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## Climate Change Is Coming for Chocolate, Too

By John B. Thomas

Climate change is getting a healthy dose of media coverage these days, in large part due to the singed koalas, smoky skies, and satellite maps showing Australia's bush fires raging out of control because of conditions made worse by a changing climate. While these "extreme weather events" (as they're called) are horrible catastrophes, much of the damage being wrought by climate change is not so obviously acute. Instead, it reflects a long-running slow-motion catastrophe getting worse day by day. And it's coming for everything from kangaroos to coral reefs, and now even for chocolate.

That's right, chocolate is one of many crops that is likely to be severely affected by a changing climate. According to Kevin Rabino-vitch of Mars, Incorporated, the chocolate producer, "As temperatures rise and rainfall patterns change, some of the current cocoa-producing regions may become less suitable for producing cocoa." More simply, chocolate is going to get harder to produce under climate change.

Cacao—the bean from which cocoa and all chocolate derives—is produced in a relatively narrow lati-

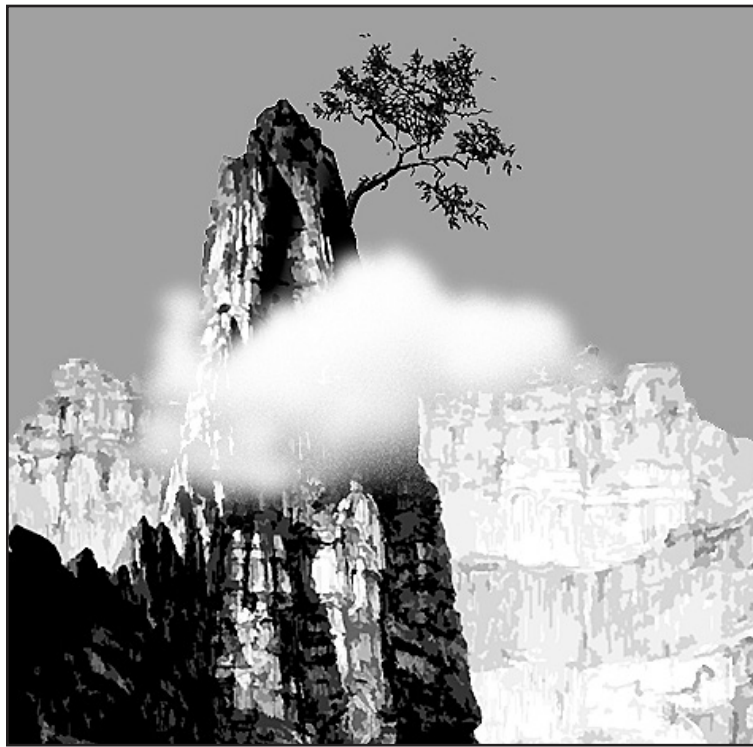


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tude—between 10 degrees north and south, a region also known as the tropics. More specifically, cacao requires steady temperatures, high humidity, lots of rain, nutrient-rich soils, and protection from the wind to thrive. The only environment in the world that makes this kind of production possible is essentially a rainforest.

Because of these unique conditions, almost all of the world's cacao is grown in West Africa (Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire) and Indonesia, with half of the world's production in West Africa

alone. And West Africa is likely to be especially hard hit by a changing climate, with temperatures expected to increase by 3.8°F by 2050 and rainfall expected to decline. As a result, West Africa is likely to be even more susceptible to drought.

It's these rising temperatures combined with the declining rainfall that are especially challenging for cacao production. West Africa will simply become less humid in the future. Essentially, the rate of "evapotranspiration"—the process of water evaporation from plants and soil and returning to the atmosphere—is expected to increase with higher temperatures. And without an increase in rainfall, evapotranspiration will squeeze more and more moisture out of plants and the soil that won't be returned. Cacao grows best in places with 100% humidity during the day and 70-80% at night. The conditions for that in West Africa will be at higher

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## The Coop Bulletin Board: Lost Live Chickens and So Much More

By Meredith Kolodner

There was a pretty funky chicken strutting around near the Coop in the final weeks of 2019. Coop members who didn't witness the event may nonetheless have been aware of the lost pet, or erstwhile dinner, due to an informative bulletin board that stretches up the walls of the stairwell.

The poster alerting members to the lost creature read, in black pen, "FOUND: Fancy CHICKEN (Live!). And I'm not even kidding. Is it yours? Email HEYTHATSMYCHICKEN@gmail.com."

A squad leader even paged out to try to find the owner, asking if anyone in the Coop had misplaced a live chicken, but the only response was some laughter in the aisles.

The fancy chicken (it turned out to have been a rooster) may have been one of the more surprising flyers among the papers and index cards that hang at angles along the walls, but it is one of a diverse array of offerings posted by Coop members and residents in the community.

The bird's owner was never found, and it soon was delivered to a farm in Vermont. But other people who post on Coop walls have had better luck.

Among the options available last month were piano and drawing lessons, a kid's bike seat, and a brand-new battery for a Nikon camera, for just \$5.

There is a workslot that has among its duties culling the flyers. Squad members make sure that the ads are put in the correct category. Rental properties must be in one space, divided into individual apartments and shares. Events are separated into another part of the wall—last month there was one for "Waste In Space: Art 4 Climate Justice," a "two-day immersive fundraiser." There's another area for business listings and interests and one for classes and services. Under the one ad specifically for children's items and services there was a flyer for spring baseball and a 15-year-old magician who works parties for all ages. The fancy

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### DUE TO YEAR-END INVENTORY

### THE COOP WILL BE CLOSING

@ 5 p.m. on Sunday, February 2, 2020

If you have  
questions contact  
the Membership Office  
during office hours.



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### Next General Meeting on February 25

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The February General Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m. at **John Jay Educational Campus, 227 Seventh Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts.**

For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

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## Climate Change

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elevations, and in different places from where cacao is currently produced.

All in all, these changing conditions are likely to have a range of effects on chocolate production—making it more difficult, reducing yields, shifting it to new places, and potentially even altering the taste. Agricultural researchers are studying the extent to which climate change impacts the production of fat and minerals in cacao that give it its nutritional value and flavor. Water stress—what a plant faces in conditions of drought, which are expected in much of West Africa—impacts phenolic compounds, which are associated with bitter and astringent flavors.

The issue of yield is of particular importance in cacao, in large part because it is produced almost entirely by smallholder farmers who depend on it as a single crop. More than 90% of the world's cacao is grown on small farms (less than five acres) by nearly 6 million farmers. Drought, excessive rainfall, extreme weather, and soil salinity (all expected effects of a changing climate) can dramatically affect yields, putting the livelihoods of millions of producers at risk. When farmers aren't able to achieve the same yields on their land, this increases the pressure to clear new land, which can result in deforestation, which itself contributes to more greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire are expected to see

decreases in the suitable land available for cacao production, with 89.5% of producing sites expected to become less viable. What this means practically is that the ideal elevation for producing cocoa will shift from 350-800 feet above sea level, to nearly 1,500-1,600 feet. As the sites available for cacao production shift, so too will the farmers involved in its production, or they'll lose their livelihoods. Some of the suitable areas in Ghana are also expected to be in areas currently designated as nature preserves, which will test the country's priorities.

So what are the solutions? First and foremost, the world needs a comprehensive global climate policy that will limit temperatures to 1.5-2°C—a target for which the most recent report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change says we have less than a decade to course correct to achieve.

Beyond that, however, researchers, governments, NGOs, and farmers the world over are increasingly adopting what's known as "climate-smart agricultural practices." While not a term of art, climate smart agriculture generally refers to looking at the climate-related challenges of an agricultural region, and tackling those challenges using practices shown to address those situations—in the short, medium, and long term—while also trying to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture.

For example, Indonesia is already seeing prolonged

dry seasons and an increase in extreme weather events. Examples of climate-smart agricultural practices for cacao in Indonesia include planting cover crops (to provide shade) and applying compost (which improves soil characteristics and reduces the need for synthetic fertilizers, themselves a large source of greenhouse gas emissions via their mode of production). Other solutions include planting locally appropriate shade trees to minimize heat stress and damage from heavy rainfall.

More good news for cacao production is that more diversified production systems are more likely to be adaptive to a changing climate, and have better opportunities to resist drastic

changes. Or put more simply, using agricultural practices that integrate cacao production into rainforest ecosystems (agroforestry) means more cacao production, and more incentive to keep rainforests intact.

There's no question that cacao production in 2050 will look very different than it will today, with chocolate potentially becoming more expensive as costs of

production increase due to more climatic variability. But what that future looks like is not set in stone, and luckily there are practices farmers can adopt today to help them manage. Ultimately it is the task of our politicians and leaders to create the policies that will avert this future and support those who stand to lose out, like the 6 million cacao farmers around the world. ■

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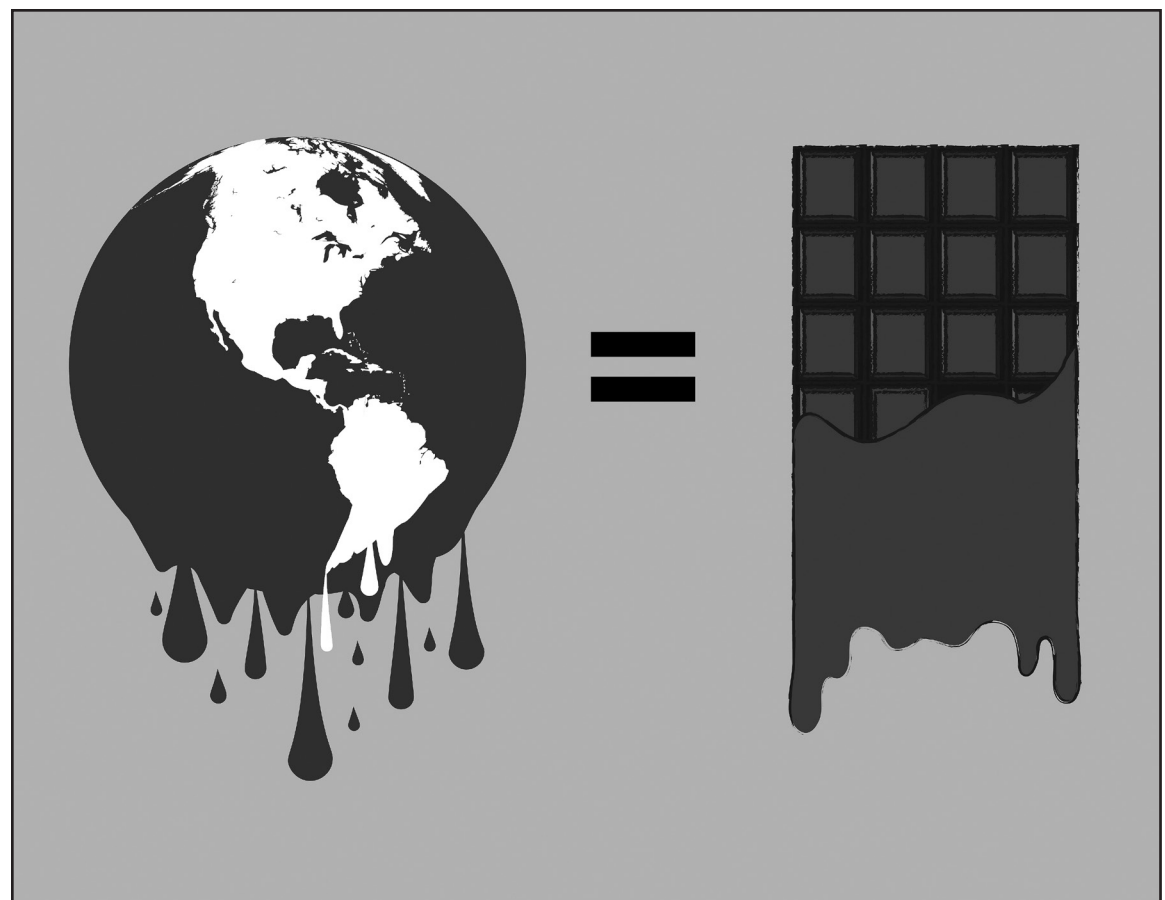


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## Hearing Administration Committee Is Seeking New Members



The HAC performs administrative functions necessary to arrange and facilitate disciplinary hearings, coordinating with the Coop's Dispute Resolution Committee and the Hearing Officers Committee. Applicants should be detail-oriented, comfortable working by e-mail and telephone; they should be Coop members for at least one year and have excellent attendance records. Members of the HAC work on an as-needed basis, only when hearings are required, and earn FTOP credit. Therefore, these members must maintain regular Coop shifts or be FTOP members in good standing. **The nature of this work requires that all members maintain strict confidentiality with respect to all matters on which they work. We are seeking an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop membership at large.**

THOSE INTERESTED  
SHOULD E-MAIL THE HAC  
AT PSFCHAC@GMAIL.COM



## LET'S NOT RIDE OUR BIKES ON THE SIDEWALK. IT IS DANGEROUS AND INCONSIDERATE.

The Food Coop is obliged, as a community, to act safely in regard to our neighbors and passers-by, especially in regard to bicycles and cars.



Thank you for your cooperation.



## Bulletin Board

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chicken was tucked under “animal services.” Under the employment and volunteer services were ads for a bookkeeper and a nanny. A 13-year-old girl posted an index card advertising her babysitting services, stating that she had references and loved animals as well as kids.

Postings are supposed to be dated and mostly are allowed to remain for about four weeks. There’s no way to know who’s pinning something to the wall, so while many of the offerings are likely from Coop members, there’s not a way to exclude those that aren’t.

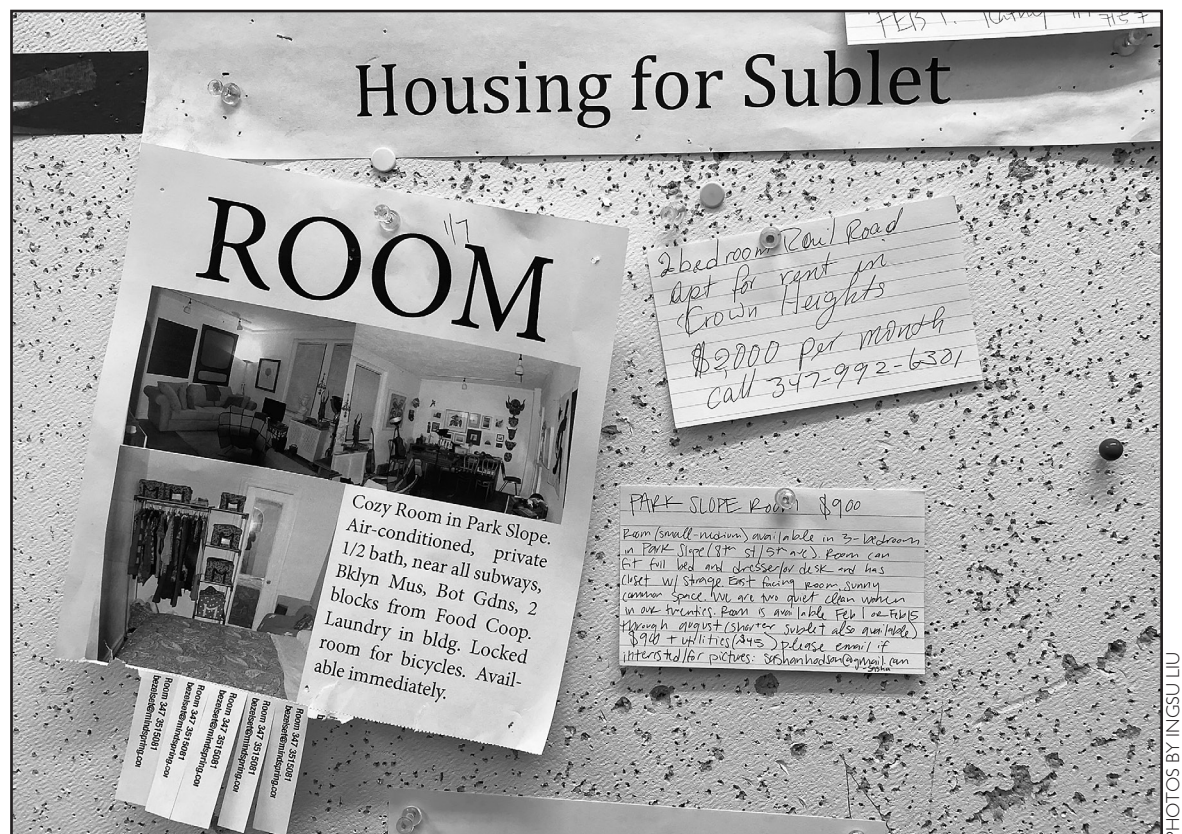
Iain Levine is one of the members who’s in charge of keeping the area up to date and in relative order.

“I love seeing the adverts for the various social and political and cultural events and the many different kinds of therapists and rooms to let for vegan LGBT-friendly, cat-friendly people. And the crazy stuff that people sell,” said Levine, who has been working on the shift for about two years.

Levine, who’s been a member for about 17 years, even found a math tutor for his son on the board, who he said was fabulous. “So I know it works!” he added.

The Coop also provides members another way to access services. There’s a pamphlet that’s available at the front desk called Community Ties. It’s also online at the Coop’s website under the drop down tab “Community.”

Community Ties contains an even wider array of items and services. It provides businesses and individuals space to describe what they have on offer, and in exchange members can purchase the goods and services at a discount. Currently, there is someone providing anger management therapy for 20 percent off as well as a “Brooklyn Geek,” who will help with all manner of computer issues for less than usual. There are also trumpet lessons, driving lessons, empathy coaching, funeral services, financial planning advice, and antique restoration, among many others. The current issue has 241 listings and a way to add your own products when the next



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one is produced.

Matthew Skomarovsky has posted fairly regularly, both on the bulletin board and in Community Ties, and has received several interested responses. Recently, he mentioned to another member that he was about to post a flyer offering knitting lessons, and it turned out she wanted to learn. “We’ve been working on short-fingered gloves,” he said.

Last summer he posted a list of barterers he was hoping to make, but he didn’t hear from anyone. This time he kept it simple, just advertising knitting lessons, and it worked better.

He said he posts on the bulletin board for a broader reason than just bringing in extra cash.

“I want to see more skill sharing done in the spirit of cooperation and community rather than for financial gain, which is often

the norm in a city like NYC where everyone is always hustling,” Matthew wrote in an email. “I figured the Food Coop would be a good place to plant that kind of seed.”

As for improvements, he wishes there was a way that the handwritten flyers could stand out from all the printed ones that he thinks are probably posted in many other places.

“It would be cool if there were a section of the bulletin board reserved for things that members were offering for free or for trade,” he added.

Members also advertise bigger ticket items. Adam Figueroa has been a member since the mid-1990s and noticed the bulletin board years ago on his way to and from the Membership Office.

Last month, he tried posting for the first time. He has two wine refrigerators he’s selling, although he hasn’t gotten any bites yet.

Several members said they look at the board somewhat regularly, when they go upstairs to the child

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## EFFORTS @ PLASTIC REDUCTION REPORT

**Look for two alternative bags in the produce and bulk aisles soon!** We will be trialing a compostable, plant-based bioplastic bag and a 100% post-consumer recycled plastic bag. The compostable bag can be placed in your home composting system or the City brown bins. We welcome your feedback on these bags and will post an email on the bag dispensers for you to contact the Coop.

A compostable, plant-based deli tub will be tried out in Food Processing for cream cheese. You will need to remove the label from the lid before composting in your home composting system or the City brown bins.

### TIP OF THE MONTH:

Ditch the ziplock plastic baggie habit by switching to eco-friendly alternatives. Options available for sale at the Coop are: BioBag compostable snack-size resealable bags (aisle 4), Lunchskins recyclable & sealable paper sandwich bags (aisle 4), Stasher plastic-free reusable storage bags (aisle 6) or (re)Zip reusable storage bags (front end cap).

Choosing these alternatives for your lunch, snacks, or leftovers is one step closer to a plastic-free life.

Ask a staff member if you can't find what you want.

**REMEMBER TO REDUCE, REUSE, TERRACYCLE, AND RECYCLE**

## Orientation Committee Has Workslot Openings

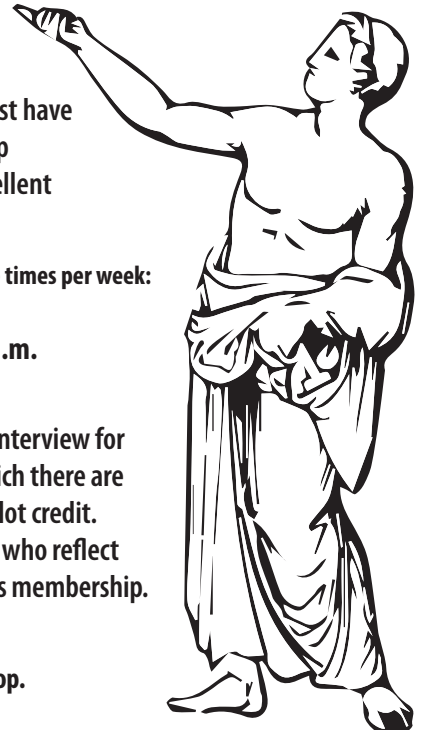
We need energetic Coop members with a teaching or training background to lead orientations to new members. Orienters lead sessions every six weeks. And on the week midway between sessions, orienters must be available as backup for emergency coverage.

To be considered you must have at least two years of Coop membership and an excellent attendance record.

Orientations are held three times per week:  
Mondays at 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.  
Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

There is an initial group interview for the committee, after which there are three trainings for workslot credit. We are seeking orienters who reflect the diversity of the Coop’s membership.

To apply, please email  
karen\_mancuso@psfc.coop.





## Bulletin Board

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care room or to the Membership Office.

"It's sort of part of a ritual, to stop and peruse it," said Ariana, who's been a member for 17 years. "There's always nice lefty stuff going on."

She often checks out the cats that are on offer and has even stopped and taken photos of the some of the posters, although she's never actually gotten in touch with anyone.

Diana Griffin has responded to a flyer she found on the board. It was a notice asking for members to apply for an open spot on the Coop's Animal Welfare Squad. She went to the website listed and applied. She got called in for an interview, but the

spot went to someone else. They were looking for someone with specific skills in graphic design and newsletter production.

Lisa Bleyer, who has been a member of the Coop for 21 years, said she remembers the bulletin board being much more crowded in the past, especially with postings for items for sale, such as furniture.

"I think people used to use it more, before the Internet," she said. "Maybe now there's so many other ways to find things."

"I do think that the board represents the spirit and the sense of community that makes the Coop such a special place," said Levine. "Walking up and down the stairs and looking at the board is one way to capture a very particular slice of Brooklyn life." ■

## Board of Directors Election

### The General Meeting & The Board of Directors

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

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

### Duties of the Directors

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

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

### Openings

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

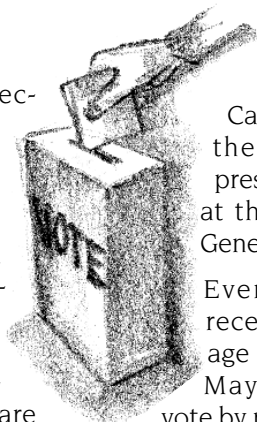
### Candidate Deadline

If you wish to place your name into nomination, you must declare your candidacy by submitting a statement of up to 750 words to: [gazettesubmissions@psfc.coop](mailto:gazettesubmissions@psfc.coop). Candidates may also opt to include a small photo for publication in the *Linewaiters' Gazette* and the member proxy mailing. **Deadline for candidacy submission is Sunday, March 1, 2020.**

### Deciding And Voting

Candidates will have the opportunity to present their platform at the March 31, 2020, General Meeting.

Every member will receive a proxy package in the mail in late May. Members may vote by returning their ballot by mail or by bringing it to the Coop. Members may also vote at the Annual Meeting on June 30, 2020.



## Coop Job Opening: Receiving Coordinator Evenings/Weekends

### Description:

All Receiving Coordinators ensure the smooth functioning of the Coop.

- Facilitate and supervise continual stocking of the store
- Train working members how to stock and complete projects
- Communicate with Squad Leaders and squads about priorities
- Sustain knowledge about products and inventory
- Answer members' questions
- Respond to physical plant and refrigeration issues

Evening/Weekend Receiving Coordinators are generalists who work with members to maintain and restock all aisles including produce. They also oversee late deliveries, inspect for dates/quality, and support the Receiving and Food Processing squads.

The ideal candidate will:

- enjoy working with people and crowds
- be an excellent team player with strong communication skills
- have ability to teach, explain procedures, give feedback
- be able to evaluate Coop needs, prioritize tasks and delegate work
- be comfortable with computers (Macs preferred)
- experience working in a grocery store is a plus

**Hours:** 38 hours. 5 days per week including both Saturdays and Sundays.

**Wages:** \$28.57/hour

**Benefits:** A generous package including but not limited to: 3 weeks vacation, 11 Health/Personal days, health insurance, and a pension plan.

### Requirements:

Candidates must be current members of the Park Slope Food Coop for at least six months immediately prior to application.

Applicants must be prepared to work during holidays, the Coop's busiest times.

Applicants must be able to:

- lift up to 50 pounds
- reach, crouch, bend, stand, climb stairs and work for hours in walk-in coolers and freezers
- work with and around common allergens including nuts and dust
- work in noisy, hectic surroundings

### How to Apply:

We strongly encourage candidates to work one Saturday or Sunday afternoon Receiving shift. Please introduce yourself as an applicant to one of the Receiving Coordinators.

Attach resume and cover letter as a single document at the link below:

<http://bit.do/Receiving-0919>

Applicants will receive acknowledgment of application via email. Do not call the Membership Office to check on the status of application. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until position is filled. If you applied to a previous Coop job offering, please re-submit your materials.

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

# HOROSCOPE

January 22 – February 4, 2020

**Aries:** A lot of earthy astrological action is stirring up your need to add some earthy notes to your stews. Sage is your friend.

**Taurus:** Cider soothes you during a time of serious change in your worldly pursuits. Sweet aromas help to relax.

**Gemini:** Saturn and Pluto in your house of travel are inspiring you to reach far for recipes. West African flavors suit you this season.

**Cancer:** Your relationships are sweet and spicy now and your jambalaya should be too. Experiment with an unusual flavor combo.

**Leo:** You're known for taking charge, but this could be the time you learn the most as a sous chef. Work on your knife skills and improve your level of precision.

**Virgo:** This is a party time of year for you, so throw a surprise shindig and work on your mixology tricks. Get fizzy with it.

**Libra:** A nice root vegetable suits your mood this winter. Get down to the basics of what makes you feel grounded and healthy.

**Scorpio:** Several planets in your chatty third house make this a great time for impromptu lunches. Spice up your sandwiches with some variations on old condiment favorites.

**Sagittarius:** Meat or meat substitutes satisfy your craving for sustenance during a hard-working time of the year for you, Sag. Protein up.

**Capricorn:** This is a profound era for Capricorns; make sure your diet reflects your desire to be a lean, mean, clean fighting (for justice) machine.

**Aquarius:** It's your birthday season, so have your cake and eat it too. Savory flavors like rosemary and almond add a little surprise to sweet celebrations.

**Pisces:** It's all about hydration for you right now, Pisces. No complicated cleanses necessary, just make sure you are leaning more towards water than empty snacks to feel full and energized.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE  
EDUCATION SQUAD REPORT

## USMCA Confirmed in the Senate ITES Report

By Helen Beichel, Christopher Marshall,  
Bart DeCoursy, International Trade  
Education Squad

USMCA, the United States Mexico Canada Agreement, which we have been calling NAFTA 2.0, has passed confirmation in the Senate by a vote of 89–10 with one not voting after months of wrangling on amendments between leaders of the Democratic Party and the Trade Representative's Office. Both Senator Schumer and Senator Gillibrand voted against the confirmation, joining Senators Cory Booker and Bernie Sanders. Senator Elizabeth Warren voted for the agreement. The ITES is presenting analytic articles on the positive and negative aspects of the agreement and how it may impact us at the Coop.

Both parties are likely to call this a win as the country enters impeachment proceedings and the final leg of a long and expensive Presidential electoral process. The new agreement in its name alone has made some changes for the better as it no longer purports to be a “free” trade agreement. The area where the most positive impact has occurred is with regards to Big Pharma; a provision that would have guaranteed 10 years of market exclusivity for biologic drugs (“biologics”) was stripped out. In addition to the removal of the market exclusivity threshold, the deal no longer includes provisions that would have allowed drug makers to secure longer exclusivity periods in connection with new uses for existing drugs.

Biologics accounted for

two-thirds of prescribed drug spending and all 10 of the highest-expenditure drugs in Medicare Part B in 2017. Biologic exclusivity in the United States is currently set at 12 years, but Democrats argued that enshrining a 10-year guarantee in the trilateral trade deal would have tied Congress' hands if lawmakers wanted to change the threshold. Also, Mexico and Canada both currently offer less than 10 years of exclusivity for biologics, and “this deal would have caused prices of prescription drugs in those countries to skyrocket,” said Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.).

The second area where activism made major impact is with regards to the Investor State Dispute Settlement system. An ISDS system is in more than 3,000 bilateral agreements. It is a secret tribunal arbitration process to protect the interest of foreign investors, allowing corporations to sue state and local governments and overturn local court rulings in favor of corporate interests. In the USMCA, ISDS has been eliminated between Canada and the USA and only applies to efforts to protect the fossil fuel industry in Mexico.

The third area is with regards to labor. There are stronger rules of origin for autos or auto parts: 75% of the item must be made in North America to qualify for duty-free benefits. Also included is a first-time Labor Value Content (LVC) that would require workers making \$16 per hour or more to produce at least 40% of the value of

autos and 45% of the value of light trucks to be duty-free. Provisions have been added to strengthen labor standards, including terms that could end the scourge of fake “protection” unions in Mexico. To address U.S. labor sector criticism about lack of enforcement a Facility Specific Rapid Response Labor Panel mechanism was established in the USMCA Amendments section.

The fourth area where there has been some, but not enough, impact has been with regards to the environment. According to changes made in the Amendments section, the new NAFTA explicitly is no longer in contravention of seven international environmental agreements. Sections in NAFTA related to the “proportional” sharing rules requiring exports of oil, gas, timber and even water based on previous years' export levels are now gone. Safety and environmental problems relating to Mexican trucks' access to U.S. roads were addressed.

Finally, the new NAFTA has a sunset clause written into it. The three countries are due to meet for a review after the first six years and if all agree, the pact continues during another 16-year time-frame. If during any such six-year review one party does not agree to the next 16-year extension, joint reviews are then to be conducted annually. During that process, the parties can agree to another 16-year reset.

For background on the agreement please look at our blog <https://coopites.wordpress.com> and like our Facebook page. ■

## A Call for Articles About Governance

By Ed Levy,  
Editor, Team 1

For the May 7 issue of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*, members are invited to contribute their thoughts and ideas about the General Meeting.

Under the current system, proposals are screened by the Agenda Committee, discussed at one meeting, and then voted on in another by a largely different group of attendees—most of whom are there for workslot credit. “This can make for a partial, haphaz-

ard sort of decision-making,” is how Alexandra Schwartz put it in her recent *New Yorker* profile of the Coop.

Are there other forms of  
decision-making?

Can this system be reformed? How can the General Meeting, typically attended by a few hundred people at most, better reflect the size of the membership, now over 17,000? Are there other forms

of decision-making, such as a smaller representative body, that would be less fractious and more efficient, while preserving Coop democracy?

New Yorkers recently voted in ranked choice voting. What fresh ideas do you have to bring Coop democracy to the next level? Please keep your contribution to 500 words or less and send it to [Gazette-Submissions@psfc.coop](mailto:Gazette-Submissions@psfc.coop) no later than April 27, 2020, with “Coop Governance/May 7 Issue” in the subject line. ■

## Have you lost something valuable?

## Perhaps you lost it at the Park Slope Food Coop!

## Come up to the Membership Office to reclaim your valuables.



## 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 *Linewaiters' Gazette*...

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

- An alphabetized list of the titles of all articles published in the Gazette from 1995 to the present, with issue dates.

- An alphabetized list of all subjects (including people's names) discussed in Gazette articles from 1995 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.)

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

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### 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](http://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 via e-mail to [GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop](mailto:GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop).**

**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, February 21, 8:00 p.m.

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



## PROSPECT CONCERTS

### Andreas Arnold and the Tomas Rodriguez Trio



Flamenco guitarist **Andreas Arnold** will take the audience on a musical journey to Andalusia. He will start his set with a collection of traditional flamenco guitar pieces that range from meditative to explosive. **Alexis Cuadrado** (double bass) and **Tripp Duddley** (Indian tablas) will join him for the second part where the three will explore original compositions and the fusion of flamenco with jazz and indian rhythms. As a walker, Andreas likes to invite Coop members to his upcoming shows before he returns their shopping carts. So if you haven't had the chance to be walked by him, you are cordially invited to this one.

The **Tomas Rodriguez Trio** is **Tomas Rodriguez** (guitar), **Barry Kornhauser** (cello), and **Urbano Sanchez** (percussion). They bring a unique and eclectic repertoire inspired by a wide variety of global influences, from the bagpipe music of



Galicia, Spain, to the kora compositions of Malian virtuosos Toumani Diabaté, and Ali Farka Touré. The Trio's own compositions and arrangements—some featured on Rodriguez' most recent recording *Ruminations*—meld these diverse musical inspirations and influences into an enticing journey through a musical landscape that traverses both the new and old worlds.

"Tomas Rodriguez plays guitar with a passionate originality, with an individual touch, drawing from the musical heart of the Latin world. The folk and classical traditions of Spain and South America are richly evident in Rodriguez' playing, but he transmutes them into a sound clearly, fervently his own."—*Christian Science Monitor*

[www.facebook.com/ProspectConcerts](https://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.

Tai Aliya	Amelia Carter	Molly Fowler	Catherine Jampel	Ruby Miller-Gootnick	David Rothschild	Emily Stevens
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Alisha Byrd	Teo Draeger	Joseph Hill	Ethan Mantel	Nathaniel Phillips	Katharine Sison	Diallo Zoumana
David Byrd	Jessica Feldman	Esther Hwang	Claxton McLean	Thomas Quinn	Jessica Slonim	
Liam Carey	Elizabeth Fisher	Martha Isaacs	Amelie Mancini Metal	Isabella Risius	Gabrielle Smith	
Justin Carroll	Amanda Foster	Katherine Jacobsen	Avraham Metal	Ruchi Rohra	Jason Stavers	

COOP CALENDAR

New Member Orientations

Attending an Orientation is the first step toward Coop membership. Pre-registration is required for all of the three weekly New Member Orientations. To pre-register, visit [foodcoop.com](http://foodcoop.com). Have questions about Orientation? Please visit [www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com) and look at the "Join the Coop" page for answers to frequently asked questions.

The Coop on the Internet

[www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com)

The Coop on Cable TV

**Inside the Park Slope Food Coop**  
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](http://www.bricartsmedia.org/community-media/bcat-tv-network).

General Meeting Info

**TUE, FEBRUARY 4**  
AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 7:30 p.m.  
Submissions will be considered for the January 28 General Meeting.

**TUE, FEBRUARY 25**  
GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Gazette Deadlines

**LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:**  
Feb 13 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Feb 3  
Feb 27 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Feb 17

**CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:**  
Feb 13 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Feb 5  
Feb 27 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Feb 19

ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

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

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

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

Location

John Jay Educational Campus, 227 Seventh Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts.

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, on [foodcoop.com](http://foodcoop.com), 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](http://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.

- **Advance Sign-up required:**  
To be eligible for workslot credit, you must sign-up at [foodcoop.com](http://foodcoop.com). A computer dedicated to sign-ups is located in the elevator lobby. You may sign up for the meeting all month long, until 5 p.m. of the day of the meeting.  
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.
- **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 Workslot Credit Attendance Sheets will be available to sign in.

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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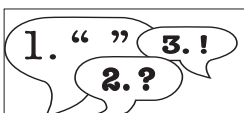
## calendar of events

feb 1  
sat 12 – 2 pmValentine's Day  
Card-Making Party

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

feb 4  
tue 7:30 pm

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feb 6  
thu 7:30 pmFood Class:  
Miso Making

This special two-hour workshop is a unique opportunity to learn the ancient art of making miso, one of the foundational ferments of Japanese cuisine. Discover the in's and out's of fermentation and how to successfully cultivate a biodynamic health food with a few key ingredients. Class size is limited. Participants are first come, first served. Participants are asked to bring a small glass jar (about 8-10oz.) for your miso. Chef **Cheryl** is the chief fermentationist and CEO of Contraband Ferments as well as an educator, artist, and writer. She co-organizes the NYC Fermentation Festival, and is an organizer of the NYC Ferments Meetup. She is a contributor to the new book *Miso, Tempeh, Natto* and is currently working on her first book on fermentation due out some time in the future. You can find her teaching workshops and at festivals both regionally and internationally. *Menu includes: Traditional Miso (to take home); Caramel Miso Popcorn; Taste samplers: various (grain, bean, nut) miso. This class is vegetarian, gluten-free and may include nuts.*

**ASL interpreter available upon request, please contact the Membership Office. Materials fee: \$5. First come, first seated. To inquire about leading a Food Class, go to [bit.ly/CCCChf1](http://bit.ly/CCCChf1).**

feb 7  
fri 7 pmFilm Night: Short Films by  
Coop Members

*Like Glass* features Zion, a club kid grappling with their gender-fluid identity, finds liberation in New York City's avant-garde nightlife scene while facing backlash from their boyfriend who struggles to understand. **Lauren Flack** is a New York-based director and producer originally from Kansas. She is co-founder of Little Blondie Films.

*Aftermath* is an animation of the last chapter of the illustrated supernatural odyssey *Telescope Highway*. **Toni Simon** is a multimedia artist and writer whose work encompasses the ways in which the future might appear, accessed through trance states. *The Magical Theater* shows a mysterious enchantment that falls on an X-rated theater, bringing the venue to life. Pornography breaks free from the silver screen, as the real world and the fantasy world blur into one. **Jovanna** is an animator and art director based in New York City. *Precious Hill Coop* features short animations about everyone's favorite member-owned Coop. By **BopJam**. *Pokemon No* shows Connor, who takes his girlfriend Sam to the Central Park Ramble for a spe-

cial surprise, but the Pokemon she can't stop capturing are determined to wreak their revenge. **Valerie Work** is a Brooklyn-based playwright/screenwriter/librettist. *Animation Hotline* is a crowd-sourced animation series where anyone is invited to tell a story about anything they want. Call animator **Dustin Grella** (212-683-2490) and if he has time he'll animate it.

**To book a Film Night, contact Gabriel Rhodes, [gabrielrhodes@me.com](mailto:gabrielrhodes@me.com).**

feb 8  
sat 12 pm

## Anger Management 101

Are you or someone you know prone to anger? Express your anger with an intensity that you later regret? Have anger issues because of a low frustration tolerance? Have a wish to be understood that gets derailed because of your inability to manage your anger? Anger when expressed in an assertive rather than aggressive manner can clear the air of misunderstanding, improve your sense of self and can aid in the restoration and repair of ruptures in relationships at home and at work. This hour will be devoted to: 1. Understanding the nature and neuroscience of anger. 2. Identify and anticipate the triggers that set off anger. 3. Learn strategies to manage those triggers. 4. Transform destructive anger into meaningful dialogue in relationships. We will be doing role playing if people are willing to enhance experience of workshop please call with any questions 917-627-6047. Coop member **Raymond Reichenberg** is a Certified Anger Management Association Specialist and New York State-Licensed Psychoanalyst. He has been in practice in Park Slope for the past 25 years.

feb 11  
tue 7 pmSafe Food Committee Film Night:  
Wasted!

*Wasted! The Story of Food Waste* aims to change the way people buy, cook, recycle, and eat food. Through the eyes of the world's most influential chefs like Bourdain, Barber, Batali, Bottura, and Bowien, audiences will see how they make the most of every kind of food, transforming scraps into incredible dishes that create a more secure food system. *Wasted!* exposes the criminality of food waste and how it's directly contributing to climate change and shows us how to make small changes—all of them delicious—to solve one of the greatest problems of the 21st century.

**See upcoming events, past reviews and a comprehensive list of films shown at [www.plowtoplatefilms.com](http://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](http://www.foodcoop.com).**

feb 12  
wed 7 pmLearn 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**. This month's class will feature a selection of unique cheeses from around the world and fun pairings you can try at home!

feb 21  
fri 7 pm

## Coop Singles Mixer

There will be cheese. Stop all the swiping and come to the Coop to meet some of the best-eating single people in Brooklyn! Ever sit on the bench outside of the Coop and have an amazing conversation with an interesting person and wish you could just keep talking but then your car comes, your frozen food is starting to defrost, your dog is hungry, it starts to rain, it's actually very cold out... Ever scan someone's groceries and have an exciting conversation about sauerkraut, pickles, and kimchi—you want to relish the moment forever. When they walk away you wish you could page out for their

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Views expressed by the presenter do not necessarily represent the Park Slope Food Coop.



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number... COME MEET SOME PEOPLE!! We'll play ice-breaker games, talk, mingle, eat, and laugh. **Mare** has been a Coop member for 14 years and is also a musician, improv comedian, teacher, food lover, and gardener.

**feb 21**  
fri 8 pm

## Andreas Arnold; The Tomas Rodriguez Trio

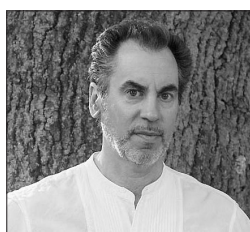


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**Concert takes place at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Park West (at 2nd St.), \$10, doors open at 7:45. Prospect Concerts is a monthly musical fundraising partnership of the Coop and the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture. Bookings: Bev Grant, bevgrant1@aol.com.**



**feb 22**  
sat 12 pm

## Declutter, Clear, Transform, Make Room for Yourself

Make room for life! We have the potential to live fully in our homes and workspaces. We can be free of overwhelm, shame, self-criticism and anything else in our way. And we don't have to do it alone! **Shira Sameroff**'s work has evolved over two decades years of experience with individuals, groups, and organizations as a workshop facilitator, therapist, event planner, activist, board president, volunteer coordinator and more. She has been a member of the beloved PSFC for as long. Shira's many passions include trees, singing, biking, travel, and Honey Mama's chocolate.

**feb 23**  
sun 12 pm

## Special Needs Planning

Do you or a loved one have disabilities or special needs? Do you have questions about how you can properly plan for the future? Planning ahead for disability and special needs can be confusing and overwhelming. This workshop will provide you with information about the issues that are important to think about, the key documents for a proper special needs plan, and the process of applying for guardianship. **Lisett Ferreira, Esq.** is a Food Coop member and an experienced attorney whose practice focuses on elder and family law. She has helped many individuals and families develop the best estate plan for them and their loved ones.

**feb 25**  
tue 7 pm

## PSFC FEB 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: John Jay Educational Campus, 227 Seventh Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts.**

**feb 25**  
tue 7:30 pm

## Healing from Climate Grief

Unhealed grief, fear, and frustration about the climate emergency affects our initiative and hope for the future. Our unexpressed emotions interfere with our ability to bring our intelligence and energy to effectively respond to the climate crisis. The opportunity to openly express emotions about the damage to the earth and its inhabitants can release enormous thinking and action. This workshop will be an interactive event and all Coop members all welcome. It will be led by longtime Coop members **Azi Khalili** and **Adley Gartenstein**.

**feb 28**  
fri 7 pm

## Wordsprouts: Recent Trends in International Storytelling

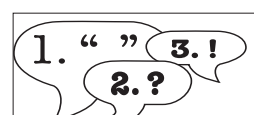


A conversation about storytelling trends through moving imagery (film, TV, web, other crazy new media). As our current era is witnessing the rise of reactionary demagogues around the world, is there some countervailing tendency we see in storytelling? Where do moving pictures fit into our chaotic cultural conversation? If you were a doctor prescribing a movie to cure our (American) cultural malaise, which one would it be and why? **James Poniewozik** has been the chief television critic of *The New York Times* since 2015. His reviews and essays particularly focus on the intersection between the art of television and our changing society and politics. He is the author of *Audience of One: Donald Trump, Television, and the Fracturing of America*, which connects the rise of Trump as a public "character" with the evolution and fragmentation of the media over the last four decades. **Sonia Saraiya** is the television critic for *Vanity Fair*, where she reviews new and returning scripted series, interviews the stars of shows and creatives behind the camera, and weighs in on the intersection of culture, tech, and politics. **A.O. Scott** has been a film critic at *The New York Times* since 2000. He is the author of *What I Thought I Saw: Movie Writings* forthcoming in 2021.

**Free for all Coop members & non-members. Refreshments will be served. Bookings: Sarah Schenck, wordsproutspsc@gmail.com.**

**mar 3**  
tue 7:30 pm

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**The March General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 7 p.m., at John Jay Educational Campus, 227 Seventh Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts.**

## still to come

**mar 7** Kids' Variety Show @ Marlene Clary Space

**mar 20** Prospect Concert

**mar 31** PSFC MARCH General Meeting

**apr 7** Agenda Committee Meeting

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



## KEEP CORPORATE GREED AWAY FROM NEW YORK STATE WEED

### DEAR MEMBERS,

After years of inaction, it is looking increasingly likely that the New York State Legislature will pass legislation legalizing and regulating the distribution and use of cannabis for adults. It is incumbent upon all of us who believe in social justice, economic fairness and environmental responsibility that this new legislation include provisions that protect and benefit the planet, New York's small farming community and minority- and women-owned businesses for decades to come.

We must heed the lessons learned in other states who passed laws without such protections and then watched helplessly as a handful of major cannabis businesses swooped in and quickly dominated the industry. In addition to crowding out the small farmers, these corporate-led growers mass produce their crops inside giant windowless warehouses that gobble up massive amounts of energy, release tons of greenhouse gases into the environment and rely heavily on synthetic pesticides. Right now, it is estimated that 95% of the cannabis legally produced in this country is grown indoors.

Small farmers, on the other hand, know how to grow outdoors, in the sun, employing regenerative farming prac-

tices that responsibly produce nutrient-rich and pesticide free crops. The cannabis they grow is healthy for humans to put on their skin and take into their bodies. Regenerative farming also respects our planet because it doesn't just reduce carbon emissions, it actually reverses global warming by sucking carbon out of the air and sequestering it in the soil.

Our elected leaders in Albany have an opportunity to make New York a national model for responsible and equitable cannabis production. They can do so by requiring that a majority of licenses be reserved for New York's small farms, craft growers and processors, farm cooperatives and farm microbusinesses operating. Priority should also be given to farmers, people of color, women and those who have suffered the most from this nation's ill-advised and decades-long war on drugs.

Any new legislation must also prohibit the use of synthetic fossil-fuel chemicals that major agribusinesses use in their pesticides, fertilizers and other products. New York included a similar ban when it approved the cultivation of hemp and there is no reason not to include it in its cannabis legislation given that it is the same plant. Similarly, this legislation should include provisions that promote regenerative farming practices.

Governor Andrew Cuomo estimates that the legalization of cannabis will generate \$3 billion in sales in the first year alone. We must do every-

thing in our power to recirculate that money by the way of small local businesses, creating an industry that allows an inclusive and equitable cannabis industry that empowers rural and urban communities across our great state.

Please join me in asking the Park Slope Food Coop to write a letter to Governor Cuomo and all our elected officials in Albany urging them to adopt legislation that prioritizes New York's local communities, small farmers and the environment over corporate greed.

Sincerely,  
Toni Perrone

## MAKE COMPOST, NOT TRASH

### TO THE EDITOR:

In these trying times where reform and change appear isolated at the heights of corporate power and political establishment, there are many opportunities for local engagement. Perhaps too many. Perhaps so many that any and all lifestyle modifications pile up into a suffocating mess of trends and constraints on simple pleasures.

I'm here to tell you that there's one more. It's macro- and microbiotic, raw and cooked, not vegan, and not only for food items labeled "organic." It's as exciting as folding laundry, if not more so, and no quarters needed!

The Department of Sanitation provides rodent resistant brown bins, outreach, and curbside collection to residential buildings and non-profit organizations in participating neighborhoods. Buildings of all sizes. For free. Scraping plates and ditching spent food scraps into the stinky trash, no longer. Husky sidewalk rats chewing into black plastic trash bags to munch the meat off chicken bones, over. We want your vegetable peels, chicken bones, spoiled yogurt, moldy bread, eggshells, coffee stained paper towels, dead houseplants, fall leaves. The list goes on.

It's part of a city-wide effort for NYC to become more environmentally sustainable. New York currently sends its trash to a host of recipients across the Eastern seaboard: landfills, waste-to-energy facilities, and incinerators. About a third of that garbage can be recycled through the Curbside Composting Program. The material we collect skips the breezy ride to landfills in

South Carolina or Ohio where it would emit toxic greenhouse gases. Instead, it stays in New York and New Jersey where it's made into compost and renewable energy.

The outreach team for the "Make Compost, Not Trash" campaign is available to help you, so you'll help us.

Current outreach efforts are focused in three community districts in Brooklyn (2, 6, 7) and Queens (2, 5, 8) as well as Bronx 8. But that doesn't mean they are limited to those areas. An outreach team of fifteen people covering the whole

city? You're right. They need all the help they can get. They need you. Make the change and put composting on the list of life's simple pleasures.

The "Make Compost, Not Trash" campaign hopes you'll recycle your food scraps, food soiled-paper, and yard waste. Tell your friends and neighbors about it, and help them spread the word of compost with their volunteer opportunities! For questions, email [Georganics@bigreuse.org](mailto:Georganics@bigreuse.org).

Hope to see you there.  
"Make Compost, Not Trash."  
Mike Stinavage



## COMMON ERRORS WITH THE LOCKERS AT THE FRONT OF THE FOOD COOP LET'S TROUBLESHOOT!

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3. Previous users lock it after they're done to "close" the locker.
4. People forget their codes.
5. People will scramble the dial before locking it and then turn the knob to lock.

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The Committee helps the Coop assist suppliers in improving working conditions and stopping workplace abuses.

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## PEOPLE MEETING

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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.

## SAT, FEB 1

8-10:30 p.m. Jenna Lindbo; Ruth Hill. Peoples' Voice Cafe, 40 E. 35th St., Manhattan. Wheelchair-accessible. \$20-No one turned away.



## SUN, FEB 2

11 a.m. Discussion of *Stirrings: How Activist New Yorkers Ignited a Movement for Food Justice*, with the book's featured protagonist, Kathy Goldman, at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture. Part of the program is about the Coop. Featuring music by the Brooklyn Women's Chorus. Potluck lunch to follow.

## 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).

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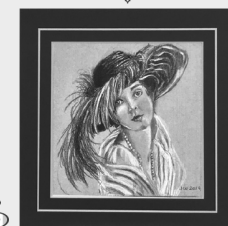
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**Ready to enroll:** Go to [foodcoop.com](http://foodcoop.com) and click on "Member Services" in the upper right-hand corner to get started.

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## ★ EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES ★

### Dairy Inventory

**Monday, 6–8:45 a.m.**

This is the perfect job for someone who prefers to work alone and on a single project for the majority of your shift. Necessary skills: good handwriting, ability to count by 6, 12 and 24, reliability and very good attention to detail. Under the supervision of the Coop's dairy buyers, you will take an accurate inventory of unsold product in the walk-in coolers on shopping floor and in the basement (we provide appropriate warm outerwear). Please ask for Eddie upon arrival.

### Bathroom Cleaning

**Thursday, 12–2 p.m.**

This job involves cleaning the Coop's 6 bathrooms: 2 on the shopping floor, one in the basement, and 3 on the second floor. Using a checklist of tasks, the squad of two members will coordinate the work by dividing up various cleaning tasks that include, but are not limited to, scrubbing floor tile, cleaning toilets and sinks, mopping floors, and re-supplying the bathrooms. The Coop only uses all-natural products for its maintenance tasks. This job is perfect for members who like to clean and will be conscientious about doing a thorough job. Please report to the Membership Office on your first shift.

### Receiving Produce

**Monday–Friday, 5–7:30 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 and 30 lbs., but can weigh up to 50 lbs.

### Receiving Produce

**Saturday, Sunday, 5:45–8:15 a.m.**

Start your day with a workout and a sense of accomplishment! Work side-by-side with our paid staff to maintain the produce aisle on our busiest shopping days of the week. You will be stocking, consolidating, organizing, and cleaning in the produce aisle. In addition, you will be working in our cold basement coolers and moving carts of produce through the very busy produce aisle. Boxes weigh between 2–30 lbs., but can weigh up to 50 lbs. If you enjoy working at a fast pace, being busy, are able to pay close attention to detail and you are willing to get your hands a little dirty (and a little wet) then you'll fit right in. We promise your energy will be put to good use. Please, only sign up for this shift if you can LIFT.

### Maintenance

**Sunday, 9–11 p.m.**

This shift includes a variety of cleaning tasks that focus on deep cleaning the refrigerated cases. The work includes removing products from particular cases, scrubbing, hosing down shelves, and restocking the cases. Other tasks may include cleaning, sweeping,

mopping areas of the shopping floor and basement. Gloves and cleaning supplies are provided. Because the shift is only two hours, arriving on time is essential.

### Maintenance

**Saturday, 6–8 p.m.**

This shift includes a variety of cleaning tasks both small and large. The work can include cleaning, sweeping, mopping of the Coop's bathrooms, hallways, staircases, some areas of the shopping floor and other duties on the maintenance list. Gloves and cleaning supply are provided. Because the shift is only two hours arriving on time is essential. Two-hour shift!

### Office Set-Up

**Monday, Thursday, Friday, 5:45–8:15 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, drying, folding and distributing laundry. Six-month commitment is required. Please speak to Mary Gerety or Jana Cunningham in the Membership Office for more information.

### Environmental Issues Committee - Terracycle - Plastic Recycling

**Wednesday, 3:30–6:30 p.m.**

Three hours per shift, one shift per month; shift meets on the second Wednesday of the month. Must be prepared to work outdoors in front of the Coop, winter months included. Tasks include setting up the Terracycle table and bringing supplies down to your work area; staffing the Terracycle table throughout the shift; helping to educate recyclers about the Terracycle program; making sure only acceptable recyclables are donated; packing the Terracycle shipping box/boxes and taking them to the UPS store. More details provided once you sign up. This squad communicates via e-mail so please make sure the Membership Office has your correct e-mail address on file.

### Office Post-Orientation

**Wednesday, 11:15 a.m.–2 p.m.**

Work with a small, dedicated team to facilitate new members joining the Coop after orientation. Attention to detail a plus. Must have excellent attendance and Membership Office experience. Contact Jana Cunningham in the Membership Office at 718-622-0560 to sign up for this shift.

### Store Equipment Cleaning

**Wednesday, Friday, 6–8 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 the Membership Office on your first work shift.

## PLASTIC PACKAGING RECYCLING

**Wednesday, February 12, 3:45–6 p.m.**

**Saturday, February 22, 1:45–4 p.m.**

### For Coop members only

Please be prepared to show your Coop membership card.

**Plastic bags/wrap/packaging 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.

**Plastic food storage zip lock bags** (any size), plastic cling wrap, and small bulk bags.

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

### For all community members:

Pre-sort and separate according to the categories below.



Toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes

Energy bar wrappers and granola bar wrappers

Brita water filters and related items (other brands also accepted)

Cereal and cracker bags/box liners



**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?  
Contact Jacquelyn Scaduto in the Membership Office.

For more information about Terracycle, visit [terracycle.com](http://terracycle.com)

Questions about items we accept should be e-mailed to [ecokvetch@yahoo.com](mailto:ecokvetch@yahoo.com)



## Special Ordering Temporarily Suspended



**We will not be taking special orders 11/11/19 through 2/3/20 (special orders resume 2/4/20)**

**Vitamins/Supplements special orders are suspended indefinitely and will not resume on 2/4/20**

**No special orders on fresh baked goods**

**Orders for bulk or produce by the case must be placed directly with a bulk or produce buyer**