

## Greetings Medford Market Owners!

July 2007 Medford Market Newsletter



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### Help the Medford Market GROW and ... volunteer!

Do you have a couple of hours that you would be willing to invest in the co-op? Do love to work with people and see how progress can be made in your community first-hand? Then sign up for one of the great volunteer opportunities below. **Lynn Howe**, a Medford Market Owner and volunteer, has offered her talents and energy to be the official **Volunteer Coordinator** for Medford Market. Please contact her by phone at 248-709-2668 or simply respond to this email to sign up for one of the following opportunities.

#### Medford Growers and Crafter Market

The co-op has a booth set up at the Growers Market each Thursday through November 15th. Well over 100 owners have subscribed at this booth! Any Thursday morning, assist to staff the market table at the Medford Growers Market in the Armory parking lot. Be there from 9 to 11 am or 11 am to 1 pm. You'll work with a board member to answer questions about the coop, give out literature and explain the benefits of membership – all while being outside at a very interesting and fun event.

#### Celebration of Local Investment Fundraiser

**"Plant your dollars close to home & watch your  
community grow"**

**Make a socially responsible investment with Medford**

**Market today!**

credit: foodroutes.org

Join us for this exciting event on **Friday June 29th** and help with set-up, food preparation, food service and clean-up/break-down from 5:00 to 9:30 pm Friday, June 29, at our

#### More Exciting News!

#### Celebrate Local Investment & Watch Your Community Grow!

Join us at our special event to celebrate local investment at the EdenVale Winery on Friday, June 29, 2007. Come and enjoy a wide-variety of local foods while listening to local musicians and learning how you can make a socially responsible investment in your community through the Owner Loan Program. Tickets will be available at EdenVale on June 29th and are \$30 for existing Owners and \$100 for non-owners. Admission is free for Owners who have already participated in the Owner Loan Program.

#### Chamber of Commerce Greeters Meeting

Medford Market will host the Chamber of Commerce Greeters Meeting on July 26th at 8 am. This will be a great opportunity to network with other local businesses and show the progress of the store.

#### Owner Loan Program

Check out this special Owner-only website for more information on this opportunity through the Owner Loan Program to support Medford Market:  
[www.medfordmarket.org/olp.html](http://www.medfordmarket.org/olp.html).  
Your help is needed more than ever to get the doors of Medford Market open.

Edenvale Vineyard fundraiser and social for owners and guests. Edenvale is co-hosting and providing the beautiful location. We need a lot of energetic volunteers to make sure the evening runs smoothly so that attendees learn about the market, become members and have a wonderful time. You'll enjoy being outside in a lovely setting while helping the Market grow.

### **Chamber of Commerce Greeters visit the co-op!**

Plan and host a **Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>** morning meeting of the Medford Chamber of Commerce at the Medford Market building. It's our chance to meet and greet Chamber members, show off the market-in-progress and talk about our goals and plans. We need a few people to help organize the space for the event. It's a great opportunity for the market to network with local businesses. A number of Chamber members are already Market members but we need more as well as their continued support and enthusiasm for downtown development.

**Do you have ideas about ways you would like to help the Market? We'd love to hear from you!**

If you are interested in helping out or want more information in any of the above events, you can reply to this email and leave your phone number for us to call you or call **Lynn Howe** on her cell at **248-709-2668**.

## **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.**

### **Growers Market**

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

### **Owners' Meetings**

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

- **July 2nd**
- **August 6th**

- **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 July 2nd** at 6 pm at the Santo Center. Local experts (who are also owners) will be there to answer your questions and help you signup for the Owner Loan Program. Come and learn more about this **socially responsible investment**. Questions and participation are welcome!

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

## **Next Owners Meeting**

**Monday, July 2nd 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

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