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The 
SCOOP
August 2022



From the Board of Directors

Lino Rauzi

Vice President

Greetings Owners and fellow community members. It appears that summer is finally here after a long and rainy spring! May everyone in our

locale have unencumbered access to adequate shelter and shade, clean water, and joy in the coming months. What follows are the contents of our June meeting.

As many of you already know, June is Board election season at the Co-op. The results are in and we welcome returning Board member Jasmin Woodside for another term! In kind, we bid farewell to Board members Elizabeth Sonstegaard, Tyra Jansson, and Jim Mitchell; as well as our long-time facilitator Dan Shapiro. We thank them for their service to the Co-op, and wish them well in whatever may come.

A little Board trivia for you all: seven out of ten total Board members (called a quorum) are required to be present to vote on any decisions required of the Board. With so many outgoing members and only one returning member, we have only six board members at this time. Fear not! The Board has policy



in place to manage situations such as these. If Board membership ever falls below quorum, the Board is empowered to seek out candidates and vote internally to appoint them to the role of director. There are currently two well-qualified candidates of interest we will be voting on at our upcoming meeting. If they are approved, they will be profiled here in The Scoop such that you all may get to know them better.

As I write this, construction of the South Store annex is moving right along. The first floor has been framed and yesterday I saw the first layers of siding being applied. Though much progress has been made in the past months, it has been the less obvious progress of routing power and water, and pouring a slab. I hope you enjoy, as much as we do, the sight of walls.

It is the duty of the Board to perform a self-evaluation each year. Typically this has been accomplished internally as a group, but this year the Executive Committee decided to reach out to our partners at Columinate to conduct individual interviews of Board members.

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August Board Committee Meetings

Owners interested in virtually attending meetings should contact BREC@firstalt.coop for details.

Board Recruitment & Elections

Committee: Working to recruit qualified Board candidates.

Tuesday, August 9, 6pm

Owner Relations Committee:

The conduit for communication between Owners and the Board.

Wednesday, August 10, 6pm

Strategic Planning Committee:

Develops strategic plans consistent with Board's vision and direction.

Monday, August 15, 5pm

Finance Committee: Reviews, analyzes, and makes recommendations on financial matters.

Wednesday, August 17, 4:30pm

Board of Directors: Elected Owners putting our principles into action. **Tuesday, August 23, 6pm**

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Columinate is an organization that provides (among other things) HR consulting for Co-ops like ours. It was the opinion of the Executive Committee that individual interviews would provide a venue for Board members to be candid about the Board's progress. What follows are some consolidated findings from our consultant:

- Directors are passionate about board work and feel the board has a healthy interpersonal dynamic.
- We have maintained our commitment to the policy governance model.
- Not all of our committees feel like their work is relevant and we are still working on determining the Board's role in strategic planning as it differs from Management's.
- Rotate members through Board committees such that members are knowledgeable about all Board functions while ensuring that individual members' passions are honored.



Thanks to the efforts of Jasmin Woodside and Jim Mitchell, we have standardized our onboarding and mentorship process over the last two years to ensure that every new Board member receives one-on-one training with a senior Board member in all the functions of the Board. Furthermore, we seek to address these findings at our upcoming Board retreat in October, with a specific focus on determining the Board's role in strategic planning.

In closing, it is my pleasure to announce a location and date for the 2022 Owner Rendezvous! The Owner Relations Committee has booked the shelter at Martin Luther King Jr Park on September 11. We hope to see you all there for some food, fun, and games; as well as our annual business meeting. Be well, and happy summer!



Owner Rendezvous 2022

The Shelter at Martin Luther King Jr Park,
NW Walnut Blvd in Corvallis

September 11, 2022 • More details to come



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2022 Edible Garden Tour to feature South Corvallis gardens

Explore food-producing gardens on August 10th

Corvallis area residents are invited to participate in a FREE Edible Garden Tour being offered this summer by the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition's Food Action Team. The tour welcomes both new and experienced gardeners, as well as anyone who wants to see some amazing food-producing gardens!

The tour will take place on Wednesday, August 10, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Join us for a self-guided tour of five inspiring gardens in South Corvallis that

feature a variety of edibles. All five gardens are within just a few blocks of each other, making the tour friendly to both walkers and bikers.

Participants are welcome to begin their tour at any of the above sites and to determine the order in which they visit the various gardens. Host gardeners will be on hand to talk to participants about their gardens and to answer questions.

Tour locations:

1465 SE Alexander Ave
645 SE Alexander Ave
465 SE Bridgeway Ave
225 SE Mayberry Ave
(Site opens at 6 pm)
470 SE Viewmont Ave.

Additional tour features include:

- A drawing for \$50 gift certificates to local nurseries
- Copies of the 2022 Corvallis Garden Resource Guide available from docents at each site
- Food vendors at the 1465 SE Alexander Avenue site for those who want to purchase a bite to eat

This is the ninth year of the Edible Garden Tours. Tours began in 2012 and were held each summer through 2019, but have been on hiatus during the height of the pandemic (2020 and 2021).

The goal of the tours is to encourage Corvallis area residents to grow some of their own food. In addition to fostering greater self-reliance, the Food Action Team hopes to involve more people in the joys and health benefits of gardening: regular exercise, fresh air, healthful and delicious food, and a sense of connection to their community — and to the earth!



For more information: sustainablecorvallis.org,
info@sustainablecorvallis.org or 541-230-1237.

Both Co-op locations
will be closing at

**6pm on
Sunday,
August 21**
for our annual
Staff Party

Thanks for
understanding!



The Co-op welcomed

36 new
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in June

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July 7
Sin Documentos,
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AUGUST 4
DTW,
Hillstomp

July 21
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