

Greetings Medford Market Owners!

June 2007 Medford Market Newsletter



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Invest in your Community!

Owner Loan Program

You can help open Medford's first community-owned full-service food co-op by participating in the Owner Loan Program. Owners supporting the Medford Market through owner loans play a vital role in the establishment and growth of a local food co-op that provides many services beyond a regular grocery store.

- **Investing in your co-op is an investment in our community, which benefits us all.**
- **Your money stays right here in Medford.**
- **You can see the results right before your eyes.**
- **You will help open the doors to a co-op committed to providing high quality food and services specializing in local, natural and organic goods.**

Owner loans, in addition to subscription purchases, provide a demonstration of community support for Medford Market and are a major component of any fundraising effort. While the Owner Loan Program is not the only source of funds for Medford Market, financial institutions and granting agencies regard owner loans as a true test of the support from the community. As a new co-op, Medford Market needs funding for property improvements, equipment, inventory and other initial start-up costs required to open the store.

To find out more attend the next **Owners Meeting on June 4th** at 6 pm at the Santo Center. Local experts (who are also owners) will be there to answer your questions and help you sign up for the Owner Loan Program. Come and learn more about this **socially responsible investment**. Questions and participation are welcome!

More Exciting News!

General Manager

We are pleased to announce that we have hired a General Manager. Paula Harris comes from Concord, NH - where she not only was a General Manager but also helped open up a food co-op. She will be coming on board in July.

Building Cleanup June 9th & 10th

Owners - here is your chance see and work in the newly acquired upstairs of the store site! We are having a cleanup party the weekend of June 9th & 10th. Owners can sign up to volunteer for either Saturday the 9th, Sunday the 10th or for both days. Find out more info by attending the Owners Meeting June 4th or by calling 944-2667 or emailing medfordmarket@hotmail.com.

CCMA Conference

Two Medford Market Board members will be attending a conference in June where they will have the opportunity to attend sessions and workshops relating to food co-op plus get to network with others who are involved in startup co-ops.

Growers Market

Watch for us each Thursday 8:00 am to 1:30 pm at the weekly Medford Growers Market

Also check out our webpage at: www.medfordmarket.org/ for more information or call us at 944-COOP(2667) or email at medfordmarket@hotmail.com.

Next Owners Meeting

Monday, June 4th from 6 to 8pm

Santo Community Center, Drill Hall

Corner of W. Jackson and Columbus

We will continue to host our larger Community Meetings that usually include a presentation and activity which are also important for all Owners to attend. However since these meetings are only held every couple of months or so and involve the whole community, it can be difficult for owners to express their ideas and concerns. By holding monthly Owners' Meetings, the Board of Directors hopes to ensure that owners will have ample time for interaction by asking questions, communicating their needs and concerns while taking part in volunteering opportunities.

Please join us at the monthly Owners meetings and utilize one of the benefits of being an Owner - **Participation**.

Sincerely,

The Medford Market Board of Directors

Velda Welch, President
Paige West, Vice President
Joan Parsons, Secretary
Shareen Vogel, Treasurer
Becky Brooks, Member at Large
Ward Riggins, Member at Large
Hayley Mete, Member at Large

Owners' Meetings

**Monthly Owners Meeting
Schedule at 6:00 pm Santo
Center:**

- June 4th
- July 2nd
- August 6th