

## **"It's Just Food"**

**Brighton Food Co-op Newsletter – December 2007 Edition**

Next Distribution: Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

- Orders Due: Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> (by 9:00PM)
- No Unfilled Case Orders this time because we're not distributing UNF -- only Outside Vendors, including Bestemans and Frontier.
- Nuts can be ordered for this distribution, but Almars may not be ordered if the combined order is too small.

Financial Info from the November 27<sup>th</sup> Distribution:

- Number of orders placed: 18 (Battjes, Brady, Clark, Damon, D. Johnson, Gill, Ray, Hauk, Hicks, Hubbarth, J. Brown, J. Johnson, Kataja, Mechan, N. Brown, Pospiech, Radelt, Verschoor)
- All Products Total: \$8,987.93
- Extras Table Sold: \$ 901.50
- Extras Left: \$ 258.74
- Current Membership: 38
- New Members: None

In case anyone was not aware of it by now, we have a new website address:

<http://www.brightonfoodcoop.com>. (You might say we're jumping into the DotCom Bubble about 6 years after it burst!) We also have a new email address: [bfc@brightonfoodcoop.com](mailto:bfc@brightonfoodcoop.com). Please bookmark the new web address and adjust your email filters to accept the new email address.

We are adding a new Outside Vendor: Higher Grounds. HG sells a wide variety of organic coffees and is based in Traverse City. They will be our Vendor #10.

(For more info, see their websites at <http://www.highergroundstrading.com> and <http://www.javaforjustice.com>.)

Future Important Dates:

December 18<sup>th</sup>: Outside Vendor Distribution only

December 25<sup>th</sup>: Merry Christmas - NO DISTRIBUTION

**January 8<sup>th</sup>: Annual Membership Meeting**

January 9<sup>th</sup>: Orders due to Batchers for January Distribution

January 22<sup>nd</sup>: January Distribution

February 6<sup>th</sup>: Orders due to Batchers for February Distribution

February 19<sup>th</sup>: February Distribution

Here's a rough agenda for the Annual Membership Meeting:

10:30 – Noon : Potluck Brunch

Noon – 1:30: Membership Meeting

A more detailed agenda will be handed out at the meeting. **This meeting is very important for a number of reasons** -- including the fact that it is held only once a year. You are strongly encouraged to attend! Members have a voice in this co-op, and the Annual Membership Meeting may be the very best opportunity to exercise that voice. Key objectives of the event:

- Raise and discuss matters pertaining to the way the co-op is organized and how it operates, including policies, procedures, and plans for the future.
- Discuss and vote on proposed changes to the Handbook and By-Laws. (Within the next couple of weeks, a description of the changes will be emailed to you so that you can review them before the meeting.)
- Elect the BFC Board for 2008. (If you are interested in a position on the Board, you're welcome to nominate yourself. Job descriptions are in your Handbook toward the end of the By-Laws.)
- Try out and share new recipes, especially using the foods available through the co-op. (Be sure to bring a dish to pass, and if you can, please make copies of the recipe!)

Thanks for your attention, and see you on December 18<sup>th</sup> -- or at very least on January 8<sup>th</sup>!

Regards,

Jim Brown  
BFC Communications Coordinator