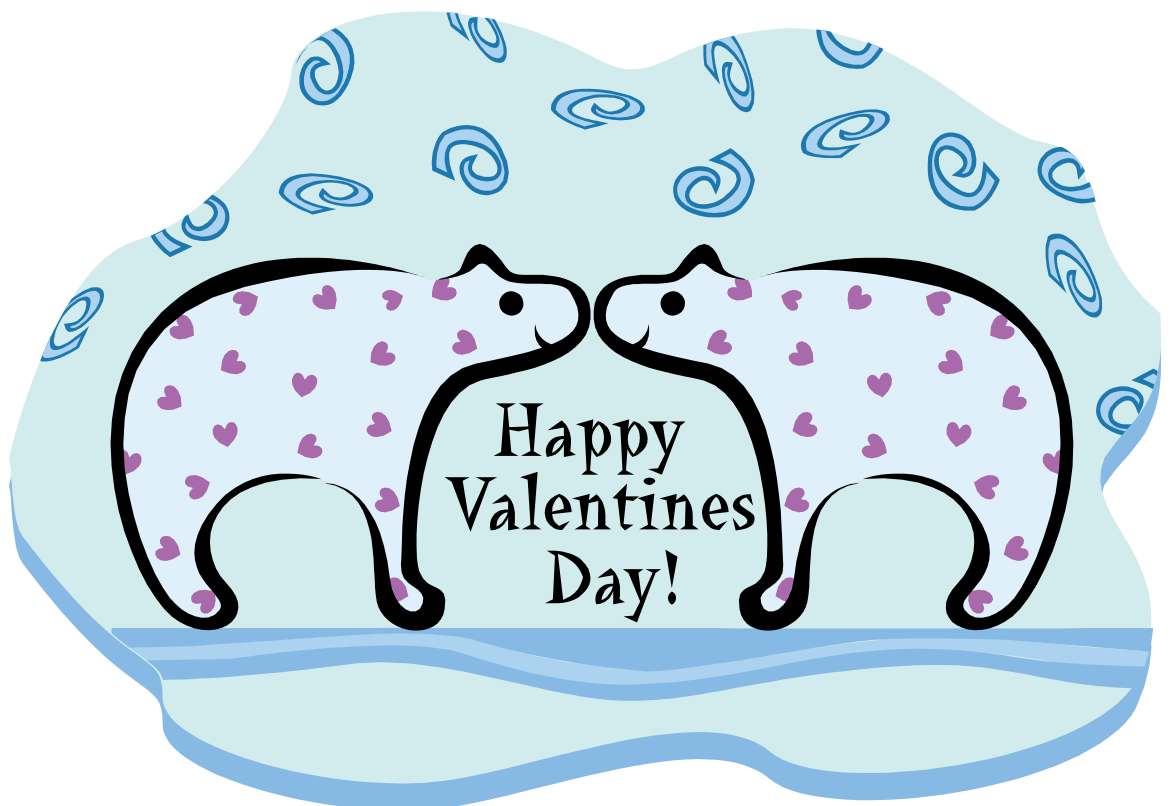
◆ On the Coop's website ([www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com))



◆ Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the ground-floor elevator lobby



◆ Call the Membership Office





## 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:

www.foodcoop.com

# LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

The *Linewaiters' Gazette* is published biweekly by the Park Slope Food Coop, Inc., 782 Union Street, Brooklyn, New York 11215.

Opinions expressed here may be solely the views of the writer. The *Gazette* will not knowingly publish articles that are racist, sexist, or otherwise discriminatory.

The *Gazette* welcomes Coop-related articles, and letters from members.

### 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. Editors will reject articles that are essentially just advertisements for member businesses and services.

**Committee Reports:** Maximum 1,000 words.

**Editor-Writer Guidelines:** Except for letters to the editor, which are published without editing but are subject to the *Gazette* letters policy regarding length, anonymity, respect, and fairness, all submissions to the *Linewaiters' Gazette* will be reviewed and if necessary edited by the editor. In their review, editors are guided by the *Gazette's* Fairness and Anonymity policies as well as standard editorial practices of grammatical review, separation of fact from opinion, attribution of factual statements, and rudimentary fact checking. Writers are responsible for the factual content of their stories. Editors must make a reasonable effort to contact and communicate with writers regarding any proposed editorial changes. Writers must make a reasonable effort to respond to and be available to editors to confer about their articles. If there is no response after a reasonable effort to contact the writer, an editor, at her or his discretion, may make editorial changes to a submission without conferring with the writer.

**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.

**Digital Submissions:** We welcome digital submissions. Drop disks in the wallpocket described above. The email address for submissions is [GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop](mailto: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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Friday, Feb 15, 8:00 p.m.

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[www.ProspectConcerts.tumblr.com](http://www.ProspectConcerts.tumblr.com)

53 Prospect Park West [at 2nd Street] • \$10 • 8pm [doors open at 7:45]  
Performers are Park Slope Food Coop members and receive Coop workslot credit.  
Booking: Bev Grant, 718-788-3741

### Monthly on the...

Second Saturday  
FEBRUARY 9  
10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

Third Thursday  
FEBRUARY 21  
7:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.

Last Sunday  
FEBRUARY 24  
10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

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

# PLASTICS

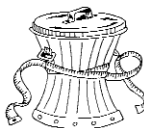
What plastics do we accept?  
Until further notice:

- #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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WELCOME!

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

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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 three weekly New Member Orientations. To pre-register, visit [foodcoop.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.foodcoop.com)

The Coop on Cable TV

*Inside the Park Slope Food Coop*  
FRIDAYS 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Channels: 56 (Time-Warner), 69 (CableVision), 84 (RCN), 44 (Verizon), and live streaming on the Web: [www.bricartsmedia.org/community-media/bcat-tv-network](http://www.bricartsmedia.org/community-media/bcat-tv-network).

General Meeting Info

TUE, FEBRUARY 26

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, MARCH 5

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.  
Submissions will be considered for the Mar 19 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Feb 21 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Feb 11  
Mar 7 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Feb 25

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Feb 21 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Feb 13  
Mar 7 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Feb 27

ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

From our inception in 1973 to the present, the open monthly General Meetings, to which all members are invited, 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 on the Coop Web site, [foodcoop.com](http://foodcoop.com), at the Coop Community Corner and at every General Meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 26, 7:00 p.m.

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

Location

MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts. Enter on Fourth St. cul-de-sac. Fourth St. entrance is handicap-accessible.

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 on the Coop Web site, [foodcoop.com](http://foodcoop.com), 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 Ann Herpel at the Coop.

Meeting Format

**Warm Up (7:00 p.m.)** • Meet the Coordinators  
• 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 on the Coop Web site, [foodcoop.com](http://foodcoop.com), 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) • Board of Directors' vote • Meeting evaluation • 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. The sign-ups sheet is available all month long, except for the day of the meeting when you have until 5 p.m. to sign up. On the day of the meeting, the sign-up sheet is kept in the Membership Office.

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.

• 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.

# park slope FOOD COOP

# calendar of events

**feb 7**
**thu 7:30 pm**

## Food Class: Gluten-Free Valentine's Day Treats



Valentine's Day indulgences don't have to leave you feeling guilty. Join chef **Maggie Callahan** as she teaches three delicious gluten-free recipes using natural sweeteners and other whole-food ingredients. Callahan is a private chef, cooking instructor and holistic health coach. She specializes in preparing delicious foods for both adults and kids and has a great deal of experience cooking for people with a wide range of allergies and intolerances. She is a graduate of the Natural Gourmet Institute for Health and Culinary Arts and the Institute for Integrative Nutrition. *Menu includes: Valentine's mini spiced cranberry muffins; hazelnut and raspberry sandwich cookies; vegan chocolate coconut truffles.*

**Materials fee: \$4. Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Susan Baldassano.**

**feb 8**
**fri 7 pm**

## Wordsprouts: Love, Romance, And Personal Responsibility



This group reading features three authors. **Barbara Agosin** began writing as a means of therapy after her husband was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. An essayist and poet, her work focuses on everyday events as well as life within the circle of love and loss that is Alzheimer's. Barbara is a member of the Monday Writer's Group in Park Slope and a SoulCollage® facilitator. Brooklyn-based storyteller **Robin Bady** has been called, "gutsy, big hearted, and street smart," and "a force of nature." She draws from world tales, current events, oral histories, literature, ghostly experiences and her own life to create a repertoire shaped by her commitment to justice. Bady is the recipient of the 2012 JJ Reneaux Emerging Artist Grant Award given by the National Storytelling Network. **Fran Hawthorne** has spent more than 25 years covering healthcare, politics, finance, and the nexus of business and social issues. Her fifth book, *Ethical Chic: The Inside Story of the Companies We Think We Love*, has just been named one of the best books of 2012 by *Library Journal*. Hawthorne writes regularly for *The New York Times*, *Newsday*, *The Scientist*, and other publications.

**To book a Wordsprouts, contact Paula Bernstein, wordsproutspfc@gmail.com.**

**feb 9**
**sat 2 pm**

## Valentine's Day Card-Making Party



Bring family and friends of all ages to a Valentine's Day Card-Making party in the Coop's Meeting Room. We'll supply glue, markers, and paper and some fun art-making tips. Bring any other special art materials you would like to use. Hot cocoa and chocolatey treats will be available to purchase.

**feb 10**
**sun 12 pm**

## Sound for Meditation & Health

Music is a way into a deeper silence that relaxes our bodies and minds. In this workshop, as we pay attention to our breathing and the effect of the music on us, discover a calmness of energy and focus. Listen to Indian music and Bach on the violin and sing notes together, and no prior experience is needed. Experience a meditative way to enjoy and benefit from music. Coop member **Michael Braudy** is an experienced violinist in Western, North Indian and Celtic music, and has taught music and meditation for more than 30 years.

**feb 12**
**tue 7 pm**

## Safe Food Committee Film Night: Food Matters



The message of the controversial documentary, *Food Matters*, from producer/directors James Colquhoun and Laurentine ten Bosch is: "Let thy food be thy medicine and thy medicine be thy food," from the founding father of modern medicine, Hippocrates. With nutritionally depleted foods, chemical additives and our tendency to rely upon pharmaceutical drugs to treat what's wrong with our malnourished bodies, it's no wonder that modern society is getting sicker. *Food Matters* sets about uncovering the trillion-dollar worldwide "sickness industry" and giving people scientifically verifiable solutions for overcoming illness naturally. The *Food Matters* duo deliver a clear and concise message: *Food Matters*.

**feb 15**
**fri 8 pm**

## Flying Home w/John Mettam And Jenny Hill & Liquid Horn



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


**feb 15-16**
**fri-sat 11 am-6 pm**

## Blood Drive

Fact: Less than 3% of the population donates blood, and 90% will use blood some time in their life. Presented in cooperation with New York Methodist Hospital. For further information about blood donation, call 718-780-3644.

**feb 23**
**sat 12-4 pm**

## Reclaiming Legal Standing To Ban Fracking

Concerned about fracking and the future viability of New York State's food shed and eco-systems? Heard reports that fracking contaminates water and pollutes air? Worried about effects another Hurricane Sandy could have on the Rockaway Pipeline? Concerned that Spectra, whose pipeline was prematurely installed in the densely populated West Village, has a dismal safety record? Want to learn how to protect your borough and the rest of NYC? The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund has guided numerous communities through the process of banning corporate practices by stripping corporate personhood from corporations and returning legal standing to the people where it belongs. The aim of this workshop is to place a Citizens' Initiative based on the work of CELDF on the ballot for the November 2013 election. Coop member **Alice Joyce** has been working to ban fracking since 2013.

**For more information on these and other events, visit the Coop's website: [foodcoop.com](http://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 the Park Slope Food Coop.**



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feb 26  
tue 7 pm

## It's Your Funeral

Planning for your own death now (as opposed to later) is a practice that can enable you to live in the moment, face your own mortality with courage—and create an end-of-life service that reflects your values. Join Coop member **Amy Cunningham**, former journalist and graduate of the American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service, in a conversation about fascinating advancements within the funeral business. The talk will cover how to plan a low-cost, back-to-basics funeral or memorial service, as well as offer information on green cemeteries near New York City, cremation pros and cons, caskets with urns, biodegradable urns, blended-faith/alternative ceremonies, and more. You'll get a glimmer of what funerals of the future might look like—and leave with planning literature for yourself or for someone you love. Coop member Amy Cunningham is a fully licensed funeral director at Greenwood Heights Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., a full-service funeral home on Fourth Avenue in Brooklyn.

feb 26  
tue 7 pm

## PSFC FEB General Meeting



Items will be taken up in the order given. Times in parentheses are suggestions. More information on each item may be available on the entrance table at the meeting. We ask members to please read the materials available between 7 and 7:15 p.m.

**Meeting location:** MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts.

**Enter on Fourth St. cul-de-sac. Fourth St. entrance is handicap-accessible.**

**I. Member Arrival and Meeting Warm-Up**

**II. Open Forum**

**III. Coordinator and Committee Reports**

**IV. Meeting Agenda**

**Item #1:** Proposal to create a "Union Street Green Squad" (30 min)

**Proposal:** Create a Union Street Green Squad to care for the south side of the Coop block's street trees and cultivate tree bed gardens. —submitted by *Talia (Toby) Willner*

**Item #2:** Gift and Entertainment Policy (30 min)

**Discussion:** Should the Coop adopt a Gift and Entertainment Policy that would require staff members to report certain gifts or entertainment from vendors? —submitted by *David Moss*

**Item #3:** Presentation of Plastic Roll Bag Research (30 min)

**Discussion:** The General Coordinators will present research on the use of plastic roll bags at the Coop. —submitted by *the General Coordinators*

**V. Board of Directors Meeting**

**VI. Wrap-Up.** Includes member sign-in for workslot credit.

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.

mar 1  
fri 7 pm

## Film Night: Give Up Tomorrow



As a tropical storm beats down on the Philippine island of Cebu, two sisters leave work and never make it home. That same night, hundreds of miles away in Manila on a different island, Paco Larrañaga attends a party, surrounded by dozens of reliable witnesses. The missing women, Marijoy and Jacqueline Chiong, are Chinese-Filipinos. Paco, accused of

their rapes and murders, is a Spanish mestizo who belongs to a political clan that includes a former president. A frenzied media circus casts him as a privileged thug and cheers his eventual sentence to death by lethal injection. Reflecting schisms of race, class, and political power at the core of the Philippines' tumultuous democracy, clashing families, institutions, and individuals face off to convict or free Paco. Their irrecon-

cilable versions of reality and justice play out in a case that ends a country's use of capital punishment, yet fails to free an innocent man. Editor and executive producer **Eric Metzgar** is a Brooklyn-based filmmaker who owns and operates Merigold Moving Pictures. His third and latest film, *Reporter*, premiered in competition at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival and aired on HBO in February 2010.

**To book a Film Night, contact Faye Lederman, squeeze@stone@hotmail.com.**

mar 2  
sat 11 am

## Let's Talk Green Cleaning

Green cleaning how-to/Q&A chat with Coop member and green-cleaning business owner **Candace Mills**. Mills moved to New York almost five years ago from Memphis, TN. She founded Memphis' first green-cleaning business and sold it in 2008 to pursue art in New York. She happily lives in Brooklyn, painting, playing music and running a nontoxic, biodegradable, residential and commercial cleaning business. The business is almost three years old and going strong. She'll run you through the basics of keeping a clean and green home and gladly answer your queries.

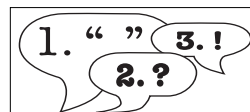
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sun 12 pm

## Detoxification

A time-honored tradition, internal cleansing is an intrinsic part of getting and staying healthy. And with estimates of more than 500,000 toxic chemicals and substances in our environment these days, who isn't concerned with the possibility of toxic overload? Whether you want to lose weight, clear your skin, reduce bloat, ease pain—just about any symptom can benefit from a cleansing program. Join **Diane Paxton**, MS, LAc, of Inner Fire Integrative Health Services, as we share information on vital detoxification protocols for everyone, such as colon cleansing, ion-detox foot spa, 21-day purification program, and elimination diets. Coop member Diane Paxton is a licensed acupuncturist, nutritionist, and colon hydrotherapist with more than 20 years of experience detoxifying people in New York City.

mar 5  
tue 8 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 or at foodcoop.com. **The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 7 p.m., at MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts.**

mar 7  
thu 7:30 pm

## Food Class: Super Fresh Spring Cleaning with Raw Foods



There will be a demo and discussion showcasing raw food with an emphasis on cleansing. Chef **Kristen Johnson** is a certified raw chef and holistic health coach. She received her raw-food certification at Living Light Culinary Institute. Kristen's health-coach training came from the Institute for Integrative Nutrition. As a health coach, she helps people create a personalized "road map to health" that suits their unique body, lifestyle, preferences and goals. *Menu includes: good morning antioxidant smoothie; fresh almond milk/plain and chocolate; vanilla-chia pudding; caesar salad with a sunflower-seed, miso and celery dressing; raw black-forest cherry brownies.*

**Materials fee: \$4. Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Susan Baldassano.**

## still to come

mar 8 **Wordsprouts: Group Reading**

mar 9 **Coop Kids' Variety Show @ Old First Church**

mar 10 **Qi Gong to Protect the Joints & Bones**

mar 12 **Safe Food Committee Film Night**

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## POSITIVE WORDS

### TO THE GAZETTE:

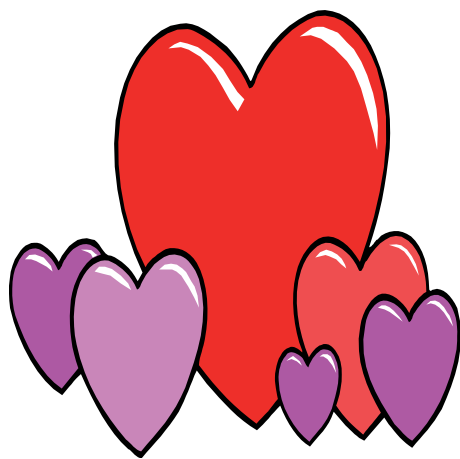
I've been a member for a few years now and happened upon the Coop on Yelp. There are mainly good reviews and of course the usual smattering of the usual negative observations. In my experience, most of the negative is walked right in off the street, on our own shoulders. Believe me, I've been an entrance desk worker every shift since joining. Anyway, I was compelled to write the following Yelp review:

"Aah the Coop.

"I think the best thing about the Coop is the fact that we've cut out the middleman. Knowing that the profit remains in the Coop (my Coop) compensates for any "issues" that may arise due to it being a small store with a huge membership.

"I appreciate the labeling of organic, minimally treated, non-GMO, etc. I trust the Coop mainly because it's a Coop, its motive is not purely profit-driven. Yes, this trust is worth every penny or any petty grievance."

Emmet Mc Gowan



## WHEN A PLASTIC ROLL BAG CAN BE THE RIGHT ENVIRONMENTAL CHOICE

### DEAR COOP MEMBERS,

I want to share a recent shopping experience that makes me question the wisdom of a total ban of plastic roll bags at the Coop as proposed by the Environmental Committee.

While out walking the dog, my wife and I decided we wanted salad for dinner. We had all the ingredients at home except for lettuce. So we stopped by the Coop for a head of lettuce. Since this was a completely spontaneous shopping trip (something I'm sure every Coop member finds they do on occasion), we weren't carrying a plastic roll bag for the wet lettuce. Consequently we used one virgin plastic roll bag to convey the wet lettuce in my wife's backpack. The bag also served to protect other items in her backpack from the wet lettuce. On our walk home, we discussed our shopping options if the plastic roll bag was no longer available.

Well, we could spend \$1.51 for a muslin bag. But then our \$2 head of lettuce becomes a \$3.51 purchase. Since we don't use muslin bags at the Coop or to store food at home, buying a muslin bag on this trip would really be an expensive—financially and environmentally—purchase. That muslin bag would truly be single-use.

We could buy the mixed greens in a pre-packaged plastic bag or plastic clamshell. But those lettuces are packaged in more plastic by weight than the plastic roll bag and we would be buying a product we didn't really want.

We wanted red-leaf lettuce, not mixed baby greens.

Another option is to buy a pack of green, everlast plastic bags, but honestly we don't need any more. We do use them to store fruits and vegetables but why do we need to buy five more in order to avoid using one lightweight plastic roll bag. Again, buying more plastic in order to avoid one roll bag seems like the wrong choice.

The dilemma was that we needed the bag simply to convey the lettuce, not even to store it, since we ate the whole head at dinner. I guess the final option would have been to carry the bare lettuce in our hands in 12° weather.

In conclusion I think we made the right environmental choice. We used the least amount of plastic possible. And we used the bag that we will reuse many times. On every shopping trip we try to reuse our collection of plastic roll bags. And when the bag becomes a bit too grungy for food, we use it to pick up the dog waste, saving us from buying plastic to scoop the poop.

The point is we all have impulse shopping trips. We might on occasion need a plastic bag. What would the Environmental Committee have us do? Buy a product in heavier plastic, spend more money than necessary, buy something we don't want or need, not eat lettuce.

In cooperation,  
Raffaele D'Onofrio

## HELP SAVE SUNY DOWNSTATE AS A FULL-SERVICE PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL TRAINING CENTER

### TO THE GAZETTE:

Two mobilizations found me underneath the State Capital in Albany last month. On Tuesday, January 8, we defended SUNY Downstate Medical Center, and on Wednesday we rallied to defeat fracking.

Decisions about both are in the hands of Governor Cuomo. As his national aspirations depend on appearing popular, public pressure may persuade. His contact number for opinions is 518-474-8390.

Through the Coop we have been militant about working to prevent the poisoning of water, soil and air by energy interests determine to ship fossil fuel to China for their profit. With weird weather from climate change confirming warming, extraction and transport of oil, gas and coal are dangerous to planetary survival, suicidal for humanity and idiotic.

Defending SUNY Downstate as a full service public hospital and teaching facility also needs more muscle. From NY State Senators Eric Adams and Kevin Parker, from members of the unions threatened with lay-offs and from clergy and community leaders protecting pub-

lic services, I learned.

SUNY Downstate is the fourth largest employer in the fourth largest city in the U.S. Sixty percent of S/D employees live in Brooklyn. The facility is state funded as well as the recipient of grants and endowments. However, even the \$165 million endowment from the Osler family cannot be released until Gov. Cuomo says OK. SUNY Downstate was merged with Long Island College Hospital. LICH is managed by Continuum, a private firm. Litigation continues over mismanagement at LICH that resulted in \$134 million deficit there. Many mentioned corruption in construction contracts. We fear 'restructuring' flows towards privatization. Restructuring inevitably means cutbacks in jobs and health care to vulnerable community members.

A local teaching hospital is critically important to preparation of a wide range of health professionals. SUNY teaching facilities in Buffalo and Stony Brook are not threatened at the moment. 50% of the doctors practicing in Brooklyn received training there. The majority of SUNY graduates practice in NYC.

The dangers in diminishing services at a public hospital were vividly illustrated in October when Sandy took out Coney Island Hospital. Redundancy in some beds at some moments does not mean waste. Brooklyn needs to be self-sufficient in case bridges and tunnels are blocked.

I think about the electoral arena and contesting state power. Cuomo is a Democratic executive with a split and dysfunctional legislature. The fight between corporate funded factions (Dems and Reps) leaves popular movements with no power nor authority nor spokespersons. First step is we need candidates.

Democratic Party insurgents forward. The Green Party won ballot status and can speak for Occupy and other popular movements. And we know how to run independent campaigns. Next year many city council members will be three-term-limited out. Schools, senior services, public transportation and housing will be open for discussion during the months before the one political act acknowledged by citizenry in a corporate context. VOTE. Candidates are needed who will carry the issues into the public debate during the summer and fall.

Susan Metz

## POSTED!

"Hi, Mom, it's now official."  
"What do you mean, my dear?"  
"I'm Dan's recognized girlfriend."  
"I thought you've been for a year."  
"You don't understand. It's official."  
"Did he give you a ring or key?"  
"Poor Mom, you're so old-fashioned—  
He put it on FB!"

Leon Freilich

## 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, fac-

tual coverage:

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



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## BDS TOPICS:

## 80 PERCENT

## DEAR COOP MEMBERS ONE AND ALL,

No one predicted how it would turn around to bite us when we created it. No one predicted the weakness it exposed in our stability.

That weakness is our loosely worded boycott policy which can and has been used to cause us harm. Membership, fighting about boycott details, haven't realized that the policy's open language itself is the culprit.

Without hard guidelines, a simple 51% majority is the default tipping point. We all saw how that possibility created something very dangerous here: polarization. A cooperative fighting itself betrays itself.

I felt fear to be one of the potential 49% in such a politically charged atmosphere. Alienated from what I hold dear and considering an exit from PSFC. Just because our boycott policy, which is far subordinate to our Cooperative Identity principles, leaves a glaring weakness in our stability.

Our 1st Principle of Cooperation, to welcome me no matter what my political belief, is trampled in the rush to claim that Park Slope Food Coop speaks with my voice. I'm being told what I think as a member, and what I represent as a member, and in a voice not my own. I could start naming odious military regimes, but I'm satisfied for now to say it makes my skin crawl.

A boycott isn't just forcing me to not buy something, it's forcing me

to protest something I don't want to protest. A movement wholly unconcerned with the Coop is telling me what I tell the world. Boycott activists can't claim sole ownership of this feeling.

From now on, "How does the boycott affect the Coop?" and, "How does the boycott affect the injustice?" must be asked simultaneously. We can't be blind anymore to their symbiotic nature.

Joe Holtz, a founding member, said, "The Coop has decided in favor of some boycotts in the past...All were supported by and/or not cared much about by an overwhelming number of members—perhaps as high as 95 percent of members."

And I think that's how it should stay. A particular boycott doesn't concern me. Not as much as a near-equal split vote encouraging acrimony, regardless of outcome.

I think no less than 80% is a responsible place to draw the line. My being in a 20% minority wouldn't extinguish my fears or alienation, but I could live with it. At least it wouldn't pit half of us against the other, or encourage half of us to leave, gravely harming the Coop. I could live with having at least a responsible policy and move on.

Please write frequently to the Gazette, encouraging the call to codify our boycott policy. An 80% minimum vote in-favor-of should be required at a GM, or a referendum, in order to pass a new or renewed boycott. Within the next month or two I will submit a proposal specifying just that. Please watch this space for more information, and join us at eightypercentmajority@gmail.com.

It's time to change the conversation.

Jesse Rosenfeld

## BDS: THE SIGNIFICANT VICTORIES OF 2012: PART II

## COOP MEMBERS:

Worldwide: activists tirelessly campaigned on behalf of the Palestinian-led boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement to hold Israel accountable for its ongoing human rights violation.

**BDS Directed at Companies.** *Veolia* (a multinational urban systems contractor) is involved with the Jerusalem Light Rail project that intends to connect West Jerusalem with West Bank settlements: Contracts with *Veolia* were rejected by the Regional Council of Haaglanden (Netherlands); The Utrecht Regional Council (Netherlands) awarded an urban transportation contract to a Dutch company, not *Veolia*; Canterbury City Council (Britain) did not award *Veolia* a \$63.5 million contract; Due to strong opposition, *Veolia* withdrew its bid for a major contract in London; Quaker Friends Fiduciary Corporation (handles investments for more than 300 Quaker Meetings, schools, organizations, trusts and endowments around the U.S.) divested \$390,000 from *Veolia* and *Hewlett-Packard*.

*Caterpillar* is a corporation that sells bulldozers to the Israeli military that are used to demolish Palestinian homes, land and property. The international Quaker Friends Fiduciary Corporation divested \$900,000 from *Caterpillar*; The U.S. pension fund giant TIAA-CREF divested \$72 million from *Caterpillar*.

G4S, a private British-Danish security giant, is involved with Israeli prisons and provides services and equipment to checkpoints, Israel's Separation Wall in the West Bank and

to settlements and settlement businesses. The University of Oslo (Norway) dropped its contract with G4S; Several Danish charities and a bank ended contracts with G4S; The British firm Good Energy ended its business relationship with G4S; UK supermarket chain, The Co-op, expanded its boycott of settlement products into a complete boycott of Israeli companies that source any goods in the settlements; Two Israeli companies were forced to pull out of a major international aerospace industry convention in Toulouse (France) following a campaign led by BDS Sud-Ouest; Egypt's Football Association boycotted Adidas due to the company's sponsorship of the Jerusalem marathon; Norway's finance ministry excluded Israel's largest real estate firm, Shikun & Binui, from the Government Pension Fund Global, (the largest pension fund in Europe), over its construction of illegal Israeli settlements in East Jerusalem.

**Campus BDS Actions.** Students voted for divestment from companies profiting from the occupation: Arizona State University; University of California/Irvine; Carleton University (Canada); University of Massachusetts (divest from Boeing).

Students voted to support BDS: University of Regina (Canada); York University (Canada); University of Toronto; Earlham College [U.S.]: dining services stopped selling Sabra brand hummus after students raised concerns about the company's connection to the Israeli occupation.

Source: Nora Barrows-Friedman based on 2012 coverage by ElectronicIntifada.net.

Mary Buchwald  
Brooklyn For Peace  
PSFC members for BDS  
www.psfcbds.wordpress.com

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## THE GAZETTE INDEXES

If you are interested in the history of the Coop or in when and how particular subjects have been discussed in the Gazette...

Send an e-mail to Len Neufeld, Gazette indexer, at [lenneufeld@verizon.net](mailto:lenneufeld@verizon.net), to request PDF files of either or both of the following indexes:

- ◆ An alphabetized list of the titles of all articles published in the Gazette from 1995 to the present, with issue dates.
- ◆ An alphabetized list of all subjects (including people's names) discussed in Gazette articles from 1995-99 and 2001 to the present, with article titles, issue dates, and page numbers (subjects for the year 2000 are being added).

Many of the Gazette issues referenced in these indexes are available as PDFs on the Coop's website.



## CLASSIFIEDS

### BED & BREAKFAST

THE HOUSE ON 3rd ST. B&B-serving the Slope for over 20 yrs. Parlor floor-thru apt. sleeps 5 in comfort & privacy, queen bed, bath, double living room, kitchenette, outdoor deck. Visit our website at [houseon3st.com](http://houseon3st.com). Click our FB link or call Jane at 718-788-7171. Ask about bargains for last minute bookings. Let us host you!

### COMMERCIAL SPACE

OFFICE FOR RENT, suitable for therapist, etc. in center Slope. Small, quiet room w/ small waiting area & restroom. Access to kitchen & back yard. WiFi. Share suite w/psychotherapist. \$900/month or \$200/weekday. Linda Nagel 718-788-9243 or [lnagelphd@earthlink.net](mailto:lnagelphd@earthlink.net).

### HOUSING AVAILABLE

STUDIO APT. for SALE, Prime Park

Slope. Lincoln Pl. bet. 7&8. Bright top-floor walkup studio w/hardwood floors, built-in bookshelves, modern bath & kitchen. Friendly, beautifully maintained 10-unit brownstone coop. Laundry & storage in basement. Seller is a Food Coop member. Asking \$259,000. call 718-857-0090.

STUDIO APT. FOR SALE. Prime Park Slope, Union Street between 8th Ave. and PPW, 4th Floor Elevator Coop Building with live-in Super. Laundry and bike room in the basement. Renovated kitchen and full bathroom. Asking \$285,000. Call 718-622-0377.

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### PETS

LOOKING FOR A HOME for 15-year-old cat. Need love and care. Call Iki 917-519-8950 if you are interested.

### SERVICES AVAILABLE

MADISON AVENUE HAIRCUTTER is right around the corner from the food Co-op, so if you would like a really good haircut at a decent price, please call Maggie at 718-783-2154, I charge \$60.00.

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### SERVICES HEALTH

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### VACATION RENTALS

Mayan Riviera Time Share \$500; two weeks; studio; \$747 transfer fee; look it up @ [mayanpalace.com](http://mayanpalace.com) 2 queen beds, 6 other resorts on same plan; Call Donnie 718-768-1797.

# Job Opening Executive Director of Brooklyn Food Coalition



Brooklyn Food Coalition, its origins in the Park Slope Food Coop, is hiring its first Executive Director. BFC is an award-winning food-justice organization dedicated to healthy food for all, sustainable food systems and justice for food workers. We achieve these goals through grassroots community organizing, advocacy and education. We aspire to be a fully anti-racist organization.

BFC's Executive Director must be a dynamic, innovative and experienced leader who builds successful advocacy campaigns, cultivates relationships with diverse audiences, leads a paid and volunteer team, and has a genuine passion for the BFC's mission. S/he reflects optimism, persistence, creativity and collaboration. The candidate must also have a strong operations background with a vision to move the organization forward.

**Please apply to [info@brooklynfoodcoalition.org](mailto:info@brooklynfoodcoalition.org), with EXEC DIR in the subject line. Provide a letter of interest, resume, and the names of three references with contact info by Feb. 15.**

**Please see a full job description at [www.brooklynfoodcoalition.org/?s=jobs](http://www.brooklynfoodcoalition.org/?s=jobs).**

## RETURN POLICY



The Coop strives to keep prices low for our membership. Minimizing the amount of returned merchandise is one way we do this. If you need to make a return, please go to the 2nd Floor Service Desk.

### REQUIRED FOR ANY RETURN

1. The Paid-In-Full receipt MUST be presented.
2. Returns must be handled within 30 days of purchase.

### CAN I EXCHANGE MY ITEM?

No, we do not "exchange" items. You must return the merchandise and re-purchase what you need.

## CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

Produce\* Bulk\* (incl. Coop-bagged bulk)  
Cheese\* Seasonal Holiday Items  
Books Special Orders  
Calendars Refrigerated Supplements  
Juicers & Oils  
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NEVER  
RETURNABLE

Refrigerated Goods (not listed above)  
Frozen Goods  
Meat & Fish  
Bread

RETURNABLE  
ONLY IF SPOILED  
BEFORE  
EXPIRATION DATE  
Packaging/label  
must be present-  
ed for refund.

Items not listed above that are unopened  
and unused in re-sellable condition

RETURNABLE

The Coop reserves the right to refuse returns on a case-by-case basis. If you have questions, please contact a staff member in the Membership Office.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community calendar listings are free. Please submit your event listing in 50 words or less to [GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop](mailto:GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop).

Submission deadlines are the same as for classified ads. Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue. An asterisk (\*) denotes a Coop member.

### THU, FEB 7

7-9 p.m. Book signing, Q&A, & biscotti tasting with Vincent Tropepe's cookbook *Behind the Kitchen Doors* at The powerHouse Arena 37 Main Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. For more information, please call 718.666.3049. RSVP appreciated: [rsvp@powerhousearena.com](mailto:rsvp@powerhousearena.com).

### SAT, FEB 9

8 p.m. Rod McDonald concert billed as an intimate, authentic, and uplifting experience at the Peoples' Voice Cafe; Tickets are \$18, \$10 for members. Nobody will be turned away. Peoples' Voice Cafe at the Community Church of NYU, 40 E. 35 St. NY, NY [www.peoplesvoicecafe.org](http://www.peoplesvoicecafe.org). See website for more listings.

### SUN, FEB 10

11 a.m. Platform: "Unity Without Uniformity: The Merging Ethics of Dr. King and Malcolm X". Award winning writer and contributor to the Amsterdam News, Herb Boyd, will explore some lesser known aspects of two major figures of the 20th century. Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 PPW @ Second St.

### TUE, FEB 12

7 p.m. Valentine's Day Cookie

Swap & Cookbook Signing with Deb Perelman (*Smitten Kitchen*), Dawn Casale (*One Girl Cookies*), Adam Roberts (*Secrets of the Best Chefs*), & Matt Lewis and Renato Poliafito (*Baked Elements*) at The powerHouse Arena 37 Main St., Brooklyn, NY 11201 For more info please call 718.666.3049 RSVP: [rsvp@powerhousearena.com](mailto:rsvp@powerhousearena.com)

### SUN, FEB 17

2:30 p.m. The New York Sword Dance Grand Final at the Brooklyn Museum. Earlier performances at the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music and two local churches. Visit website: [halfmoonsword.org](http://halfmoonsword.org) or call (212) 569-4374 for full schedule. Live music! Family friendly.

11 a.m. Platform: "Tomorrow's Ethical Culture." This interactive platform will ask you to share your vision for Ethical Culture. Just as vision allows us to see with some clarity what has come before us and what dimensions of our past we value, vision also allows us to see into the future, even if dimly. Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 PPW @ Second St.

### FRI, FEB 22

7-9 p.m. Book Sale - Evening Preview Sale: \$20 admission. Tens of thousands of new & used books, DVDs, CDs & records. Most books

priced at \$1 or \$2. Park Slope United Methodist Church. 6th Avenue at 8th Street. (Book donations welcome; details at [www.parkslopeumc.org](http://www.parkslopeumc.org)).

### SAT, FEB 23

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Book Sale: Free admission. Tens of thousands of new & used books, DVDs, CDs & records. Most books priced at \$1 or \$2. Incredible bargains! Terrific Children's Room! Park Slope United Methodist Church. Sixth Ave. at Eighth St. (Book donations welcome; details at [www.parkslopeumc.org](http://www.parkslopeumc.org)).

### SUN, FEB 24

4 p.m. BPL Chamber Players The Apollo Trio; Curtis Macomber, violin Michael Kannen, cello Marija Stroke, piano Ah Ling Neu, viola Peter Weitzner, double bass. Admission is free; Dr. S. Stevan Dweck Center for Contemporary Culture at the Central Library, 10 Grand Army Plaza Brooklyn, NY.

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## To Submit Classified or Display Ads:

Ads may be placed on behalf of Coop members only. Classified ads are prepaid at \$15 per insertion, display ads at \$30. (Classified ads in the "Merchandise-Non-commercial" category are free.) All ads must be written on a submission form. Classified ads may be up to 315 characters and spaces. Display ads must be camera-ready and business card size (2" x 3.5" horizontal).

Submission forms are available in a wallpocket near the elevator in the entrance lobby.

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## ☆☆☆☆ EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES ☆☆☆☆

### Receiving Maintenance

**Tuesday, 9 to 11 a.m.**

The Coop is looking for members to do various light maintenance tasks throughout the Coop. You will work under the supervision of a staff person. Must be willing to clean, sort returned bottles, work in the backyard organizing, lifting up to 25 lbs.

### Plastics Recycling

**Saturday, Sunday,  
9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Join in the Coop's effort to be a better environmental citizen. Work outside in front of the Coop with other members of the Recycling Squad

accepting returned plastic containers, making sure they are clean and meet the Recycling Squad criteria. Stack and pack plastic for recycling. Must be reliable and willing to work outdoors in all kinds of weather.

### Receiving Produce

**Monday-Friday, 5 to 7:30 a.m.**

The Coop is looking for members to work in the produce area. Responsibilities include: lifting boxes, unloading deliveries, stacking boxes in the basement. You should be willing to get or have wet hands while you are working. Boxes usually weigh between 2-20 lbs., a few may weigh up to 50 lbs. PLEASE DO NOT SIGN UP FOR

THESE SHIFTS UNLESS YOU ARE WILLING TO DO THESE TASKS. If you're interested, contact the Membership Office.

### Office Data Entry

**Thursday, 4 to 6:45 p.m.**

Are you a stickler for details and accurate on the computer, and do you 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. This workslot requires a six-month commitment.

Classified advertising in the *Linewaiters' Gazette* is available only to Coop members. Publication does not imply endorsement by the Coop.

Read the *Gazette* while you're standing on line OR online at [www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com)

THANK YOU!

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

Hanna Agar	Danielle Cacioppo	Christine Francis	Brigitta Greene	Brendan Karlstad	Jenny Morse	Helena S.
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What Is That? How Do I Use It?

Ask Me Questions  
About Coop Foods

Monday, February 11, 12 to 2:45 p.m.  
Monday, February 18, 12 to 2:45 p.m.

You can join in any time during a  
question-and-answer session  
on the shopping floor.

Look for tour leaders in produce aisle.

Solution to this issue's sudoku puzzle

4	3	6	9	2	8	5	7	1
5	2	1	7	6	4	8	3	9
8	9	7	1	5	3	2	6	4
2	4	9	8	7	1	6	5	3
7	5	3	6	4	9	1	2	8
6	1	8	2	3	5	4	9	7
1	6	4	5	9	7	3	8	2
3	7	2	4	8	6	9	1	5
9	8	5	3	1	2	7	4	6

Coop Job Opening:

Receiving/Stocking Coordinator

The Coop is hiring a Receiving/Stocking Coordinator to work evenings and weekends.

The evening and weekend Receiving/Stocking Coordinators oversee the smooth functioning of the Coop. They work with squads to ensure that the Coop is well-stocked, and that produce quality is maintained.

The ideal candidate will be a reliable, responsible self-starter who enjoys working with our diverse member-workers. Applicants must be excellent team players, as they will be sharing the work with several other Receiving Coordinators.

Applicants must have excellent people skills, excellent communication and organizational skills as well as patience. Applicants should be able to remain calm in hectic surroundings, have the ability to prioritize tasks, teach and explain procedures, delegate work, give feedback, and pay attention to several things at once. Comfort with computers is preferred.

We are looking for a candidate who wants an evening/weekend schedule. This is a high-energy job for a fit candidate. You must be able to lift and work for hours on your feet including in the walk-in coolers and freezer. Grocery-store experience is a plus.

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. 39 hours in 5 days/week: Thursday–Monday some shifts until 11:00 p.m.  
**Wages:** \$25.29/hour  
**Benefits:** —Health insurance  
—Pension plan/401(k) plans  
—Vacation—three weeks/year increasing in the 4th, 7th & 10th years  
—Health and Personal time

Probation Period:

There will be a six-month probation period.

How to Apply:

Please provide your résumé along with a cover letter explaining your relevant qualifications, skills and experience. Materials will only be accepted electronically. E-mail résumé and cover letter to [hc-receivingcoordinator@psfc.coop](mailto:hc-receivingcoordinator@psfc.coop). Please put "Receiving 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.

Prerequisite:

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

No Receiving/Stocking experience necessary to submit application materials. However, in order to be considered for an interview applicants must have worked at least four Receiving shifts. After submitting your materials, if you wish to schedule shifts please contact the Coop at [hc-receivingcoordinator@psfc.coop](mailto:hc-receivingcoordinator@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.

