

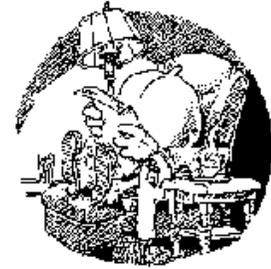


# The Garbanzo Gazette

October 2, 2008



Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter



## UPCOMING MEETING

The next Growers meeting (board meeting) will be on Tuesday, October 7th, at 6 pm. The meeting will probably be in the smaller meeting area upstairs in the Growers Market Building, but if you don't find us there, try looking downstairs in the co-op, or elsewhere in the building.

--Milton Takei

## CASHIER POSITION OPEN: THURS 4:00-4:30PM

Are you interested in a weekly strawboss position that is fun and energetic? My schedule is shifting some and I need to let go of 1/2 hour of my shift. If you are interested cashiering, you may contact me

@ [lareinarose@hotmail.com](mailto:lareinarose@hotmail.com) or 345-3575 or just stop in Growers 2:30pm-4:30pm on Thurs. You may also talk with one of the Thursday coordinators. Blessings, Lareina

## ARE YOU BRINGING CHILDREN TO THE MARKET?

– WELCOME!! We are glad you are here. We are asking that you be aware of the actions of the young ones (for example, no grazing from the bulk bins, frozen items need to be paid for, no running, etc). We want us all to feel safe. Thanks for your efforts!

## STRAWBOSS POSITIONS –

### TUESDAY CLOSER

We need a willing and reliable person to help close up the Market on Tuesday evenings. Arrive around 6:30, go home around 7:30. Put away produce, sweep, do dishes, make sure everything is closed, etc. It's a mellow shift and the Tuesday crew is really fun to work with. Contact Taylor on Tuesday or at 683-8250 for more information.

**CASHIER** needed 2:30 – 4:30 Thursdays. Check with any coordinator

## LOW-INCOME PEOPLE BUY ORGANIC

Since organic food costs more, the logical conclusion would be that poor people tend not to buy organic. Not so, says a 2007 article in Choices, a publication of the American Agricultural Economics Association. Low-income families are at least as likely to purchase organic food as more affluent people. Furthermore, white people are statistically less likely to buy organic products than African Americans, Asian Americans and Hispanic Americans.

One theory is that many low-income people could be eating organic food as preventative medicine. I had the thought that people of color might be more likely to give credence to the idea that pesticides are a health hazard. The London Financial Times once mentioned University of Oregon psychologist Paul Slovic's idea that women are more likely than men to shy away from risky investments because when bad things happen to people, they tend to believe that bad things will happen in the future. See: [http://money.cnn.com/2006/03/10/pf/marriagemain\\_money\\_mag\\_0604/index.htm](http://money.cnn.com/2006/03/10/pf/marriagemain_money_mag_0604/index.htm)

People are still sensitive to price when they buy food, but many are willing to pay more for organic. I think that we have been underestimating the need for cheap organic food such as is available at Growers Market. To view the entire article, go to:

<http://www.choicesmagazine.org/2007-2/grabbag/2007-2-05.htm>

--Milton Takei

## VOTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY, HEALTH, AND LIVABILITY

We are asking you to step-up and provide help for two very important and much contested election campaigns. The outcomes of these elections will impact the sustainability, health, and livability of our community. The time to help out is now.

What you can do: canvass door-to-door, participate in phone banks, (coordinate volunteers), (deliver lawn signs), help with literature drops, sign-wave, work in the campaign office, help organize events, (host a house party), and aid in many other ways. Both candidates can find activities for

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you to do that will be helpful to their campaigns. We have worked with both of these candidates on many projects that have been beneficial to the community over a number of years, and we urge you to give them your support. ***AND -- please consider making a financial donation to both campaigns. Their opponents are raking in the big money and each and every one of our contributions help!***

**To volunteer for Kitty Piercy's campaign, please contact:**

[volunteer@kittypiercy.com](mailto:volunteer@kittypiercy.com), 334-6727

Or you can drop by her campaign office at **1280 Willamette Street to choose your own volunteer activity and/or mail your contribution to Kitty Piercy for Mayor PO Box 2953 Eugene OR 97402**. Please note your name, address, and phone number. Your occupation, employer, and employer city and state is also information that is required by Oregon law for those who donate.

**To volunteer Rob Handy's campaign please contact:**

**Phyllis Barkhurst, Campaign Manager 484-9595 or [campaignmanager@robhandy.com](mailto:campaignmanager@robhandy.com)**

Or you can come by the Handy Clubhouse at 6th and Lawrence to choose your own volunteer activity and/or mail a contribution to Elect Rob Handy County Commissioner, 389 W. 6th Ave, Eugene, 97401. Please note your name, address, and phone number. Your occupation, employer, and employer city and state is also information that is required by Oregon law for those who donate.

-- Thanks, Bob O'Brien, CPA President

## **JOIN US FOR THE 2008 SOLAR & GREEN BUILDING TOUR!**

**WHEN: Sunday, October 5th, 12:30pm**

**WHERE: Tour starts at EWEB (500 East 4th Ave., North Building)**

**WHAT: Tour 4 solar & green buildings, followed by reception at the Green Store**

Eugene is becoming an important player in Oregon's emerging green and solar economy. Some of Eugene's greenest homes and business sites will be on display during the Eugene Area Solar and Green Building Tour on Sunday, October 5, 2008. This event, sponsored by the City of Eugene, EWEB and Northwest Energy Education Institute, will feature four buildings that incorporate energy efficient and passive solar design, solar electric, solar hot

water, rainwater harvesting, green building materials and other green technologies.

John Reynolds, chair of the board of the Advanced Solar Energy Society, will kick off the event with a presentation about incentives for energy efficiency and the status of solar technologies in our community. Tour sites include The WaterShed (3<sup>rd</sup> & Mill mixed use site), Sustainable Centennial (Good Company and Advanced Energy Systems office building), Coho Townhouses, and a residential remodel. Tour sites are centrally located in downtown Eugene and easily accessible by bicycle. Each location will have a site representative to discuss features and answer questions, allowing tour participants to learn directly from practitioners about the benefits of going green. The tour ends with a reception at the Green Store (500 Olive St.), a new retail outlet featuring energy efficient and environmentally responsible products and offering energy design and installation services through its contract division.

Tickets for the tour are \$5, and are limited to the first 100 participants. Visit <http://solartour.nweei.org/> to learn more and to pre-register. For more information, contact Jenna Garmon at (541) 682-5541 or [jenna.r.garmon@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:jenna.r.garmon@ci.eugene.or.us).

## **CALLING ALL CIDERHEADS**

Organizing cider pressing for apples, pears, berries, etc. Join us for picking and onsite pressing (times and places will be announced on website = [www.victorygardensforall.com](http://www.victorygardensforall.com)) You provide your own sanitized jars. Any fruit you want to press and we'll work together to share the bounty. Call for information: Dale 543-7166 or Charlotte 653-0149. Also please pass along info on any harvest sites, trees on public lands, or private garden sights where there is gleaned to be done.

**SEEKING RIDE** To Bay Area the Weekend of October 4-5. Can share expenses. I am a non-smoker and great traveler. Please call (541) 461-2695. Blessings, Planet

*Send submissions to [garbanzo@lists.opn.org](mailto:garbanzo@lists.opn.org). You can also put articles in the garbanzo box at growers. Newsletter copy deadline is 5:00 pm Wednesday. Market hours are Tuesdays 5-7pm; Thursdays 2:30 to 7:30 pm and Fridays 3:00 to 6:30 pm. An orientation to Growers is held each Thursday at 1:30. The Growers email list includes an electronic banzo, events notices, and other misc. info. [growers@lists.opn.org](mailto:growers@lists.opn.org) To subscribe via email, send a message to [growers-join@lists.opn.org](mailto:growers-join@lists.opn.org) Growers Market: 687-1145*

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## **NEW GROWERS POLICY FOR CASHIERS**

*The Growers Board recently created a formal policy for cashiers working with children. Comments about the policy may be sent to the banzo: [garbanzo@lists.opn.org](mailto:garbanzo@lists.opn.org)*

Here at Growers Market we do our best to include everyone in ways that celebrate their skills. We recruit cashiers based on their abilities, commitment to their schedule, and passion for the work.

Cashiers are mostly adults, and among those adults are a few that work with their child(ren) in tow. If you are a youth cashier, parent of a youth cashier, or a parent working with a child present during your shift, please familiarize yourself with the following guidelines:

### **Parents Cashiering with Children Present**

#### **Must Be Able to:**

- Maintain awareness of the line of waiting customers and keep the customers flowing through.
- Alert the on-duty coordinator if they must step away from the till to attend to their child.
- Be particularly aware of hand washing – we all know that parents are more likely to come in contact with germy substances.
- Allow the child to help cashier (scale or adding machine ONLY) if the customer being served is comfortable with a child helping and if that child's assistance won't slow down the flow of the line.

We strongly suggest that parents who want to cashier with their children present and/or as assistants choose more mellow shifts so that they can work AND parent with relative ease. We also suggest that parents who choose to cashier during the busy Thursday hours make sure that there is an additional person present to care for their child if necessary.

### **Kids as Cashiers**

Growers Market celebrates and supports those young people among us who want to take on the responsibility of cashiering. That said, there are market members who are not comfortable with the idea of a child or youth handling their money and because we strive to be supportive of everyone, we must respect their opinions also. Therefore, we offer these rules for children that wish to join our fearless team of cashiers.

## **The Big Rule**

***No child shall handle money or use the cash register without meeting the first four requirements in this section.***

### **Kid/Youth Cashiers Must**

1. Read the Cashier Manual.
2. Complete an official Cashier Training with a parent/guardian present.
3. Demonstrate (in the training) basic math and money skills.
4. Work under the supervision of a parent and/or coordinator until they complete 5 consecutive cashier orders without assistance.
5. Be comfortable asking for pumpkins/strawboss credit, answering member questions when possible, and getting the on-duty coordinator when necessary.
6. Cashier only when another adult (parent/guardian, coordinator, or other adult cashier) is present.
7. No 'teams' of children cashiering – one child per scale/adding machine. The only person who should assist the young person should be an adult.

If the coordinator on-duty feels that the requirements of cashiering are not being adequately met, they have the responsibility to ask any cashier (adult or young person) to step down for that day and/or to find a better shift for their level of ability and focus.

*This policy was consensed on by the Growers Market Coordinators on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008.*

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