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POWER OUTAGE HITS THE COOP: Staff and Members Work Through the Night During Brownout

By Tom Moore

It was a pretty routine, hot and steamy Tuesday night, but the power was about to go out. There was a General Meeting that night and New York was dealing with one of the first heat waves of the summer. At about 10:30 p.m. things changed.

"I was shopping after the GM and the lights were flickering. Then they went out," said General Coordinator Elinor Astrinsky.

The power was gone, well, most of it. Add to that a burning smell from down the street where an electrical utility fire broke out. A manhole burst into flames nearby on Sixth Avenue. Coordinators including Joe Holtz, Elinor Astrinsky, Alex Marquez, Camille Scuria, Omar Williams, Ev Ruch and David St. Germain and Coop members worked until 2:30 a.m. to load perishable food into the walk-in freezers and refrigerators. There was zero loss of food. This is the story of the how those members and staffers saved the day.

Milk Crates and Dry Ice: Tuesday night, July 28, Into Early Morning Wednesday, July 29

This is how Membership Coordinator Camille Scuria put it via email:

"The lights flickered, and we then joked about summertime brownouts. But around 10:30 p.m. the lights did go out. Some back-up emergency lights were



PHOTO BY TOM MOORE

Freezers were still taped off on Wednesday while technicians worked to restore the system.

on, and some of the computers were on back-up power. So, we went into 'emergency mode.' As staff, we needed to learn what happened. We called Con Ed. Our first big concern: the freezers went off..." and that's where the dry ice would enter the picture. More on that later.

Scuria also says, "We smelled smoke. We called 911. The firemen came over in full gear to look downstairs. They found no fire. They said the smell (which was now overwhelming) was from the true source of the fire: a manhole, transformer fire on Sixth Avenue."

Saving the perishables was the big job. Scuria said, "Everyone chipped in. Job No. 1 was getting all the food out of the

freezers and refrigerated cases on the shopping floor, into empty milk crates, onto U-boats and into the basement's bigger freezers, which were colder but were also out of electricity." Crews loaded things like meat, yogurt, cheese and ice cream into milk crates and got them downstairs as fast as possible.

The produce needed special treatment. Astrinsky says it's too big a job to pack it into crates so they used big plastic bags. She says the bags kept the produce cool and none was lost, "Miracle of miracles, it was fine."

Astrinsky also said there were no coffee breaks or snacking going on. She says at one point in the early morning she bought

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AUTUMN PREVIEW: Stepping Into Fall, One Fruit and Vegetable At a Time

By Taigi Smith

As the sun begins to set on summer, the coordinators in the produce department are swiftly stepping into fall, eagerly awaiting the fresh, plentiful bounty from local growers they come to know throughout the year. As the heat index rises and Brooklyn's humidity leaves our faces sticky with dew, it's hard not to be awestruck by the many succulent fruits and vegetables our beloved Mother Earth produces during what is arguably the sweetest season of the year.

Whether you are a lover of yellow watermelon, a dark plum connoisseur, a sweet peach fanatic, a sugar-sweet corn addict or a hoarder of garlic scapes, there's arguably no better place in Brooklyn to purchase the best of nature's bounty than at the PSFC. So, while the temperatures hover in the triple digits and the days feel lazy and long, rest assured that seasons, like all things in life, must change. Savor these sultry summer days, because in just a few short months,

we'll be bundling up and wishing for the sky-high temps once again. Pack your organic picnic and take that trip to the beach. Make the kids those organic fruit popsicles or spike the watermelon-mint spritzers with whatever's on your top shelf. Take a personal day. Call in sick. Go somewhere and pack a lunch from the Coop because in the blink of an eye, it will all be over. Watermelon will be replaced by savory squash, gazpacho with hot stew.

While the produce may be different, the new produce team at the PSFC is working harder than ever to bring us the very best of next season's harvest. It's the first time in several decades that the PSFC's produce department is marching into fall without its longtime leader, Allen Zimmerman, at the helm. But there's no need to worry. The current group of produce coordinators is ready, willing and more than capable of getting us the freshest fruits and vegetables we've come to appreciate.

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Next General Meeting on August 25

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The August General Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 25, 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 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.

Coop Event Highlights

Fri, Aug 7 • Film Night:
A Series of Short Films 7:00 p.m.

Thur, Sep 3 • Food Class:
Intro to Nut-Based Cheese Making 7:00 p.m.

Tue, Sep 8 • Safe Food Committee Film Night:
Seeds of Time 7:00 p.m.

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

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Power Outage

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a few ginger ales to refresh the crew on hand.

"We lost absolutely no product." Astrinsky added, the technicians from the refrigeration company who arrived to get the units running again said they've never seen that before.

Crews of members and staff formed a human chain—passing the food downstairs. The crews did all of this physical work, carrying heavy milk crates. Coordinators said when they ran out of milk crates, they headed to the roof where dozens more are stored.

"All of this was in the dark, remember. Some flashlights, but not many," said Scuria.

Dry Ice Saves the Day—Um, I Mean Saves the Night

How do you keep the food cold when the power is out? Buy a lot of dry ice and get it delivered, fast. More specifically, Scuria said the question was, "How to procure dry ice so late at night. And how to handle this highly toxic stuff." The staff got on their smart phones and found a company on Long Island ready to sell it and deliver it right away.

Astrinsky says not only was there a business on Long Island ready to sell the ice that night but they could deliver it too. "It was a thousand dollars for the ice and another thousand for delivery." It arrived without any packaging so she said they loaded it into milk crates and they didn't know if the extreme cold would cause the crates to crack. Not to worry—that did not happen. So now it's 1 a.m. and the



PHOTO BY TOM MOORE

The refrigerated cases on the shopping floor took a while to come back after the power loss. It took Coop members and staff until 2:30 a.m. to move the frozen foods and other perishables to the walk-in coolers in the basement.

dry ice is being used to keep things cool in the downstairs walk-ins.

General Coordinator Ann Herpel gave a general timeline describing how things happened as the Coop crews worked past midnight. She said by around 2 a.m. all of the perishables were in the basement coolers and by 5 a.m. or 6 a.m. the refrigeration guys started working on getting the systems running again. And then by 8 a.m. power was on. Herpel also said the store was up and running including computers by around 9 a.m.—but refrigeration takes a lot longer.

On that front, Membership Coordinator Deb Parker said it takes some time to get things back to normal. "The next day we were not able to take refrigerated deliveries because the basement coolers were full of products from the shopping floor."

In total, Scuria said, "The members were focused, unafraid and did everything we needed to do. No one got hurt. It was clear: it was their Coop. I was honored to scramble around here with them."

Astrinsky agreed, "People worked together in an incredible, fantastic way. The members

who wanted to stay, stayed to make sure the Coop was okay." She said the conclusion here was that in addition to the amazing work of members and staff, "We lost absolutely no product." She added, the technicians from the refrigeration company who arrived to get the units running again said they've never seen that before. ■

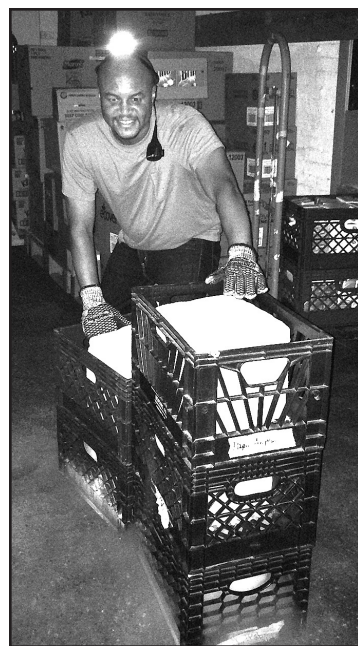


PHOTO BY ELINOAR ASTRINSKY

Receiving Coordinator Omar Williams with dry ice in milk crates, in the dark basement.



PHOTO BY TOM MOORE

The scene of the crime: Sixth Avenue and Berkeley Place where there was a manhole fire that caused the Coop's power loss. Part of Sixth Avenue near Union was closed off.

Thanks to these members and all the others who stayed to help out on the night of the power outage:

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Matt Clune
Matt Jefferson
Julia Borchakovskaia
Michele Siegel
Alexa Rose Steinberg
Jennifer Brown
Beth Garner
Daniel Oshima
Kayo Atagi
Cristina Trinidad
Noelle Leonard
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Autumn

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At the time of this writing, Ana Gallo, one of the produce department's newest coordinators, was working on overdrive. Between shipments and orders, Ana took a few moments to ponder what is guaranteed to be another busy, veggie-packed, fall season.

Q & A

Taigi Smith: You've been especially busy lately. How has the fall vegetable season added to your workload?

Ana Gallo: It's always busy, but local season, which started about two months ago, is probably the busiest. Although we deal with local farms throughout the year, during local season, starting in the summer and going until late fall, their crops quickly multiply, and new fruits and vegetable become available that we don't carry any other time. Crops fail, and we have to scramble to find the same item someplace else. This year broccoli has been especially hard, and we had to supplement with non-local broccoli. Heavy rain destroyed two weeks' worth of arugula and other salads. It's a time when you see more on a personal level and each farmer becomes a part of your family.

TS: What new produce trends are on the fall horizon?

AG: Fall always brings a ton of beautiful squashes and apples.

TS: How will the California drought impact our members? Will the prices or quality of vegetables be impacted?

AG: It's too soon to tell. At the moment, we've had so much local produce that we haven't felt any impact yet.

TS: Give us a sense of where the PSFC's fruits and vegetables come from. Are the bulk of our products sourced domestically, locally or from other countries?

AG: We try to stay as local as possible when possible. During the winter when we can't get any local greens our first choice is Florida before going to California. When we can't find an item in the USA, we see where else it can come from and what their growing practices are. We get stuff from Canada, Mexico and Peru. Chile, Argentina and New Zealand provide a lot of organic apples when they are not available in the USA, and a lot of peppers come from Holland.

TS: Does the PSFC sell genetically modified produce?

AG: NO.

TS: What's your favorite fall item?

AG: I have to say apples. We are so lucky to have the amazing apples Hepworth grows. But then there are also squashes, sweet potatoes, beets, persimmons, pomegranates, peppers, Brussels sprouts...it feels like asking a mom to pick her favorite child...so much variety, so hard to choose.

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TS: How has the produce department changed since Allen Zimmerman's retirement? Was there a learning curve for the new staff?

AG: We miss Allen's company and presence but we are lucky to have him a call/text/email away. Julie Gabriel and Kris Marx have been produce buyers for quite a while too, and we all bring something to the table. Joe Holtz is a fantastic live encyclopedia. I trained with Allen for over a year, and every day I keep learning new things.

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TS: What's the most exciting part of this job for you?

AG: The job itself is exciting—dealing with farmers and members, checking every box that comes in, learning about new items, seeing what worked and what didn't.

TS: What changes will members see now that a new team is in place?

AG: Not sure yet. Allen did such a fantastic job and it's hard to top it. My biggest quest is to make sure the members get the best quality produce available and that we can provide them with all the information necessary. ■

Starting at the End and Ending on the Shelves: Endcaps and Coop Products

By Hayley Gorenberg

It's at the leading edge, front of the product peloton: the endcap. How does the Coop cast the characters that take that spotlight? And what happens to them after their star turn? Joe Szladek, who this spring assumed the position of a General Coordinator, after more than five years as a Receiving Coordinator (including one year as a produce buyer for the Coop), discussed the competing forces that jockey to grace that special space at the end of our shelves.

The historic "display" endcap is situated across from the egg case. It showcases items the Coop has on trial. If they sell enough, "then we give them some shelf real estate in the aisles," Szladek said. The products vying for the space include items promoted by Coop brokers for Barbara's or Cascadian, who "give us really good deals on things to try and carry." Staff buyers sometimes go to a big grocery distributor show and meet with vendors. "We ask them, and they'll recommend. They will offer us deals, like 20 percent off for the next two months. They will do it for items we're already carrying and also items to try."

Or the products leap from the pages of the members' product suggestion book, which is kept at the entrance desk. Szladek promises that staff read and respond assiduously. "Some-



General Coordinator Joe Szladek is responsible for the Coop's endcaps, among other things. Receiving Coordinator Yuri Weber is in charge of the specialty items endcap (and cheese and olives).

one suggested recently that we get a jarred pasta sauce that was organic and didn't have any sugar. We didn't realize we didn't have a jarred pasta sauce that didn't have sugar and was also organic." The sauce soon popped up on an endcap.

We want to make sure we're always listening to what members ask for. We're not perfect, but we do try.

And sometimes staff members are simply captivated by a particular product encountered at a trade show and situate it on the endcap to see what happens.

Many do catch on. "Every month we're moving about 10 items into the aisles," said Szladek. A bumper crop of 15 made it onto the regular shelves



Receiving Coordinator Karen Martin is responsible for the health and beauty endcap across from the meat case.

in June. Purely Elizabeth cereal in blueberry-hemp and pumpkin-fig flavors took off, and Victoria vegan Alfredo sauce succeeded similarly and became a staple in Aisle 5.

Of course something must be sacrificed to make way for the newly successful product. "We look for slow-moving things in the same category to cut," said Szladek. "Sometimes that's hard, because some members will really want both products. It depends on the nature of product. If there's only one of that kind that we sell, or we know we're providing something people can't get elsewhere, we'll keep it anyway. If there are five different types, we might shift out the slow seller." Coop staff tell a notorious story of carrying kiwi fruit, both organic and non-organic, noting that the difference was perhaps seven cents per fruit, and deciding to cut the non-organic to reclaim produce shelf space. But a member objected that he bought so many kiwi for his family that the price difference impacted his budget, "so we still carry nonorganic. It makes a difference for people. Every penny adds up. We want to make sure we're always listening to what members ask for. We're not perfect, but we do try."

Some of the endcaps are simply seasonal. In summer, the Coop carries Smooze fruit ices

members can pop into the freezer. The charcoal endcap is seasonal. The endcap back by the meat case features sunscreen and other health and beauty items, some of them seasonal, "because we don't have enough space," Szladek said.

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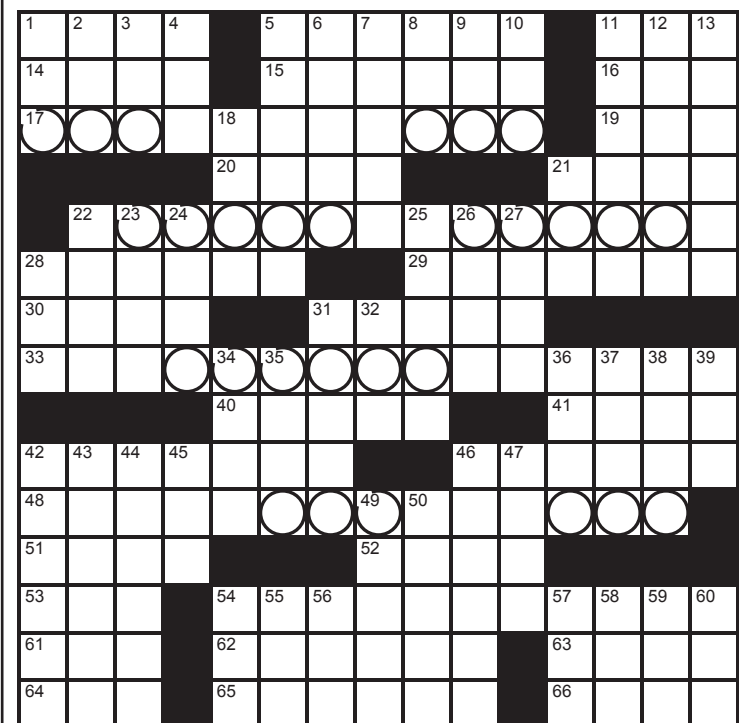
And indeed, the Coop's shelf space is exceedingly small relative to sales. The Coop, Szladek explained, turns over its stock "about 14 times more per square foot of shelf space than a regular grocery store." We sell about 465 packets of Gimme Seaweed with sea salt weekly, and 912 pounds of Murray's boneless chicken breasts (amounting to almost 50,000 pounds of boneless breasts, annually for around \$300,000). Szladek crowed, "We should be so much bigger to accommodate our volume!" (The comment apparently triggered General Coordinator Joe Holtz to remark that the Coop also uses its light bulbs more efficiently than is usual, because more people pass under them than in a "normal" store.)

Coop consumption apparently justifies one endcap that's entirely chocolate. The best-selling Chocolive bar with almonds



This endcap closest to the express lines is devoted entirely to chocolate.

Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Guy from Tucson in a Beatles song
5. Short winter holidays?
11. Texans' org.
14. From the top
15. Like a romantic dinner
16. Suffix with script
17. Dropped off again, perhaps
19. Ovid's 104
20. Acclaim for picadors
21. Jai _____
22. "Lolita" narrator
28. Two cohosts who joined Whoopi on "The View" in 2014
29. Supporter of the 1%, say
30. Poison lead singer Michaels
31. Sign before Taurus
33. Without delay
40. Chopin work
41. Bird feeder fill
42. "Lost in Translation" director
46. Lost it
48. Like some poseurs, in slang
51. No Child Left Behind dept.
52. Inaugural feature
53. Part of a sch. year
54. They're often made at print shops (they're made in 17-, 22-, 33- and 48-Across)
61. Nile reptile
62. Upholsterer's sample
63. Bounce back
64. Gridiron positions: Abbr.
65. Actress Milano
66. Piquancy

Down

1. Rattle
2. _____ Direction (boy band)
3. "The Beverly Hillbillies" dad
4. Have debts
5. Fox show that had a character named Fox, with "The"

6. Man with a van, perhaps
7. "Give it _____!"
8. Orch. section
9. One having a little lamb
10. Turf
11. Cell centers
12. Monastery residents
13. Housing developer William who has a Long Island town named after him
18. It might be pierced
21. Co. led by Baryshnikov in the 1980s
22. Butt (in)
23. Applications
24. Barack's re-election rival
25. Food brand that claims its ketchup comes out of its bottles at .028 miles per hour
26. Peter Fonda title role
27. _____ soup
28. Abbr. on a Topps card
31. Way to see the world?
32. Tattle (on)
34. Bad way to go
35. "The Lion King" queen
36. Arthur Ashe Kids' Day org.
37. Totals
38. TV actress Remini
39. Jan. 1 till now
42. "Veni, vidi, vici" speaker
43. Like Jackie Jackson, in the Jackson 5
44. Freshens the pillow
45. Cpl.'s inferior
46. "You're mine!"
47. Dos cubed
49. Sounds from a 55-Down
50. Ones awaiting a shipment, maybe
54. Civil War side: Abbr.
55. See 49-Down
56. Set (down)
57. Candy that turns heads?
58. Swelling reducer
59. Comments accompanying shrugs
60. Souze

Puzzle author: David Levinson Wilk. For answers, see page 12.

and sea salt flies off the shelves at a rate of 236 bars per week, and over the course of a year, the Coop sells more than \$80,000 of Mast brothers—via a scant four feet of shelf space. ("It's crazy!") That particular endcap displays a mix of "chocolate things we are trying, or that we like and don't have room for. It's a weird thing: some things are permanent, and some things we try out, and we just leave them there, because we don't have space. The tryout eventually turns into partially tryout and partially permanent."

What the Coop doesn't do, Szladek explained, is "big weekly or monthly sales like other stores that will clear out

one kind of chip on an endcap, where they have a big deal on it, and they want you to buy the deal." Rather than advertising sales, the Coop negotiates prices and sometimes gets a special deal. But the result is more low-key: "We don't advertise them; we just mark the price down. If we usually buy something wholesale for two dollars, we would sell it for 21 percent markup for \$2.42. If we get it for two weeks for \$1.50, now we sell for \$1.81. We just don't put a 'sale' sign on it." He concluded, "Other stores are proud of how cheap something is. We're proud of how cheap everything is." ■

THE GAZETTE ASKED COOP MEMBERS: If you were named king or queen of the Coop, what would be your first executive order?

By Mark Fass



Sarah Bupp
Member Since 2003

As queen of the Coop, I would create a late-night shift after the Coop closed to stock bulk and produce. I once stocked bulk in the middle of a busy shift, and it was the least efficient and most frustrating thing I'd done in a very long time.

And I'd make shifts twice as long, but only every eight weeks—getting here can be half the battle. Also as queen, I'd make a walker come right now!



Lona Jack-Vilmar
Member Since 2003

I'm not saying it's a perfect place, but I've seen so many improvements over the years. For example, I

used to think, "It would be so great if we could do debit cards," and now we're doing debit cards. One thing that seems important to address is that, as we've grown larger, people have become more impatient with each other, which affects the tone of the Coop. So I'd do some different things to build up morale.



Atsuko Nakajima-Healy
Member Since 2011



Amy Egashira
Member Since 2013

Atsuko: First thing I'd do? Expand the aisles! They're so narrow—you always have to



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be so assertive.

Amy: The vegetable aisle is the worst!

Atsuko: If you try to be courteous, you never move forward.

Amy: Also, and this would never happen, but how about a fresh-fish station?

Atsuko: I totally agree! I totally agree with her. I'd be super happy if there were a fresh-fish station!



Jonah Brucker-Cohen
Member Since 2005

I'd update the technology, beginning with the website. I'm on the child-care squad, and we always get phone calls to remind us of our shifts—I'd make those text messages. And there's no PSFC app, which is weird to me. You should be able to sign up for shifts

through an app. There's also no email list-serve for the Coop. This seems like an easy and obvious thing to change.



Michele Sola
Member Since 1994

My husband, Adrian Bennett, recently turned 78, and when he applied for retired status from the Coop, we learned that he had to first make up the shifts he missed when he took leave to travel for work to Japan. It would be nice if we at least let people know that ahead of time. But we joined 20 years ago—if I had any serious complaints, we wouldn't have been members for so long!



Lucia, 7
With Brother, Rafael, 2
Members Since Birth

Me and my daddy could just skip the line and buy everything he has on his list. Also, maybe less people? ■



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INTERNATIONAL TRADE EDUCATION SQUAD REPORT

The “Fast-Track” Trade Promotion Authority Bill: The Trans-Pacific Partnership Could Be the Most Harmful Trade Pack Ever

By Bart DeCoursy

By passing the “Fast-Track” Trade Promotion Authority bill last month, Congress allowed the President to negotiate the largest international trade agreement in history with a group of 600 non-elected advisors. Those advisors represented multi-national corporations. They conducted these negotiations in secret. According to “Fast-Track,” U.S. lawmakers will say either yea or nay to the 29-chapter Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) behemoth after only 90 days of review, and 30 hours of debate on the floor, with no possibility of amendments or a Senate filibuster.

Of the twenty-nine TPP chapters, five will be about trade. The remaining chapters will address regulatory changes that multinational corporations have not been able to pass in Congress, such as restrictions on internet privacy, increased patent protections, greater access to litigation and further financial deregulation. None of the chapters of the agreement have been made public, but several chapter drafts have been leaked. From what we know, the TPP will touch on a broad range of issues that affect the Coop directly—the environment, fracking and GMO and country-of-origin labeling—and many more issues that will affect the citizens of all TPP countries, including access to medicines.

In 2007, the Bush Adminis-

tration and Congress agreed to commit all parties to new free trade agreements (FTAs) to “adopt, maintain and implement” the laws and regulations of all U.S. agreements that are designed to protect the environment. All FTA parties must subject these environmental obligations to the same dispute settlement procedures as commercial obligations—which is critical to enforcement.

In addition to securing commitments, the TPP would also allow corporations to sue governments directly. But the leaked draft chapter on the environment takes a significant step back from the 2007 agreement, in that it would merely commit TPP countries to “affirm” that they will implement environmental obligations. If, however, obligations were implemented inadequately, there would be no recourse, which would render these obligations virtually meaningless.

Furthermore, the Department of Energy (DOE) regulates U.S. exports of natural gas based on environmental and economic impacts. According to leaked chapters, the DOE will lose the authority to regulate gas exports to TPP countries. This would increase demand and domestic production of natural gas, and trigger an increase in fracking. Furthermore, this would likely also cause an increase in domestic energy prices, and hence an increase in the use of coal power.

The environmental impacts would be devastating.

The TPP would impose strict limits on labels providing information on where a food product comes from, and identifying genetically modified foods and how a food product was produced; it could also ban “Buy American” and “Buy Local” procurement preferences.

And Big Pharma also stands to reap huge, undue benefits from a massive lobbying effort that has outspent all other industries by a 2.5 to 1 ratio. The TPP provides an opportunity for pharmaceutical giants to write new rules and dominate the global pharmaceuticals market by establishing provisions that will extend patents and restrict generic competition. Pharmaceutical companies are fighting to facilitate the approval of patents on surgical techniques, medical tests and treatments, driving the cost of hospital care further into the stratosphere. Still other provisions in the TPP would allow pharmaceutical companies to keep clinical data confidential, forcing generic companies to spend additional time and money to get products approved.

Pharmaceutical companies are specifically targeting State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) that in several TPP countries play an important role in keeping health-care costs down. (SOEs are state funded and purchase in bulk, and can therefore

set prices.) Through the TPP, pharmaceutical companies aim to require SOEs to operate as commercial entities subject to market pricing. Several TPP countries would have to drastically change such healthcare systems, although they are proven to be extremely effective.

These provisions, should they go through, would have a significant impact on average Americans but a devastating effect on people in developing countries. Doctors Without Borders states, “Unless certain damaging

provisions are removed, the TPP has the potential to become the most harmful trade pact ever for access to medicines.” The soaring costs would put medicines out of reach for millions of people and potentially create a global health crisis. In 2007, President Bush recognized these dangers, and reigned in some of these practices before they got out of hand, when he signed the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement. There is still hope that the current administration will at least follow that lead. ■



Protesters gathered outside the building in Sydney, Australia, where negotiations for the Trans-Pacific Partnership were taking place.



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Letters: Maximum 500 words. All letters will be printed if they follow the published guidelines and policies.

Voluntary Articles: Maximum 750 words. A Voluntary Article is held to a higher standard than a letter and must meet at least the following criteria: A Voluntary Article must analyze the topic it is discussing; it must present accurate, verifiable corroboration for factual assertions; it can criticize but not attack Coop practices and personnel; if critical it must present positive solutions; it cannot be solely or mainly opinion. It must strive to make a positive contribution to the understanding of the reader on a topic. If a submitted Voluntary Article is substantially opinion, it must be re-submitted, under 500 words, as a Letter to the Editor, possibly to a future issue. Editors will reject articles that are essentially just advertisements for member businesses, those of family and friends of members, solely expressions of opinion or that do not follow the guidelines and policies.

Committee Reports: Maximum 1,000 words. Reports must follow the published guidelines and policies.

LETTERS, ARTICLES AND REPORTS SUBMISSION POLICIES

Letters must be the opinion of the letter-writer and can contain no more than 25% non-original writing.

All submissions must be written by the writer. Letters or articles that are form letters, chain letters, template letters or letters prepared by someone other than the submitting member will be rejected.

Letters, articles and reports must adhere to the Fairness, Anonymity and Respect policies. They cannot be hateful, needlessly inflammatory, discriminatory libelous, personal attacks or make unsubstantiated claims or accusations or be contrary to the values of the Coop as expressed in our mission statement.

All submissions must be legible, intelligible, civil, well and concisely written with accurate, attributed, easily verifiable statements of facts separated from opinions.

Letter and article writers are limited to one letter or article per issue.

Letter and article writers cannot write gratuitous serial submissions. Editors may reject submissions to consecutive editions of the *Gazette* on the same topic by the same writer.

Editor-Writer Guidelines: All submissions will be reviewed and, if necessary, edited or rejected by the editor. Writers are responsible for the factual content of their stories. Editors must make a reasonable effort to contact and communicate with writers regarding any questions or proposed editorial changes. Writers must be available to editors to confer about their submissions. If a writer does not respond to requests for editorial changes, the editor may make the changes without conferring with the writer, or reject the submission. If agreement between the writer and the editor about changes does not occur after a first revision, the editor may reject the submission, and the writer may revise and resubmit for a future issue.

FAIRNESS, ANONYMITY AND RESPECT POLICIES

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, factual coverage:

Fairness

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 unnecessary, not specific or are not substantiated by factual assertions. The *Gazette* will not publish gratuitous personalization. That is, no unnecessary naming of Coop members in polemical letters and articles. Writers must address ideas not persons.
3. Submissions that make substantive accusations against specific individuals, necessary to make the point of the submission and within the Fairness, Anonymity and Respect policies 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.

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.

Respect

Submissions to the *Gazette* must not be hateful, racist, sexist, otherwise discriminatory, inflammatory or needlessly provocative. They may not be personally derogatory or insulting, even when strongly criticizing an individual member's actions.

The *Gazette* is a collaboration among Coop members. When submitting, please consider the impact of your words on the writers, editors and production staff who use our limited workslot time to try to produce an informative and cooperative publication that reflects the values of our Coop community.

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SUMMERTIME

DON'T FORGET YOUR COOP SHIFT!



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

One way to do it is to use the Shift Swap at www.foodcoop.com!

If you plan on being away for eight weeks or more, contact the Membership Office to take a leave of absence.

YOUR CO-WORKERS WILL LOVE YOU FOR IT!

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
Sushi *A buyer is available during the week-days to discuss your concerns.

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.

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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 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

The fourth FRIDAY of the month at 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.

General Meeting Info

TUE, AUGUST 25

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, SEPTEMBER 1

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the September 29 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

August 20 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, August 10
September 3 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, August 24

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

August 20 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, August 12
September 3 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, August 26

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 on foodcoop.com 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

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 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 published on foodcoop.com 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. 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.

• Squads eligible for credit:

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:

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

• 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. We seek to maximize participation at every level, from policy making to running the store.

We welcome all who respect these values.

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calendar of events

aug 7
fri 7 pm**Film Night:
A Series of Short Films**

The Marion Lake Story is a compelling tale of an ecological crisis: the complete degradation—and eventual restoration—of an 18-acre lake on the east end of Long Island, NY, that provides crucial habitat for migrating birds, rare turtles and other flora and fauna, but is being choked to death by the invasive reed, the australis phragmite.

Directed by Great Schiller. *Chronicle of a Death Postponed* explores the observations and routines of a physically challenged man during a long and difficult illness as he fights to reclaim his life. Directed by Richard Millen. *Touch of Grey* is a coming-of-age story about a young couple living together in New York City. Set in the mid '80s, this film explores the hardships of human emotions. Experience Frank Montero as Eddie, a hard-working janitor who grew up on the mean streets of New York City. Watch Eddie as he tangles at the strings of his heart over his girlfriend Cynthia portrayed by Emma Marks. Cynthia, a privileged farm girl from Wisconsin is a struggling dancer trying to climb up the ladder of New York City's performing-arts scene. Directed by Jesse Barrera. *Three Short Films About the Critical Mass Bike Ride* is an eyewitness account of the Critical Mass bicycle rides in NYC and San Francisco, originally screened internationally as part of the Bicycle Film Festival, then the Philly Bike Expo, North American Handmade Bike Show, and Cable TV, among many others. Directed by Stephen Arthur.

To book a Film Night, contact Gabriel Rhodes, gabrielrhodes@me.com.

aug 25
tue 7 pm**PSFC AUG 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: Annual Hearing Officers Committee Election (20 minutes)

Election: The Hearing Officers Committee will present one candidate for the committee. Hearing Officers work on an FTOP basis when needed and serve three-year terms.

—submitted by the Hearing Officer Committee

Item 2: No New GMO Products (45 minutes)

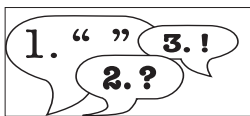
Discussion: Proposal to ban new GMO products from the Park Slope Food Coop.

—submitted by Kathy Price and Greg Todd

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.

sep 1
tue 8 pm**Agenda Committee Meeting**

The Committee reviews pending agenda items and creates the agenda for future General Meetings. Drop by and talk with committee members face-to-face between 8:00 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, September 29, 7 p.m., at MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts.

sep 3
thu 7:30 pm**Food Class: Intro to Nut-Based
"Cheese" Making**

Olivia Roszkowski, Coordinator

Witness the process of transforming health-supportive ingredients like almonds, agar, cashews, miso, brown rice vinegar, probiotic powder, garbanzo bean flour, arrowroot and macadamia into artisanal "cheese" flavor profiles. Chef **Olivia Roszkowski** will discuss the fermentation process, how to achieve the perfect texture, as well as choosing flavor profiles. This class will use vegan and gluten free ingredients, available at the Food Coop. Chef Oliva graduated from Columbia University with a degree in Neuroscience and Behavior. After completing the Chef Training Program at the Natural Gourmet Institute, she worked as a line cook at Jean Georges' (The) Mercer Kitchen, David Chang's Momofuku Ssam Bar, as well as Danny Meyer's Union Square Events. She currently works as a Chef Instructor at the Natural Gourmet Institute and as a private chef. *Menu includes: heirloom tomato salad with macadamia "feta" and shaved red onions; crispy cauliflower "wings" with pine nut "smoked gouda" dip; black bean, avocado, lime nachos with almond "pepper jack"; blueberry marbled cashew "cheesecake."*

ASL interpreter may be available upon advance request. If you would like to request an ASL interpreter, please contact Ginger Jung in the Membership Office by August 20.

Materials fee: \$4. Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Olivia Roszkowski.

sep 8
tue 7 pm**Safe Food Committee Film Night:
Seeds of Time**

A perfect storm is brewing as agriculture pioneer Cary Fowler races against time to protect the future of our food. Seed banks around the world are crumbling, crop failures are producing starvation and rioting, and the accelerating effects of climate change are affecting farmers globally. Communities of indigenous Peruvian farmers are already suffering those effects, as they try desperately to save over 1,500 varieties of native potato in their fields. But with little time to waste, both Fowler and the farmers embark on passionate and personal journeys that may save the one resource we cannot live without: our seeds.

See upcoming events, past reviews and a comprehensive list of films shown at www.plowtoplatefilms.com which can now also be reached via a link on the Park Slope Food Coop's home page at www.foodcoop.com.

sep 11
fri 7 pm**Wordsprouts**

Authors to be announced.

Bookings: John Donohue, wordsproutspfc@gmail.com.

sep 12
sat 9 am**New Paradigm Multi-
dimensional Transformation**

We will discuss the energy of Shamballa, build vortexes, do clearing meditation, and receive activations calling on the Ascended Masters and Archangels for their healing love and light. Join **Esme Carubi** for two hours to introduce New Paradigm Multidimensional Transformation. Esme is a New Paradigm MDT practitioner, an Angel Therapist and a Coop member.

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 the Park Slope Food Coop.

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sep 12
sat 12 pm

Test Prep Sanity

How to help your child excel on standardized tests without driving each other crazy. Test-prep tutor and best-selling author **Elie Venezky** walks you through every step of the testing process, including which tests to take, how to talk about the test with your child, and how to handle complaining. Learn how to create a calm, sane environment at home and avoid the biggest mistakes that dissuade children from studying. Coop member Elie Venezky has been preparing students for standardized tests for more than 15 years. He is the Educational Director of Prestige Prep and the author of three books on education: *Test Prep Sanity*, *Test Prep Sanity for Students*, and *Hack Your Brain*.

sep 12
sat 3 pm

Building Co-operative Power

Stories and strategies from worker co-operatives in the Connecticut River Valley. *Building Co-operative Power* is a guide and inspiration for co-operative development in any region. It introduces the history and concept of worker co-operation and relays past and present stories. It addresses obstacles and opportunities for building a regional co-operative economy of worker co-ops, food co-ops and credit unions. **Michael Johnson** co-founded the Ganas Intentional Community in Staten Island, NY, in 1980 and the SolidarityNYC organization in 2011. He is an editorial member of the *Grassroots Economic Organizing* (GEO) journal, where he also blogs.

sep 13
sun 12 pm

Alternatives to Boycotting

How many narratives are there in the Israel-Palestine conflict? One above all? Two competing ones? How about five narratives? How about one hundred? If you've always felt that "pro" or "anti" positions only put us at odds, and that angry resolutions help no one, you should come and bring your alternative solutions for peace in the Middle East and for our beautiful Coop. This will NOT be a debate on the pros and cons of boycotting. It will be a place for New Narratives. The conversation is changing. Finally! **Jesse Rosenfeld** is a Coop member since 2004, secretary for the General Meeting, and is helping to bring a new brand of Palestinian olive oil to our shelves. He believes in empowerment, not boycotts.

sep 19
sat 12 pm

Help Your Kids Grow From Challenges

In this short workshop, we'll delve into the psychology of attention and resilience, as well as learning a few simple tools for helping kids—and adults—overcome and grow from challenges. Supported by scientific research, these methods have been shown to improve focus, emotional regulation, and pattern recognition skills. You'll also leave with some practical tips for implementing these simple and effective techniques in daily life. Presented by Coop member **David Wolovsky**. David is a teacher, educational innovator, and certified Positive Psychology Practitioner.

sep 19
sat 3 pm

Be-Friending Your Inner Critic

Nonviolent/compassionate communication for greater self-empathy, understanding, and connection. Are you your own best friend—or your worst enemy? Come learn some simple and powerful tools to transform negative self-talk and demands into greater awareness, self-compassion, action and choice. Transform those nasty inner critics into advocates! **Dian Killian**, PhD, has been a Coop member for 15 years and is a Certified Trainer with the international Center for Nonviolent Communication, director of Work Collaboratively, LLC, and co-author of the popular book, *Connecting across Differences as well as Urban Empathy*, that features a story set in the Coop!

sep 25
fri 6:30 pm

ITES Public Forum: Analyzing the Text of the TPP

Guest experts will concentrate on the sections about campaigns in which the Coop participates: country of origin and GMO labeling; buy local and buy America; and no to fracking. As well as aspects which affect us all: extension of pharmaceutical patents and Internet access and U.S. jobs; and especially the Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) which invites investors to sue a government that regulates corporate behavior to protect human rights or labor rights, the environment. Our blog, CoopITES.wordpress.com has articles to prepare for the discussion. Non-members are most welcome. And please join us at a community forum with CD 9 Representative Yvette Clarke and others scheduled for Wednesday evening, August 19, at the Park Slope United Methodist Church. Check the blog to confirm the day and time.

sep 26
sat 12 pm

Anger Management 101

Are you or someone you know suddenly angry with loved ones or someone at work? Never knowing when the anger will explode? Have other people told you or someone you know they are ready to leave because of your anger? Anger is a common emotion that when used correctly can clear the air of misunderstanding, change wrongs to rights and improve relationships both home and work. This hour will be devoted to: 1. Understanding the nature of anger. 2. Learning about the latest neuroscience about anger. 3. Knowing the triggers that set off anger. 4. How manage those triggers. Coop member **Raymond Reichenberg** is a Certified Anger Management Association Specialist and New York State–Licensed Psychoanalyst. He has been doing therapy for 30 years and the last 10 years doing anger management presentation in the NYC area.

sep 26
sat 7:30 pm

Money Madness

Are you blocked when it comes to dealing with money? Either clueless or unable to take the actions you know you need to take? If so you are not at all alone. In this session we will talk about the different ways people think about money, how that affects their behavior and better ways of coping. You will leave with clarity about your next steps and how to get help taking them. Arthur Goodman is a financial planner and longtime member of the Food Coop. He is very interested in behavioral finance and how our culture and experience affect how we think and act about our money.

still to come

sep 29 College Admissions 101

sep 29 PSFC SEPTEMBER General Meeting

oct 1 Food Class

oct 2 Film Night

oct 6 Agenda Committee Meeting

oct 9 Wordsprouts

oct 13 Safe Food Committee Film Night

oct 16 Prospect Concert

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



THE BIKE RACKS ARE AT THE MERCY OF TRUCKS!

TO THE EDITOR:

A fellow member/cyclist pointed out to me the latest damaged bike rack in front of the PSFC at about 8:50 p.m. on 7/20/2015 as I was parking my bike to shop that night.

The subject of this letter is a quote from a long time PSFC paid staff member made on 4/20/2015 during my work shift.

I've only started to pay attention to these damaged racks in 2015, three so far, all at different locations.

Personally, I find the best and safest bicycle parking space in front of the PSFC is not even a bicycle rack at all, but the short metal black fence around the tree pit away from the curb!

Please contact Brad Lander's office at lander@council.nyc.gov and the DOT at cityrack@dot.nyc.gov to help petition for a better, safer bicycle parking situation than the one that currently exists as of this writing, Part 6, on 7/22/2015 at the PSFC, and even consider writing your own letter to the editor.

Stephen Arthur



PHOTO BY STEPHEN ARTHUR

GREEN CUPS, PLEASE

DEAR MEMBERS:

I am puzzled as to why we still have non-recyclable (and not recycled) plastic cups in our bathrooms. Are we still ordering them? Can we get something greener like bamboo or recycled paper which people can purchase for a nominal fee? Or, better yet, we can have no cups and we can fill up our own water bottles.

Lisa Badner

BYLAWS & MISSION STATEMENT: PROGRESSIVE TRADITION OF BOYCOTTS AT THE COOP

MEMBERS:

Two important guideposts for the progressive tradition of boycotts reside in the Bylaws and Mission Statement of the Coop. The Bylaws say: all matters shall be decided by a majority vote of those present and voting at the GM (General Meeting). This is in keeping with Robert's Rules used at the GM. It states that a fundamental principle in democratic societies is that the majority rules. A majority vote simply means that more than half of those voting approve a motion, a boycott motion, 51%-49%.

Robert's Rules says a two-thirds vote is necessary for amending bylaws. Some actions, that are so important, require both previous notice and a two-thirds vote. Requiring a vote higher than a majority or two-thirds can allow a minority to rule instead of the majority. The proposal, "A Smarter, More Cooperative Policy" calling for at least a 75% majority is out-of-step with the democratic voting tradition at the PSFC.

The other guidepost for the Coop's progressive tradition is the Mission Statement. There has been a long history for applying economic pressure by boycotting products only when they violate our Mission Statement. That is, when conditions for producing that product are made by the exploitation of workers and exploitation of the environment. Within the context of these values and principles, the members acting as responsible neighbors (domestically and globally) have voted to boycott products. The proposal for at least a 75% majority to pass a boycott motion will serve to put at risk the Mission Statement's support for ending the exploitative conditions

impacting workers and the environment.

In a recent letter to the editor (*Gazette* 7/23/15), Jesse Rosenfeld, who submitted the proposal states he is a committed anti-boycotter. His proposal reflects his anti-boycott position. It is contrary to both the Coop's Bylaws for a democratic majority vote and minimizes the social concerns of the Mission Statement. A boycott motion at the Coop is not frivolous but recommends for the Coop membership to democratically consider taking responsibility for the world we live in as reflected in our Mission Statement. As this proposal evades both, it should be shuttered.

Note: The backdrop for this proposal is an upcoming motion for the membership to vote on a boycott of SodaS-team products (the home seltzer maker) manufactured by an Israeli company.

Sources: The Amended

Bylaws of Park Slope Food Coop, Inc.,

Article VI, Meetings, (4).

Robert's Rule of Order: Chapter 5, Voting.

Mary Buchwald

PSFC members for BDS

www.psfcbds.wordpress.com

THOUGHTS FROM THE ENTRANCE DESK

DEAR MEMBERS:

Things I noticed when I worked at the entrance desk:

1. The Membership program is version 45.1 (!)
2. Member #1 is Minnie O. La Tangelo
3. There is Member 9, 99 and 9999, but there is no member 999.
4. The keyboard is a flexible keyboard.
5. My picture from 1995 is very out of date.
6. There is a new look for the screen. It now tells you what week we're on, and also the next shift for the member who's entering.

Yigal Rechtman

GOOD SAMARITANS AMONG US

DEAR EDITOR,

I found a new reason to love the Park Slope Food Coop. Today while at check-out I was getting ready to pay for my items when I realized I forgot my wallet at home and did not even have a dollar to spare. The woman checking out next to me said, "I can cover you with my debit card and you can just mail me a check." I don't know any market where a complete stranger would do such a deed.

Sincerely,
Dina Rabiner



EXPERIENCED ORGANIZERS, DESIGNERS, AND PROJECT MANAGERS NEEDED!



As part of Principle 6, Cooperation Among Cooperatives, the Food Coop is supporting the burgeoning Cooperative Economics Alliance of NYC (CEANYC) to build and expand the solidarity and cooperative economy in the five boroughs.

Coop members with the following skills can receive FTOP credit for filling the following recurring roles:

- web and graphic design • website development
- outreach and community organizing
- project management and meeting facilitation
- secretary and treasurer duties

We are seeking members who reflect the diversity of the Coop. E-mail ceanycorganizers@gmail.com with a resume or portfolio and why you would like to support cooperation in NYC.

RECYCLE GALORE!



WHAT'S BEING COLLECTED:

Toothpaste tubes, any brand and size (toothbrushes OK too)

Baby food pouches and caps (any brand)

Energy bar wrappers (any brand but only energy bars—no other wrappers please)

Brita filters (other filter brands okay) plus other Brita filter-related items

Plastic food storage zip lock bags (any size), plastic cling wrap, and small bulk bags (NO PLASTIC ROLL BAGS OR SHOPPING BAGS)

Cereal bag and cracker bag liners or bulk cereal bags (any brand)



WHEN: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 4pm - 6pm
4th Saturday of the month, 2pm - 4pm

WHERE: Outside in front of the Coop or inside during inclement weather

PSFC / TerraCycle Recycling Collections

The vote is in and members at the May GM unanimously voted to create work shifts to collect a variety of hard-to-recycle packaging in partnership with TerraCycle.

Save up your eligible waste for upcoming collection dates.

QUESTIONS: ecokvetch@yahoo.com

LEARN MORE: www.terracycle.com

Note: Presort and separate items by category. No need to clean or remove labels. Do not bring items other than those listed here.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The printing of Letters and Articles relating to BDS and anti-BDS subjects will be suspended to allow the *Gazette* staff to devise and propose a fair and comprehensive editorial policy regarding the management of controversial issues. The suspension will be lifted if a topic appearing on the GM Agenda warrants it to allow discussion before and after the GM presentation. This suspension is regarded as temporary until such time as a new editorial policy is in place. ■




Please protect your feet and toes while working your shift at the Coop by not wearing sandals or other open-toed footwear.

**Thanks for your cooperation,
The Park Slope Food Coop**

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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BROOKLYN

WEEKEND BIKE VALET PARKING

Saturdays (April 4 to Nov 21) 1 to 5 pm
Sundays (April 5 to Nov 22) 3:30 to 7:30 pm

Leave your bike, stroller, scooter, or cart while you work or shop. No locks, no worries, no theft!

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CLASSIFIEDS

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HOUSE ON 3RD. B+B, parlor floor, thru apt. Sleeps 4, wi-fi, kitchenette, deck, 12' ceilings, private bath. Enjoy modern comfort in true Park Slope style. Grandparents our specialty. houseon3st.com, or call us at 718-788-7171.

CLASSES/GROUPS

VIOLIN LESSONS: Experienced performer teaches classical, Celtic and Indian music in Brooklyn Heights studio. All ages and levels welcome, including artists wishing to learn one of the genres above or to improvise. Email Michael at mbrady@mindspring.com or call 718-596-6772. www.michaelbraudy.com.

SERVICES AVAILABLE

EXPRESS MOVES. One flat price for the entire move! No deceptive hourly estimates! Careful, expe-

rienced mover. Everything quilt padded. No extra charge for wardrobes and packing tape. Specialist in walkups. Thousands of satisfied customers. Great Coop references. 718-670-7071.

MADISON AVENUE HAIRCUTTER is right around the corner from the Food Coop, so if you would like a really good haircut at a decent price, please call Maggie at 718-783-2154. I charge \$60.

HAIRCUTS HAIRCUTS HAIRCUTS. Color, highlights, low lights, hot oil treatments in the convenience of your home or mine. Kids cuts \$20.00-\$25.00. Adults \$35.00-\$40.00. Call Leonora 718-857-2215.

ATTORNEY—Personal Injury Emphasis—37 years experience in all aspects of injury law. Individual attention provided for entire case. Free phone or office consultations. Prompt, courteous communications. 25-year Food Coop member; Park

Slope resident; downtown Brooklyn office. Tom Guccione, 718-596-4184, also at www.tguccionelaw.com.

VACATION RENTALS

SPRING – SUMMER – FALL Studio, 1 and 2 BR houses in historic Westchester cooperative near the Hudson, 1 hour from NYC. Dating from 1929, this 3-season community has pool, tennis, organic garden, social hall with internet and social activities. \$25-\$98K. www.reynoldshills.org melgarfinkel@yahoo.com 917-880-5419.

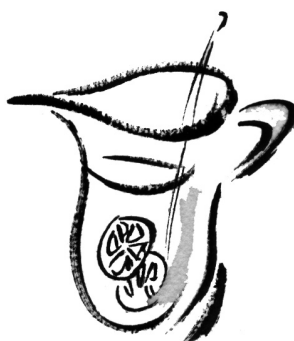


ILLUSTRATION BY NINA FRENKEL

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

★ **EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES** ★

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.

STORE EQUIPMENT CLEANING
Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 to 8 a.m.

This job entails meticulous deep cleaning of the store’s checkout equipment and furniture. Workers are required to read and follow detailed instructions for cleaning the scales, printers, and monitors as well as cleaning the furniture and organizing checkout worker’s tools and supplies. Vacuuming, sweeping and dusting involved.

OFFICE SET-UP
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 6 to 8:30 a.m.

Need an early riser with lots of energy to do a variety of physical tasks including: setting up tables and chairs, buying food and supplies, labeling and putting away food and supplies, recycling, washing dishes and making coffee. Sound like your dream come true? This job might be for you. Please speak to Adriana or Cynthia in the Membership Office for more information.

BATHROOM CLEANING
Tuesday and Thursday, 12 to 2:00 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
Saturday and Sunday, 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

This workslot has two responsibilities. 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. You will be working with a partner on these tasks. Please contact Annette or Jana in the Membership Office for further information.

OFFICE DATA ENTRY
Wednesday, 4 to 6:45 p.m.

Must have been a member for at least one year with excellent attendance. Are you a stickler for details and accurate on the computer? Do you like working independently? If this sounds like you, then Office Data Entry will be your perfect shift. Please speak to Ginger Jung in the membership office (or put a note in her mailbox) prior to the first shift for more information and schedule training. Must make a 6 month commitment to the workslot.

CHECK STORE SUPPLIES
Monday and Saturday, 9 to 11:45 a.m.

This workslot is responsible for restocking supplies on the Shopping floor, at checkout lanes, entrance desks and the cashier stations, and in the basement. This is a task and detailed-oriented job, ideal for someone who likes working independently and is pro-active. Please speak to Alex in the Membership Office or contact him at alex_marquez@psfc.coop if you are interested.

GENERAL MEETING SET-UP
Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

Adaptable, physically energetic, team workers with excellent attendance needed to help set up and break down the space where the General Meeting is held. Contact Adriana Becerra, Membership Coordinator, adriana_becerra@psfc.coop.

Crossword Answers

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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 Linewriters' Gazette...

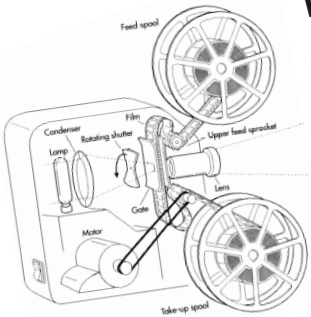
Send an e-mail to Len Neufeld, Gazette indexer, at lenneufeld@verizon.net, to request PDF files of either or both of the following indexes:

- *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 to the present, with article titles, issue dates, and page numbers (titles and subjects for earlier years are being added).*

Many of the Gazette issues referenced in these indexes are available as PDFs on the Coop's website. (Copies of these and additional issues are also available at Brooklyn's Central Library, located at Flatbush Ave. and Eastern Pkwy. on Grand Army Plaza.)

ARE YOU A BROOKLYN-BASED FILMMAKER?

Would you like to screen your work at the Coop?



Then submit your film for possible inclusion in the Coop's Friday Film Night Screening Series.

If you're a Coop member you'll receive one FTOP credit for screening and offering a Q+A with your film. If you're not a member, it's still a chance to spread the word about your work and build your fan base by screening for a local audience.

We accept documentary and fiction, both features and shorts (we program shorts as a group).

Please e-mail Gabriel Rhodes for details at gabrielrhodes@me.com.



NOTICE TO COOP MEMBER/OWNERS

INTERIM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION
WHEN? REQUIRED GENERAL MEETING, OCTOBER 27, 2015

The Members of the Board of Directors have received written notification from Zoey Laskaris that she will resign her seat on the Board of Directors as of the end of the day on August 31, 2015. Our Bylaws state "In the case of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, there shall be an election held at a regular Board of Directors meeting to fill the vacancy. Such meeting shall be held no less than 30 days nor more than 60 days after the vacancy occurs. The Board may hold the vacancy open to be filled at the next Annual Meeting provided that the vacancy is created with less than six months remaining before the Annual Meeting and provided there is only one vacancy. A Director elected to fill a vacancy shall serve only until the next Annual Meeting, at which meeting the membership shall elect a Director to serve for the balance of the term."

Therefore the required date for the election is Tuesday, October 27, 2015. Furthermore the Bylaws state that "The ballot used for the Directors election shall provide for voting 'yes' or 'no' or 'abstain' for each candidate. Any candidate who receives more 'no' votes than 'yes' votes is deemed ineligible for election."

If you're interested in running for this Board opening, come to the October 27, 2015 General Meeting and nominate yourself from the floor. Please be prepared to say a few words about yourself and your interest in joining the Board of Directors. ■