

THE NEWAITEES GAZETTE



The Last Ever Park Slope Food Coop Parking Emergency Article (We hope!)



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Warning sign within the fire zone of Coop neighbor FDNY Squad 1. Vehicles in the fire zone and double parked on Union Street are worrisome because they can seriously delay the Squad's response time in emergency situations.

By Karen Gardner

It was a Monday afternoon at the Coop earlier this fall and a delivery truck came in several hours behind schedule.

The 18-wheeler rolled down Union Street just as another truck arrived. In front of the Coop, a member had double-parked. As one of the trucks tried to turn into the Coop's loading zone, it was stuck due to the double-parked car, stopping the other truck behind it, blocking traffic.

At this moment, a call came

in to the Brooklyn's Squad 1 Firehouse: there was an emergency involving a small child. But the fire truck was not able to exit the firehouse as traffic was blocked.

And thus, here we are, publishing the *Linewaiters' Gazette's* eighth article about parking and the firehouse. Here we are again.

The Squad 1 team did its job that day. They got to the emergency and assisted Brooklynites in need of immediate assistance.

according to a Fire Department spokesman.

As for the double-parked car, when its owner was paged, the member moved it immediately. But the traffic jam was already there.

This is not about one member or one moment, but a relationship among neighbors. This is a problem every day. Every day there is a page to move a car—sometimes the member reacts, sometimes not.

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Member-Created Coop App Gets Applause From Shoppers

By Leila Darabi

Software engineer and Coop member Jonah Burke takes his checkout shift very seriously, learning the names of each variety of fruit and vegetable on offer and even memorizing the so-called “price look up” codes for common items to speed up the process for customers.

So back in January, when Burke wanted to teach himself a new programming language and needed a meaty side project to practice using it, he got an idea: design a mobile phone app for Coop members.

"I wanted to know when new produce came into the store," he said. "So I thought, let me get a program that will send a push notification when new produce comes in."

Now, members who search “Park Slope Food Coop” in the iOS App Store can download a free app that includes this feature. The app also has a barcode grabber so members can scan their card onto their phone then use their phone at the front entrance; an index of every produce item with a link

to the Wikipedia page defining it; every Coop produce supplier, and price and availability of each item; a link to the Coop phone number; and a work shift tracker.

Currently, the app is only available for iPhone users.

Getting the Word Out

The launch of the app in early September was covered by News 12 Brooklyn, DNA Info and Park Slope Patch. Burke also announced the app at the last General Meeting to “thunderous applause,” according to the *Gazette* reporter covering the event.

"It was pretty loud," Burke agreed. "Whoops were heard."

About 1,250 people have downloaded the app, according to Burke, who credited the Coop's Twitter and Instagram accounts as well as his local barista, Coop member Jen Ziegler, of Café Martin, for helping spread the word.

To reach more members, he also designed a series of posters with clever headlines, including: "Never miss a beet," "For the longest line"

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Next General Meeting on October 31

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The October General Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 31, at 7:00 p.m. at **St. Francis Xavier School, 763 President St., between Sixth and Seventh Aves.**

The agenda is in this *Gazette*, on 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

Thu, Nov 2 • Food Class: *Global Spice Mixes* 7:30 p.m.

Fri, Nov 3 • Film Night: *The Work* 7:00 p.m.

Fri, Nov 10 • Wordsprouts:
A Night of Poetry & Verse 7:00 p.m.

Tue, Nov 14 • Plow-to-Plate Film: *Fish Tail* 7:00 p.m.

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

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Coop Parking

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Squad Co. 1

Brooklyn's Squad Co. 1 and the Park Slope Food Coop have been neighbors since the Coop opened in 1973. While the fire station originally was equipped only to respond to fires, for many years now it has provided emergency medical services as well.

These services, naturally, have been a great help to the Park Slope community, as well as the Coop itself. Elinor Astrinsky, General Coordinator at the Coop, said that when an emergency occurs in the Coop, staff always call 911 and sends someone running over to Squad Co. 1.

Our neighbor firefighters are always the first to respond, no matter how busy they are, no matter what is happening. They have pried our elevator open, they have responded to seizures, slips, and falls. Squad Co. 1 is always there when we call.

Captain Flatley and the firefighters of Squad Co. 1 have a dangerous and important job. They move fast, and people's lives depend on their speed.

In Brooklyn, this September, there were 12,919 life-threatening incidents (including cardiac arrest and choking) that Brooklyn firefighters responded to. The average response time for these incidents was six minutes and 37 seconds.

In this same month in our borough there were 601 structural fires, with an average response time of three minutes and 43 seconds, and 307 non-structural fires with an average response time of four minutes and six seconds. As

firefighters know all too well, minutes lost are quite literally a matter of life or death. Firefighters are not only saving others' lives, but also risking their own.

There was an emergency involving a small child. But the fire truck was not able to exit.

In response to this story, Frank Dwyer of the Fire Department press office asked Coop members to remember that "any obstacle—be it a double parked car or a vehicle directly impeding a fire apparatus from leaving a firehouse—creates a dangerous condition for FDNY members and the people they are responding to help."

No Parking, Waiting, Pick-Ups, Drop-Offs

There is a large sign in the street between the firehouse and the Coop. It says: "No parking, waiting, pick-ups, drop-offs, with the reminder, in all caps, FIRE ZONE." This sign is a reminder, a reminder that if a member just wants one minute to stop and load up, that one minute can cause a traffic jam, or a fire truck to be delayed. One minute of convenience can mean another person going several minutes without emergency medical care, or without assistance in a fire.

Astrinsky explained that the no parking zone is delineated with paint lines that look like light beams. It stretches from the space between the firehouse and the Coop all the way across the firehouse, with room for a truck to turn in either direction. Across the street from the firehouse and up toward



The fire zone marked by tangential white lines in front of the FDNY Squad 1 firehouse.

Seventh Avenue, there are parking spots reserved for firefighters with official DOT no parking signs. It's imperative that no one stops or waits in the fire zone or these spots.

Parking is permitted anywhere there are municipal meters, though double-parking is not permitted anywhere on Union Street.

Parking is, without question, very difficult in Park Slope—and has only become more difficult over the years. And at the end of a long day, or when your kids are tired, you are tired, it's raining—for innumerable reasons—it makes sense to just want to stop quickly, to wait in your car outside while your friend or family member runs in for something, or to call a car before you've come outside. It does say "loading zone" after all.

However, the loading zone is for trucks. The Coop has trucks arriving on weekdays starting at 4:30 in the morning. Sometimes they arrive after 6 p.m.

There are trucks that come on weekends as well. The Coop runs a \$54 million business, selling more than \$1 million worth of goods every week. An immense number of products is going in through the receiving doors and out to members' kitchens.

Astrinsky reminded me that the Coop is selling a case of produce a minute and an even greater number of groceries. The Coop is limited to a relatively small loading zone, and needs the entirety of that space to ensure that our shelves are stocked.

During the day, it's best not to stand or wait in the loading zone, because trucks need to be coming in and out all day and Union Street gets backed up very quickly. Parking or waiting

farther away from the Coop allows traffic to move more quickly and the fire department, as well as Coop staff, to do their jobs more easily.

It's always a good option to use the "walker" service to bring your groceries to your car. After 6 p.m. it is ok to use a cell phone to coordinate swift loading and unloading from the loading zone, but please do not call your taxi, friend or family member to come to the loading area until you are outside the Coop. If someone is waiting for you, ask them to go around the block until you are outside.

The History

The Coop, its staff, and members have worked hard over the years to solve congestion on Union Street. Astrinsky told me the Coop staff once sent out letters to all our vendors to say that if truck drivers continued to double-park, the Coop would no longer do business with them. The Coop staff also sends letters to local car service companies, asking them not to wait outside.

We can do better. We have to change. We've been writing about this too long.

A couple of years ago, with the help of then-Captain Simon Ressler, General Manager Joe Holtz was able to elongate our loading zone, helping to ease traffic. The loading zone is directly in front of the Coop, with a sign that says truck-only loading zone from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. However, as trucks start arriving at 4 a.m. or before, it's best not to park there from 4 a.m.

In other efforts, the Coop created signage that stays on the street to remind members not to stop or wait and increased staffing so that staff can help vendors unload as quickly as possible.

The Coop also created the walker program, which allows members to park a little farther away than might be convenient

and not have to return their carts, and helps close neighbors not to have to drive at all.

Despite all these efforts, Coop members have continued to stop, wait, double-park, and call cabs or cars before they have finished their shopping.

The Pressure Cooker

Everyone is under pressure—members trying to get in and out of the crush of the Coop on already too-full days; Coop staff dealing with the same problems again and again, asking nicely the first 30 times; and firefighters risking their lives in dangerous emergencies to save others. Situations can heat up very quickly.

A firefighter recently wondered, given how much Coop members are so concerned with the environment and community, why we can't get our community not to park in the first responders' driveway next door. I think he had a fair point.

Astrinsky said that the firefighters have the authority to issue fines and tickets, but the Squad Co. 1 doesn't move Coop members' cars. It's not their job. Their job is to fight fires and save lives. They don't want to police our parking.

Building a Better Future

Astrinsky says she can envision a better future, where the Coop lives up to its mission by being a good neighbor to the firefighters, who are good neighbors to us. She asks that if you are just going in to grab one thing and in the car with a friend or family member, ask them to meet you on Sixth Avenue instead of in front of the Coop, or ask them to park and walk with a walker to the car.

And please don't double park. If necessary, park on Seventh Avenue. Pay \$1 and hope that when you need emergency assistance, someone has cleared the way in return.

We can do better. We have to change. We've been writing about this too long, and the firemen have certainly been waiting too long. ■

CREATE A BLOCKAGE-FREE ZONE IN FRONT OF THE FIREHOUSE AND COOP

DO:

1. Be mindful of not blocking firehouse. Observe painted lines and signs.
2. Move your car immediately if asked to do so by staff, members or FDNY.
3. Please park away from Coop. OUTS workers will walk to bus, subway, your car or home.
4. Ask your car service driver to stop beyond the firehouse closer to Seventh Ave.

DON'T:

1. Block the firehouse for any reason.
2. Leave your car in front of Coop. It is a truck-only loading zone until 10 p.m. all week.
3. Double-park near Coop. Union St. gets blocked easily.
4. Park across the street in FDNY-reserved spaces.
5. Call car service too soon.

THANK YOU! THE FDNY, COOP STAFF AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE WILL APPRECIATE IT.

Coop App

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and “The omnivore’s nirvana.” They can be found in places like local cafes and shops and on Instagram and Twitter.

Burke praises his roommate, food justice writer and researcher Siena Chrisman, with helping him develop app features that foster a connection between consumers and the people who grow their food.

Chrisman herself initially wasn’t very excited about this project. “I remember him coming into the kitchen one day and saying ‘Siena, look at this’ and he showed me a barcode on a phone. And I was like ‘ok’ and he was so excited about it and he explained that it was his Coop card.”

The turning point came when Burke began to add more information about seasonal produce and the farms that supply the Coop.

“It’s been exciting to get the little notification, ‘Oh blueberries are here; that’s so great!’” said Chrisman.

A Virtual Membership Card

On a recent Saturday afternoon visit to the Coop, many members had not yet learned of the app’s existence, including all but one member working checkout. Ally Barlow and Sarah, who preferred to share only her first name, sat at the front entrance scanners, dutifully checking people into the store, letting them know their alert status and sending members with visitors upstairs to sign them in.

In hundreds of scans, each had only encountered a shopper with the Coop app once. Barlow’s encounter had happened earlier that day.

“The person who used it flashed her phone, placed it in front of the scanner and even

more quickly than the cards work, it read it, and that was it!”

Currently, the app works to scan into the store. But it can’t be used to scan at checkout until the Coop’s technology staff conducts a round of updates. Scanning one’s phone at the Coop entrance automatically generates a paper slip barcode for checkout, the same slip that pops out when a member number is entered manually.

The difference, the Saturday check-in team agreed, was speed. As Sarah shared, while many members think they are saving time upon entrance, the growing proportion of members who recite their number rather than scan their cards increases the time it takes for each to enter the store.

Entering numbers manually also takes extra time, which means longer lines. By both Sarah’s and Barlow’s estimation, the Coop app could make their jobs easier and lines to enter the store shorter.

Rave Reviews

During this conversation, member Jackson Krule pulled out his phone and scanned the app, which he learned about through a notice on the Coop’s Instagram feed.

“I thought it was so cool that you could scan your card,” he said. “I don’t use my card at the front anymore.”

Krule said he used a num-

ber of the features, including calling the Coop office (“I don’t know the number”) to check how many shifts he owed (“That’s a problem for me.”)

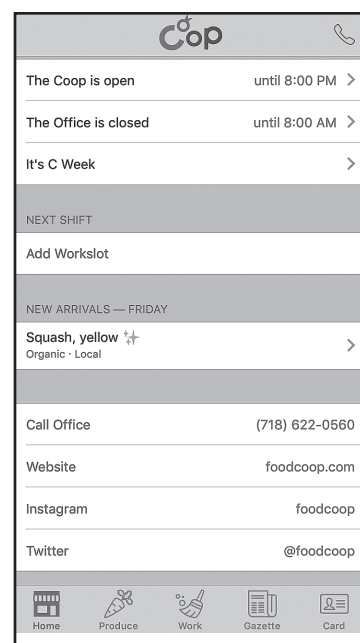
He also uses the app to guide his cooking at home. “It’s cool that you can see what’s in stock and how much of it, and you can see the last time it was in stock,” he said. “Jerusalem artichokes haven’t been in stock since, let’s say, April, so I know that I shouldn’t make anything that needs Jerusalem artichokes.”

A More Modern Coop

The Coop embraces more modernization and new technology than its sometimes Luddite reputation might suggest. The staff uses a software app named Slack to communicate across teams and with member-workers, the majority of members now pay with debit cards and the Coop website and social media channels grow every day.

Ithran Einhorn, a software engineer who works for the Coop, said in an email that it was much easier for the Coop to develop new tools to support staff, a group more manageable in size than the entire membership. “The challenge we face when planning new technology to roll out is always support,” he explained.

“For instance, I just finished a mobile app that allows the receivers to scan the aisles to create send up lists, which are



The new Coop app.

then printed and filled in the basement,” Einhorn said.

“I think it’s a better model for us to provide back end support for the endeavors of members who wish to use their skills to help the Coop,” Einhorn added. “Jonah’s app is exceptional in that he actually brought it to fruition and is supporting it himself.”

The Future

The iOS App Store just approved version 1.3 of the Coop app, which includes new features Burke developed, many in response to member requests. Version 1.2 added the Soup Kitchen Committee, a work week calendar and the ability for members to track multiple shifts, and a request from members who complete shifts for their spouses. The latest version makes it easier to read *Gazette* articles by adding a way to share and print issues, and adding a landscape mode so that if you rotate your phone, the app rotates as well.

Features that Burke hopes to add in the future include links to Coop-sourced descriptions of specialty produce—produce buyer Ana Gallo pointed out to him that Wikipedia might not be the best source of info—and a feature to shift work slots, something requested by many members. Adding this requires activating a growing network of volunteers who have donated time to help “map” items on the app to online links by creating long spreadsheets. To date, contributors have shared their time outside of the Coop work system, though Burke has not ruled out the possibility of requesting Coop labor in the future.

One item he hopes to work into the mix: a glossary of price-look-up codes to help checkout workers learn them. ■

PLASTIC PACKAGING COLLECTIONS

2nd Wednesday of every month 3:45-6 p.m.

4th Saturday of every month 1:45-4 p.m.

Expanded Plastic Collection for Coop members

Please be prepared to show your Coop membership card.

Plastic bags/wrap/package from most products sold at the Coop—food and non-food.

Thin plastic film wrap—from notecards, tea boxes, pre-packaged cheese, household items, pet food, juice packs, etc.

Plastic roll bags distributed by the Coop—please use roll bags only as necessary, reduce usage whenever possible, and re-use any bags you do take before recycling.

NO food residue, rinse as needed.
Only soft plastic from Coop purchases.

We continue to accept the following from all community members:

Pre-sort and separate according to the categories below.

Toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes (any brand/size)

Baby food pouches and caps (any brand)

Energy bar wrappers (any brand)

Water filters (Brita and other brands) and other Brita branded filter products

Plastic re-sealable food storage bags, small Coop bulk bags, cling wrap

Cereal and cracker box liners (any brand)

Food residue and paper labels OK.
No shopping bags.

Donations in any amount are welcomed to help offset the cost to the Coop of this collection.

Interested in joining the squads that run the Wednesday/Saturday collection, or in starting a third collection time as your workslot?
Contact Cynthia Pennycooke in the Membership Office.

For more information about Terracycle, visit terracycle.com

Questions about items we accept should be e-mailed to ecokvetch@yahoo.com



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Bugging Out at the Brooklyn Bug Festival



ILLUSTRATION BY CATY BARTHOLOMEW

By Rene Brinkley

Attention Coop members—I've seen the future of food and it just may give you the creeps! It's small, crawls and may have wings. I'm talking about bugs!

I saw this future while attending the Brooklyn Bug Festival last month. I knew from past research that 80% of the world's population already consumes bugs. Furthermore, the United Nations sees edible insects as a solution to feed the world's population, which is set to hit nine billion by 2050.

Facts and figures are one

thing. But eating bugs in Brooklyn is another. I brought along my friend Melissa, a bug eating virgin, an adventurous food eater and also a medical doctor (#justincase).

The festival kicked off with a series of lectures, presentations and gourmet bug meals. Melissa arrived first and approached several people looking for other bug eating virgins to share in the excitement. However, she found herself surrounded by industry insiders passionate about insects.

"Finally I went up to the chef and said 'Hi this is my first time, I'm excited and I'm

nervous; what should I try?," Melissa recalled. "The chef suggested I start with the smaller bugs."

Festival of Bugs

The Brooklyn Bug Festival was created by Chef Joseph Yoon, who first learned about entomophagy, or eating bugs, six months ago when a friend asked him to prepare a menu featuring insects for a fundraiser. As he began searching for ingredients, Yoon started learning about the industry and curiosity quickly developed into a passion.

Yoon organized the Brooklyn Bug Festival in three months. "The goal of the festival was to start a movement that changes perceptions about eating insects," Yoon explained. "I would like to see insects go from being perceived as a pest in the house to something viewed as sustainable and delicious and found in grocery stores."

I arrived to the festival firmly in the insects-as-pest category. I wondered how this event would go about trying to convince me and other Brooklynites to eat bugs.

The Nude Artist

What does a photograph of a naked woman in an abandon-

ed tunnel have to do with eating bugs? That's exactly what I wondered as I sat in the audience among conference attendees for a presentation by the artist Miru Kim.

Her photos, presented as slides and on a wall, were shocking, stunning and incredibly beautiful. There was Kim atop the Manhattan Bridge at night, walking around a demolition zone in Korea and lying among pigs in a slaughterhouse. In every photo she was alone and photographed nude.

"The chef suggested I start with the smaller bugs."

Kim explained: "I'm a very fearful person. I'm afraid of the dark, afraid of heights, afraid of germs and I was also really afraid of traveling to faraway places. All of these things are some of my biggest fears."

Then Kim shared the fear she was currently taking on—bugs! "When I learned people eat larvae and they are nutritious and sustainable, I was really shocked."

Kim worked on overcoming her fear by literally eating it away. Over the last several years she has traveled the world and photographed herself nude while eating various types of larvae.

Kim explained: "When I have a camera in front of me

I get into a zone. I just force myself to do it and I try to forget about everything else and focus on what I am doing for the moment. It's like exposure therapy for me."

The photos she presented are the subject of her series, Phobia/Phagia which focuses on "overcoming fear and turning it into something creative, something beautiful."

Bottom line: one approach to eating bugs is to just dive in and eat them—fearlessly.

The Bugged Out DJ

I wasn't surprised that the Brooklyn Bug Festival had a live DJ playing beats. But when the DJ was called to the stage as the next presenter, once again I found myself scratching my head and thinking, "What does a DJ have to say about eating bugs?" Well, it turns out—A LOT!

Paul Miller, also known as DJ Spooky, stepped up to the mic not to make the audience dance but to challenge them to think about a number of issues including:

- **Energy:** "Think about how much energy is wasted in our food chain. Why are people eating cows and destroying the planet with such a terrible food system? We are basing our models of consumption on a 19th or 16th century model that doesn't fit the 21st century."

SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

Plow-to-Plate Movie Series Presents: *Fish Tail (Rabo de Peixe)*

By Adam Rabiner,
Safe Food Committee

At the turn of the millennium the Y2K problem was the last thing on the minds of film makers Joaquim Pinto and Nuno Leonel. In the fall of 1999 they were beginning to film in the Azores, an archipelago in the North Atlantic Ocean about 845 miles west of Portugal. The Year 2000 Bug was an issue far removed from these remote and traditional islands—an autonomous region of Portugal—settled in the 15th century by Portuguese navigators, Sephardic Jews, Moorish prisoners, African slaves, Flemish, French, Galicians, and others.

Pinto and Leonel seem drawn to the Azores precisely because it is technologically backward, rough-hewn, in the middle of nowhere. It's a tight-knit and small community deeply rooted in its own

customs and traditions, distant from the modern world, both temporally and spatially.

Their movie about the Azores, *Fish Tail (Rabo de Peixe)*, will be presented on Tuesday, November 14, at 7 p.m. at the Food Coop as part of Plow-to-Plate film series. The series is one of the responsibilities of the Safe Food Committee.

It's almost as if they are anthropologists studying a primitive people.

Pinto and Leonel chose as the subject of the film a group of fishermen they befriended in Rabo de Peixe, a small town on the northern coast of the largest island Sao Miguel. First they accompanied middle-aged Artur one evening on his small boat as he and his crew attempt to catch a shoal of mackerel by spreading out a

large specially designed net.

They used no electronic equipment to detect the schools of small fish, relying more on their experience and intuition. But on this particular evening they had no luck. Later on, Pinto and Leonel were invited to go to sea on a much larger boat captained by Artur's daughter Diana's husband Pedro (who has a twin brother Eduardo) in search of prized swordfish and other larger catch.

In long, quiet takes, *Fish Tail* observes the careful, precise, efficient, almost mechanized movements of the crew baiting the hooks attached to miles-long fishing lines and other prep work. Pinto and Leonel approach many of these scenes as cinema verite, with very long stretches lacking narration, just taking in the action accompanied by sounds (and sometimes silences): water splashing,

shouts and murmurs, muted conversations, whistles, the distinctive purr of a boat's motor, birdsong, the clanking of heavy equipment. It's almost as if they are anthropologists studying a primitive people and how they interact with their natural environment.

Yet unlike other purely observational cinema, there are also occasional highly scripted narrative interludes when the filmmakers wax poetic about the nature of freedom and other more profound topics. Although acknowledging the monotonous nature of some routines or aspect of the job, they contrast the fishermen's productive and relatively happy, though physically exhausting, dangerous and at times economically perilous lives, with those of more alienated factory and office workers and perhaps even creative

filmmaker types.

Pinto and Leonel remained in the Azores through 2002, going on several more fishing trips and following the lives of Pedro, Arturo, and several others. Along the way they fell more deeply in love with the Azores and its people, customs, and ways of life.

The filmmakers wax poetic about the nature of freedom.

Eventually, rather than leave the islands, they invited friends and family from the mainland to visit them there. Finally they made it their permanent home, perhaps afraid that this is a vanishing and unsustainable world. The film concludes on the eve of the adoption of the Euro, then a brand new European currency, which promised to usher in a

- **Environment:** “When you are having a slice of beef think about the impact it’s having on the world versus if you have crickets tonight what kind of impact that will that have on the world. Why are we engaged in something that is destroying our environment?”
- **Revolution:** “Why does organic salad cost more than a Mac ‘n Cheese burger? If McDonald’s and Walmart and other companies based on huge economies of scale adopt this serious scale for insects, then we would have a revolution.”

DJ Spooky waxed poetic about bugs, wooed us with stories about his trips to the North and South Poles, and shared insights from his recently published book on the mathematics of ice.

Bottom line: Super cool people eat bugs.

The Bug Pioneer

The Brooklyn Bug website states: “As the food capital of the world, it’s time for us to become a hub and leader in the frontier of entomophagy.” Yoon also tried to woo Brooklyn to give bugs a try by appealing to the city’s entrepreneurial spirit.

Several entrepreneurs took the stage during the festival, including Joseph Skipper, a cricket farmer from Florida. He started his business, Seginus Farms,

over two years ago. “I started out in my garage. Once I got comfortable, I moved into a warehouse and invested in 1,000 square feet of land. On a good breeding cycle I can get 500,000 crickets in there,” Skipper explained.

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Skipper told the audience how he found success selling insect-based products at the local farmers market. “I went into it thinking I would get all these health people to jump on the cricket bandwagon,” he said. “Well to my surprise, the cricket bandwagon is regular people like moms, kids and the yoga girls walking around the farmers market.”

Skipper sells whole roasted crickets, brownies and cricket protein powder to loyal customers every weekend. Looking back on his year at the market, Skipper recalled that he had over 1,000 people eat a bug at his booth.

Bottom line—edible insects may be coming to a farmers market near you.

Bugs for Dinner

The wide variety of approaches to the bug world featured at the festival was Yoon’s way of trying to appeal to as many people as possible. “The way to change the

mind of Americans is through an all-out approach from different angles,” he said. “We need to hear from educators, artists, musicians, chefs, scientists. The more people you see doing this the more and more normal it appears.”

Finally the moment of truth arrived. It was time to eat.

The menu included:

- Green Salad with Grasshoppers
- Mac ‘n Cheese bites with Silkworm Pupae
- Cricket Bolognese Lasagna
- Quinoa mixed with mealworms, crickets, cucumbers and herbs
- Ice cream with some kind of bugs on it

With everyone around us chowing down, Melissa and I swallowed our fear, picked up our forks and went for it. Overall, we liked the dishes in which the chef decided to hide the bugs—like in the Mac ‘n Cheese bites and lasagna; or in the fried bugs which topped the salad and gave it a nice salty crunch.

After the experience, Melissa shared her thoughts: “Listening to the discussions throughout the day really helped me open up to the idea of eating bugs. Learning that it’s normal for some people to eat insects and seeing other people eat them made me think differently about it.”

But how far is she willing



Top: Rene Brinkley eating ice cream with bugs. Bottom from left: Cricket Bites, Basil Grasshoppers, Hopper Crunch Granola

PHOTOS BY RENE BRINKLEY & MELISSA GRAGEDA

to go? “If insects were served in a restaurant, I would eat them but I’m not ready to go to the grocery store and buy a pound of crickets,” she admitted.

I asked myself a similar question. Am I ready to see an edible insect product on the Coop shelf?

Ready or not, Coop members, it’s already here! The Coop’s first edible insect products hit the shelf in 2016.

Joseph Szladek, a General Coordinator at PSFC who

oversees purchasing, recalls, “We carried two protein energy bars made from crickets. The brands were Exo and Chapul. Neither were a hit so we got rid of them.”

While the bug bars are gone, Coop shoppers can still get their bug fix. Chiridos, described as “air puffed chips” made with cricket powder, arrived on the shelf earlier this year. You can find them in aisle seven, but currently the product is on back order. ■

brave new world, a vision of a unified Europe.

At one point *Fish Tail* refers to *Moby Dick*. While the film captures a particular time, place and small group of people, like the famous novel, its themes are expansive and universal. One concrete takeaway, though, is its resonance with a hallmark of the alternative food movement to “know your farmer and where your food comes from.” For consumers who shun farm-raised seafood, preferring theirs wild, and take this message seriously, you cannot find a better film than *Fish Tail*. ■

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.

Fish Tail will be presented on Tuesday, November 7, 7 p.m. at the Park Slope Food Coop, 782 Union St., 2nd floor. Free and open to the public. 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.

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

Puzzle author: Abdul Powell. For answers, see page 12.



STATEMENT ON THE COOPERATIVE IDENTITY

DEFINITION

A cooperative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise.

VALUES

Cooperatives are based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity. In the tradition of their founders, co-operative members believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others.

PRINCIPLES

The cooperative principles are guidelines by which cooperatives put their values into practice. The International Cooperative Alliance adopted the revised Statement on the Cooperative Identity in 1995.

They are as follows:

1. Voluntary and Open Membership
2. Democratic Member Control
3. Member Economic Participation
4. Autonomy and Independence
5. Education, Training and Information
6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives
7. Concern for Community

REFERENCE: ICA.COOP

LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

The *Linewaiters' Gazette* is published biweekly by the Park Slope Food Coop, Inc., 782 Union Street, Brooklyn, New York 11215, 718-622-0560. 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

The *Gazette* will not knowingly publish letters, articles or reports that are hateful, racist, sexist, otherwise discriminatory, inflammatory or needlessly provocative.

The *Gazette* welcomes Coop-related articles, letters and committee reports from members that follow the published guidelines and policies. The following is a summary—please see the detailed guidelines for each type of submission on the Coop website: www.foodcoop.com.

All submissions must include author's name, phone number and e-mail address, conform to the following guidelines and to the Fairness, Anonymity and Respect policies. Editors will reject letters, articles and reports that do not follow the guidelines or policies. Submission deadlines appear each edition in the Coop Calendar section.

For topics that generate a large number of submissions (letters or Member Articles) serially and continuously over an extended period of time, the *Gazette* will not necessarily publish all submissions, but the editors will use their editorial discretion to select a small number of submissions (whether letters or Member Articles) from each side as representative of that viewpoint of the issue. The selected submissions will also adhere to the current guidelines of civil discourse and should serve to advance the discussion in new ways.

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

Letters: Maximum 500 words.

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

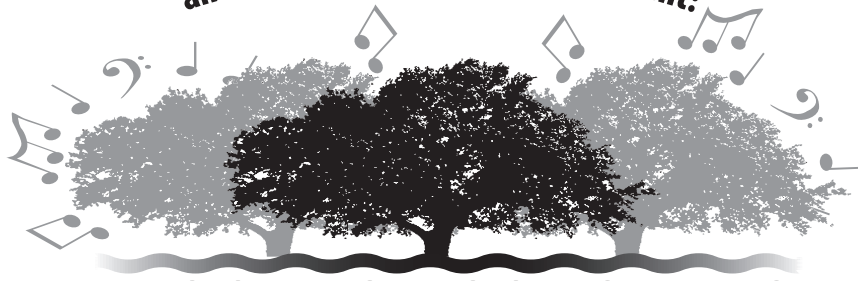
Submissions to the *Gazette* must not be hateful, racist, sexist, otherwise discriminatory, inflammatory or needlessly provocative. They may not be personally derogatory or insulting, even when strongly criticizing an individual member's actions.

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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Friday, November 17, 8:00 p.m.

The Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture
and the Park Slope Food Coop present:



PROSPECT CONCERTS



Come join **Barry Bryson**, bandleader and trumpeter of the **Swing Street Orchestra**, and fabulous Coop jazz musicians for a night of big-band swing-dance music.



Barry Bryson—Trumpet/Leader; **Emily Asher**—Trombone; **Lisa Parrott**—Alto Sax; **Jenny Hill**—Tenor Sax; **Cynthia Hilts**—Piano; **Alexis Cuadrado**—Bass; **Rob Garcia**—Drums; **Todd Isler**—Percussion; **Stephan Bauer**—Vibes; **Vinnie Raniolo**—Guitar; **Marje Wagner**—Vocal



There will also be free dance lessons with professional dance instructors **Arturo Perez** and **Carolynn Murphy**.

www.facebook.com/ProspectConcerts

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

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, OCTOBER 31
GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, NOVEMBER 7
AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 7:30 p.m.
Submissions will be considered for the November 28 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:
Nov 9 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Oct 30
Nov 23 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Nov 13

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:
Nov 9 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Nov 1
Nov 23 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Nov 15

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, October 31, 7:00 p.m.

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

Location

St. Francis Xavier School, 763 President Street, between Sixth and Seventh Aves.

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.)** • 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 foodcoop.com and may also appear elsewhere in this issue.
- Wrap Up (9:30-9:45)** • 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 or sign-up at foodcoop.com. 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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FOOD COOP

calendar of events

oct 26
thu 7 pm

Learn About Cheese At the Coop

Cheese education at the Coop continues with another tasting session led by Coop member and American Cheese Society Certified Cheese Professional **Elena Santogade**. Join us as we taste through a different regional selection this month; learn about the history, geography and cheesemaking practices from around the world. Santogade will lead the tasting and offer guidelines for pairings and for designing cheese tastings of your own.

oct 28
sat 12 pm

Gluten Intolerance: Fact or Fiction?

Seems everyone you talk to these days either is or knows someone who is gluten-sensitive. Gluten-free products are all the rage. Once “the staff of life,” why is wheat suddenly being blamed for everything from bloating to bladder incontinence? From joint pain to asthma? Join me as I shed light on the transformation of this ancient grain from dietary staple to modern-day pariah! Participants will be eligible for free gluten-sensitivity screening. **Diane Paxton**, MS, LAc, is the owner and principal of Inner Fire Integrative Health Services, with offices in Manhattan and Park Slope. She is also a long-time Coop member.

oct 31
tue 7 pm

PSFC OCT 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: St. Francis Xavier School, 763 President St., between Sixth and Seventh Aves.

- I. Member Arrival and Meeting Warm-Up
- II. Open Forum
- III. Coordinator and Committee Reports
- IV. Meeting Agenda

Item 1: Annual Agenda Committee Election (15 minutes)

Election: Three current committee members will stand for re-election, and the committee will present one additional candidate for the committee. Agenda Committee members serve two-year terms. —submitted by the Agenda Committee

Item 2: Annual Renewal of Coca-Cola Boycott (15 minutes)

Proposal: The Coop is currently boycotting Coca-Cola products. As per a General meeting decision, all Coop boycotts have to be renewed annually. The proposal is to continue the Coop's boycott of Coca-Cola products.

—submitted by Lew Friedman

Item 3: Proposal to Cease Purchase of Tom Cat Bakery Products (25 minutes)
Discussion: To conditionally cease purchase of Tom Cat Bakery products in solidarity with former Tom Cat immigrant workers who have specifically asked the Coop to support their fight for justice.

—submitted by Erika Inwald on behalf of the Labor Committee

Item 4: Forming a Squad to run elections of Board Members (35 minutes)

Discussion: Creating a squad to plan, implement and report to GM on the election of members of the Board of Directors. —submitted by Susan Metz

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.

nov 2
thu 7:30 pm

Food Class: Global Spice Mixes



Chef **Cheryl Smith** will share with you the secrets of her spice blends from her successful Prospect Heights restaurant, Cheryl's Global Soul, which has been nourishing Brooklynites for more than a decade with an international blend of comfort food. In this special class, we will travel the world through the eyes and tastebuds of local, celebrity chef, Cheryl Smith (Food Network's “Melting Pot,” and featured appearances on “Soul Kitchen,” “My Country/My Kitchen,” “Emeril's Holiday Special,” and others). Chef Cheryl's knowledge of cuisine spans the globe from classical French, contemporary pan-Asian, Pacific Rim, Moroccan, right down to home-style American. *Menu includes: Moroccan vegetable tagine (vegan); cous cous (vegan); jerk chicken; chai tea mix.*

ASL interpreter available upon request, please contact: jason_weiner@psfc.coop by October 30.

Materials fee: \$5. To inquire about leading a Food Class, contact parkslopefoodclass@gmail.com.

nov 3
fri 7 pm

Film Night: The Work



Set inside a single room in Folsom Prison, three men from the outside participate in a four-day group-therapy retreat with a group of incarcerated men for a real look at the challenges of rehabilitation. *The Work* was the recipient of the Grand Jury Award for best documentary at last year's SXSW Film Festival. **Amy Foote** is a documentary

editor based in Brooklyn. Her editing credits include *The Work* (Grand Jury Prize SXSW 2017); Peabody Award-winning *Mavis!* (HBO); *1964* (PBS American Experience); the Emmy-nominated film and James Beard Award-winning film *A Matter of Taste: Serving Up Paul Liebrandt* (HBO, BBC); *For Once In My Life*, (PBS Independent Lens, SXSW Audience Award 2010, IDA Best Music Documentary); and the Emmy-nominated film *Finishing Heaven* (HBO).

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

nov 4
sat 2 pm

Sweet Relief: A Home- Organizing Workshop

Make your space one that nourishes. You deserve it! Do your home and work-space nourish you? Are you at peace, inspired and productive in them? If not, come to this workshop! You can have an empowered relationship with your surroundings, free from overwhelm and shame! When your space supports you to flourish, you can attend to the rest of your life, with room for all kinds of new possibilities. **Shira Sameroff**, LMSW, longtime PSFC member, offers this enlightening and fun workshop. Shira has a deep passion for supporting people to live lives full of meaning and joy. Weaving together her vast and diverse array of skills, experiences and passions, she works responsively with kindness and deep respect. Shira especially loves helping people achieve the sweet relief of transforming their spaces into ones in which they can thrive!

nov 7
tue 7 pm

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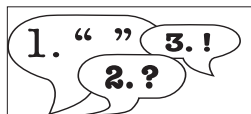
For more information on these and other events, visit the Coop's website: foodcoop.com

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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nov 7
tue 7:30 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 7:30 and 7:45 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 November General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 7 p.m., at St. Francis Xavier School, 763 President St., between Sixth and Seventh Aves.**

nov 10
fri 7 pm

Wordsprouts: A Night of Poetry and Verse



Join us in welcoming three accomplished poets for a night of readings and discussion. All three will be presenting new verse, then talking about their life, work, and process. It will be an inspiring and exciting night sure to delight all lovers of language, art, and life. **JC Hopkins** is a poet, novelist, screenwriter and Grammy-nominated songwriter. He curates the monthly poetry reading series “Things As They Are” and “Poetry 99.” He is the managing editor of the pulp-fiction journal *Noir Nation* and of the poetry anthology *Love In The Time Of Larceny*. **Lyon Kennedy** was raised in the Philadelphia region, the 11th of 13 children. After two years of college, he became a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne. Later, he graduated from St. Joseph’s University with a Bachelor’s Degree in English Literature. He has worked as a professional writer since the year 2000. **Robert Thompson** has been present in Brooklyn since 1983. Before that, he lived in Milwaukee and Indianapolis. He is the author of a chapbook, *A Pear Tree’s Winter* (Intuflo/Groundwater Press), and a book, *City of Water* (ahadada, 2008). He has spent many years teaching English at Touro College. **Bookings: John Donohue, wordsproutspfc@gmail.com.**

nov 11
sat 11 am

Detox: Why, When & How

This 90-minute workshop covers what you need to know to detox safely and effectively for health, beauty, and success. The information will represent both East Asian and Western Medicine viewpoints and will draw parallels between ancient wisdom and current scientific knowledge. **Dr. Enensaauas Rastrygina** became a member of the Coop in 2010, shortly after her passion for lifestyle of wellness took over. She proudly holds a Doctor of Acupuncture degree and is dedicated to spreading holistic medicine wisdom and wellness practices.

nov 12
sun 12 pm

Paid Family Leave

Know your rights: training and discussion. Starting January 1, 2018, New Yorkers will now be able to take up to eight weeks of job-protected paid fam-

ily leave to bond with a new child or care for a seriously ill relative. Join us for this educational discussion event on exactly how you and your family can benefit. This is an ideal workshop for expectant families, families who are expecting to expect, and brand-new parents, as well as workers who anticipate needing to take time off to care for parents and other relatives in the near future. Coop member **Allegra Fishel**, founder and executive director of the Gender Equality Law Center, and **Eric Williams**, campaigns director, New York Paid Family Leave Coalition.

nov 14
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night: Fish Tail



Fish Tail is a beautiful documentary from Joaquim Pinto and his husband Nuno Leonel that is an intimate portrait of local community and a loving ode to a quickly disappearing way of life. Rabo de Peixe (literally translated as “fish tail”) is the name of a village in the

Azores that is home to the largest collection of artisanal fisheries on the whole archipelago. The residents, mostly small-scale fishermen and their families, who have relied on these waters for generations, introduce the filmmakers to the rhythms of their labor-intensive routines and artisanal traditions that face extinction in the global economy.

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.

nov 17
fri 8 pm

Swing Street



Come join Barry Bryson, bandleader and trumpeter of the Swing Street Orchestra, and fabulous Coop jazz musicians for a night of big-band swing-dance music. **Barry Bryson**—trumpet/leader; **Emily Asher**—trombone; **Lisa Parrott**—alto sax; **Jenny Hill**—tenor sax;

Cynthia Hilts—piano; **Alexis Cuadrado**—bass; **Rob Garcia**—drums; **Todd Isler**—percussion; **Stephan Bauer**—vibes; **Vinnie Raniolo**—guitar; **Marje Wagner**—vocal. There will also be free dance lessons with professional dance instructors **Arturo Perez** and **Carolynn Murphy**.

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.

nov 28
tue 7 pm

PSFC NOV General Meeting



Meeting Agenda to be announced. For information on how to place an item on the Agenda, please see the center pages of the *Linewaiters’ Gazette*. The Agenda Committee minutes and the status of pending agenda items are available in the Coop office.

Meeting location: St. Francis Xavier School, 763 President St., between Sixth and Seventh Aves.

still to come

nov 28 Meet Your Mind

dec 1 Film Night

dec 3 Holiday Card Making

dec 5 Agenda Committee Meeting

dec 7 Food Class

dec 8 Wordsprouts

MEMBER SUBMISSION

October GM to Discuss Creating a Squad to Run Elections to the Coop Board

By Susan Metz
At the General Meeting (GM) next Tuesday, October 31, an item that I gave the Agenda Committee two years ago will be presented: "To form a squad of working members to plan and imple-

ment the election of members to the Coop Board of Directors." Forming a work squad designated to direct attention to the election of Board members as part of the decision-making mechanisms of the Coop is appropriate, feasible and timely. Unfortunately, we'll miss many parents on Halloween eve, though the discussion comes at a critical moment in the evolution of our unique, self-governing and influential institution.

We won't vote Tuesday. The item comes before the October GM for an open exchange of ideas, not for a decision. Over the winter there will be time to refine the idea. The final proposal will include a lot more input channeled from personal conversations, statements during meetings, writing published in the Gazette, social media, and even special focus group sessions. The formal proposal will articulate the mission for the Board Election Squad, their responsibilities, and concrete procedures for their work. The vote on that proposal can be expected during the spring. All suggestions are valuable as a successful plan will depend upon collective vision, creativity and collaboration.

A Board member's work is coming to every GM. They know the Coop's arcane rules and how those written rules are put into practice. They therefore can accept the responsibility to protect the process by which members express our individual and collective advice. At the end of each GM, the vote of the Board is a final step in making policy. After the Board authorizes a proposal, it becomes Coop law.

Board members are chosen by the whole membership in a yearly referendum-style election. They are accountable directly to member-owners in a way that only elected representatives can be. They serve for a three-year term and have to present themselves again to the entire membership for re-authorization.

We have an historic opportunity to bushwhack a way towards the practice of participatory decision-making commonly called democracy.

The Coop has grown in size and complexity in the 45 years since its founding by idealists in several dozen households. And also with the changes in our society, reflecting on and then improving decision-making is necessary.

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tunity to bushwhack a way towards the practice of participatory decision-making commonly called democracy. We are experiencing as a nation that when election procedures don't work or are purposefully created to favor one sub-group, damage can be devastating.

In the Coop, the challenge to develop an election procedure in which even 51% of 17,000 will participate may seem daunting. Debating and proposing and passing through the authorization procedure and then implementing an election procedure will give us a chance to practice, and then the courage to take the lessons into larger struggles.

Electing Board members committed to using their full capacity will be crucial as our Coop community makes two momentous decisions affecting the identity of our collective. At recent GMs, members voted to dedicate a significant chunk of work time of paid managers as well as member shifts to research and suggest whether, and if so how, the Park Slope Food Coop might expand. Also, the paid management collective is suggesting changes to by-laws. Constant and enthusiastic reflection and then refinement of responsibilities and relationships are the way to enhance individual and collective quality of life. Well-organized, clear, open, fair, inclusive, honest, transparent and well-understood election are a necessary if not sufficient condition for healthy and successful self-governance.

Now, no one has formal responsibility for planning and running Board elections. General Coordinators are over-burdened with multiple tasks directly related to their management duties. Members serving on the GM Chair Committee cannot be expected also to reflect on election procedures. It will take perseverance and patience to come up with a good structure. Expect controversy. Accept compromise.

Bring concerns and suggestions to the October GM on Tuesday, October 31. Help document the debate. Write your perspective, thoughts and opinion in a letter to the Gazette. Vote for the candidates you believe will make the most contributions to the Coop, and continue to offer your best advice at every possible opportunity as though your food depends upon it. ■

Park Slope Food Coop Members are invited to shop At The Windsor Terrace Food Coop

Windsor Terrace Food Coop is located at 825 Caton Ave (corner of E8th Street & Caton just south of Coney Island Ave.)

Thursday 7- 9 am 3-9 pm

Friday 9-11 am 4-7 pm

Saturday & Sunday 10 am - 4 pm



THE ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

Join our small research- and education-based committee to help provide animal-related reference materials, articles, workshops, and product suggestions as they relate to Coop products (meat, eggs, dairy, and products tested on animals).

CAN YOU...

Use your research, writing, editing, design, presentation, publicity, or marketing skills to serve our mission of providing our entire membership with transparent information on animal-welfare issues?

Interview farmers and vendors about how they treat their animals?

Attend monthly committee meetings (Monday C week, 7-8:30 p.m.) at the Coop, logging agreed-upon committee work so that you work an average of 2.75 hours/month? (Applicants must have good attendance records and be Coop members for a least a year.)

If so, please apply at psfanimals.blogspot.com, telling us as much as possible about yourself, your passion for the cause, and why you'd like to join us. Deadline for all applicants is Friday, December 1. (Paper copies of the application are available in the Animal Welfare Committee wall pocket outside the copy room on the second floor.)

We seek to reflect the racial, ethnic, sexual orientation, and gender diversity of the Coop (including dietary diversity—we're not all vegans!). We strongly encourage people of color to apply.



Interested in Engaging Coop Work?

Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) seeks NEW members

SKILLS NEEDED

Communication • Problem solving • Conflict resolution
Dealing with difficult situations and people
Investigation • Writing • Research

OUR WORK INCLUDES

- Resolving conflicts between members
- Applying Coop rules and regulations
- Discussing policy issues related to the Committee's work
- Investigating allegations of uncooperative behavior by members and engaging in problem solving
- Daily email contact with the committee members to discuss cases
- Participating in mediation, disciplinary hearings, and other conflict resolution methods

REQUIREMENTS

In order to be considered for this position, any candidate must:

- Be a member for at least a year
- Have an excellent attendance record
- Possess the ability to work on a team
- Have good writing skills
- Have computer proficiency (excel, word, email)—this is essential
- Attend evening meetings every six weeks

We work on average six hours per month, more than the required work shift hours. You will be credited and your hours will be banked for future use.

We recognize the importance of various points of view when considering cases brought to us. We are seeking a candidate pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop's membership.

CONTACT

foodcoopdrc@gmail.com with the subject line: Joining the DRC
Join us to make the Coop the best place it can be for everyone.


 L E T T E R S T O T H E E D I T O R

**NYC CLIMATE
MARCH: SAT. OCT.
28, 11 AM, CADMAN
PLAZA ACROSS THE
BROOKLYN BRIDGE**
TO THE EDITOR:

This weekend marks the Fifth Anniversary of Super Storm Sandy. The Climate Justice Community is coming together to commemorate the date and make specific demands on the city

and state to step up their policies to address climate change.

We can't rely on Trump's federal government but our city and state should be leading the way to minimize climate change and adapt to its potential terror. The City and State of New York have done very little to address this existential crisis, especially for a coastal city like ours. After the recent three hurricanes and disastrous

fires in northern California, can anyone doubt that climate change is upon us? We must act now to maximize our chances as a coastal city and as a species.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, at 11 a.m., thousands of New Yorkers will meet at Cadman Plaza in Brooklyn Heights, march over the Brooklyn Bridge and then rally at the Smith Public Houses at 21 St. James Pl. at Pearl St. in the Lower East Side. Over 100 organizations have endorsed the march. We are expecting very big numbers, including a Food & Farm contingent organized by the NYC Community Garden Coalition. They will meet in front of the Cadman Plaza Library at 11 a.m. and join the main march. Parents, teachers, faith leaders, this welcoming march will provide a great opportunity for action for all ages. The particular tragedy in Puerto Rico will be one of the issues raised as well.

Check out the website (Sandy5.org) for details on the demands of the march and the organizations supporting it. Join us on Oct. 28. We need each other to turn the tide of climate policy in our city and state.

Cooperatively,
Nancy Romer



EXPERIENCED REPORTERS Please Apply

**Workslot Description**

We have four distinct *Linewaiters' Gazette* teams—each producing an issue every eight weeks. You will develop and produce an article about the Coop in cooperation with your team's editor every eight weeks.

For More Information

If you would like to speak to an editor or another reporter to learn more about the job, please contact Annette Laskaris in the Membership Office or e-mail her at annetteATpsfcDOTcoop.

To Apply

Please send a letter of application and two writing samples at least 800 words long (one sample must be a reported interview, *not* a Q&A) to annetteATpsfcDOTcoop. Your letter should state your qualifications, your Coop history, relevant experience and why you would like to report for the Coop. Your application will be acknowledged and forwarded to the coordinating editors, Joan Minieri and Erik Lewis.

Seeking Diversity on the Gazette Staff

The *Gazette* is looking for qualified reporters. We are interested in using this opportunity to diversify our staff. We believe that we can enrich the quality of the *Gazette* and serve the membership better with a reporting and editing staff that more closely resembles the mix of Coop members.

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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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community calendar listings are free. Please submit your event listing in 50 words or less to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Submission deadlines are the same as for classified ads. Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue.

THU, OCT 26

7:30 p.m. Book Launch Party for *wd~50: The Cookbook*, by Wylie Dufresne, in conversation with Anthony Bourdain. Followed by a book signing, drinks and food. \$100. New Lab, 19 Morris Ave., Brooklyn.

SAT, OCT 28

8 p.m. The Rix; Chris Nauman at the Peoples' Voice Cafe. Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 E. 35th St., NY. Wheelchair accessible. Sug. donation \$20/12 for subscribers. For info call 212-787-3903 or see peoplesvoicecafe.org.

SUN, OCT 29

4 p.m. BPL Chamber Players: American Brass Quintet. At the

Dr. S. Stevan Dweck Center for Contemporary Culture Central Library, Brooklyn. Free.

SAT, NOV 4

8 p.m. Jaeger & Reid; Filthy Rotten System. Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 E. 35th St., NY. Wheelchair accessible. Sug. donation \$20/12 for subscribers. For info call 212-787-3903 or see peoplesvoicecafe.org.

SUN, NOV 5

10 a.m. Hands in Gluten Out: Kids Get Cooking for the Holidays. Gluten-free cooking class for kids 7-10. November 5, 12, 19 in Park Slope. More info and registration at TinyURL.com/GFKidsCook.

SAT, NOV 11

8 p.m. Tsibele; Diane Perry. Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 E. 35th St., NY. Wheelchair accessible. Sug. donation \$20/12 for subscribers. For info call 212-787-3903 or see peoplesvoicecafe.org.

SAT, NOV 18

8 p.m. Anne Price; Sharon Goldman. Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 E. 35th St., NY. Wheelchair accessible. Sug. donation \$20/12 for subscribers. For info call 212-787-3903 or see peoplesvoicecafe.org.



CLASSIFIEDS

BED & BREAKFAST

BED & BREAKFAST, THE HOUSE ON 3RD ST, serving Park Slope for over 20 yrs. Large floor-thru, located between Fifth and Sixth Aves. Parlor floor, sleeps 4-5, private bath, deck, AC, wifi, kitchenette, 12' ceilings! houseon3st.com, or call Jane, 718-788-7171. Grandparents are our specialty.

EMPLOYMENT

Looking for PHP/MySQL coder for website. If interested please e-mail Bill at bcsitedev@burlcon.com.

MERCHANDISE

Mexican Folk Art Sale to benefit Oaxacan folk artists, Friday, Nov. 10-Saturday, Nov. 11 at home of Amy Mulvihill, 20 Plaza St. at Grand Army Plaza. Celebrate the 10th anniversary of Friends of Oaxacan Folk Art (FOFA) Friday, 11/10 6-9 p.m. and be first to shop (\$100 entry fee) or shop Saturday, 11-4. No CHG www.fofa.us 718-859-1515.

SERVICES AVAILABLE

EXPRESS MOVES. One flat price for the entire move! No deceptive hourly estimates! Careful, experienced 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 for a decent price, please call Maggie at 718-783-2154. I charge \$60.00. Wed.-Sun., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

VACATION RENTALS

Rent a charming one-bedroom apartment in Paris from long-time Coop members. Located in a lovely residential neighborhood on the top floor of a classic building with elevator and quintessential views of rooftops. Wi-fi, cable TV, DW, W/D. Reasonable rates Info/pics: 718-768-6122 or e-mail magisson@gmail.com.

★ EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES ★

**Environmental Issues
Committee-TERRACYCLE**
Saturday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Enthusiastic, dedicated workers needed to join our Terracycle Collection Squad. At least 6 months of Coop Membership required prior to signing up. Must be reliable and willing to work outside in front of the Coop during all seasons. Workers will be trained to sort through acceptable used product packaging for purposes of Up-cycling into new products via TerraCycle. Please contact Membership Coordinator Cynthia Pennycooke via phone, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., or via email at Cynthia_pennycooke@psfc.coop, prior to being assigned to this shift.

Invoice Scanning
Saturday Daytime Flexible

This job entails scanning about 125-175 documents per week. This is a detail-oriented job, ideal for someone who can carefully follow instructions, and likes working independently. You will mostly be standing, and also using a staple remover to remove about 150-200 staples from the documents. Start time of this shift is flexible. As training will be necessary, a six month commitment is required. Please contact Terry Meyers at terry_meyers@psfc.coop or 718-622-0560 before signing up for this workslot.

Office Set-up
Thursday, Friday, 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 Mary, Jana or Cynthia in the Membership Office for more information.

**Store Equipment
Cleaning**

Wednesday, Friday, 6 to 8:00 a.m.

This job involves 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. Must arrive on time at 6 a.m. Please report to Cynthia Pennycooke on your first work shift.

Laundry & Toy Cleaning
Saturday, 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.

Bathroom Cleaning
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.

Receiving Produce
**Monday through Friday,
5 to 7:30 a.m.**

Start your day early with a workout and a sense of accomplishment! Work side-by-side with our paid staff receiving daily fresh produce deliveries. If you are willing to get your hands a little dirty, lift and stack boxes, and work in our basement coolers, then you'll fit right in. We promise your energy will be put to good use. Boxes usually weigh between 2-30 lbs, but can weigh up to 50 lbs.



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**Tip of the
MONTH!**

**Have kids? Want to leave
them a livable planet?
Spend three minutes
once a week writing or,
even better, calling one
of your elected officials.
Then replace a few
incandescent lightbulbs
with energy-efficient
bulbs. You'll save money
and use less fossil fuel.**

Learn more at:
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**COMPOST
HAULERS
NEEDED**

If you don't mind working outdoors,
getting your hands dirty,
love saving the planet from food scraps,
this is the job for you.

Work in a team of two. Openings for
members with a truck (preferred), or
be willing to walk with a U-boat
to our garden partner
on Union Street.



E-mail:
annetteATpsfcDOTcoop

Solution to this issue's sudoku puzzle

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