

# The Beet, October 2013

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## **RUN FOR THE BOARD!**

Do you want a grocery cooperative in Hudson? Are you interested in learning new things? Would you enjoy getting to know more of your neighbors? Then consider running for election to the Hudson Grocery Cooperative Board of Directors!

Elections will be held at the Annual Owners Meeting November 11, 2013. The folks that are elected this year will make many of the most important decisions about starting this co-op, including selecting the store LOCATION and hiring the first GENERAL MANAGER!

## **SAVE THE DATE**

The second Annual Owners Meeting will be held at Pitchfork Brewing on November 11, 2013. All co-op owners are invited and encouraged to participate in this event! Owners will vote for new directors, will hear updates about the co-op's past and future, and have the chance to meet fellow co-op supporters. Watch your inbox for your invitation!

## **BOARD BRIEFS**

Suzanne Hambleton and Rachel Centinario **attended the Co-op Board Leadership 101 training** in Minneapolis in mid-September.

**GIFT OWNERSHIPS** are being offered again this year. Consider giving the gift of healthy food, strong local

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST OWNERS**

Cheryl, John and  
Howard O  
Meme and John F

economy, and connected communities! Or, put it on your own wish list.

**THANK YOU to outgoing directors.** Bridget O'Meara, Bess Hambleton, and Steve Fox will be ending their tenure this November. Thank you all for your time and energy over the past two years!

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## DID YOU KNOW . . .

Everyone working to start the Hudson Grocery Co-op is volunteering their time and energy. Over the past two years, volunteers have created marketing materials, posted items to Facebook and Twitter, written the bylaws, passed out information at community events, set up accounting systems, made phone calls to new owners, written newsletters, performed clerical duties, hosted a garage sale fundraiser, encouraged their friends and neighbors to learn about the co-op, and performed tons of other tasks. Even the board of directors and the committee chairs are volunteer positions.

## YOU CAN HELP, TOO!

As the saying goes, many hands make light work. Do you have an hour or two a month that you could devote to bringing this co-op to reality? Contact the board at [Hudsongrocerycoop@gmail.com](mailto:Hudsongrocerycoop@gmail.com)!

## HELP GROW A CO-OP!

- Not an owner yet? Joining is easy on the website! Your one-time investment of \$80 brings Hudson one step closer to opening a grocery co-op!
- Tell your friends and family that the co-op is important to you, and encourage them to become owners. Talking points and ideas for starting the conversation are available on

Nicholas and  
Heather S  
Karyn E  
Wendy H  
Kathy and Steve D  
Mary and Michael K  
Ann R  
Meghan L  
Harriet and Robert  
Michele and Bernie  
David E

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Nov 18: Ownership  
Committee meeting  
7:00 pm, 710 2nd Street**

*Our first ownership committee meeting! The ownership committee will maintain contact with existing co-op owners. New volunteers welcome!*

**Nov 6: Marketing  
Committee Meeting  
7:00 pm, Hudson Bagel and  
Coffee Co**

*New volunteers welcome! Are you a graphic design guru? Do you have a blog post you have always wanted to write? Can you plan awesome events? We would love your help!*

**Nov 4: Finance  
Committee Meeting  
7:00 pm, 701 2nd St**

*The finance and fundraising committee is responsible for maintaining the budget and procuring funds through grants, fundraising, and loans.*

**Nov 12: Board of  
Directors Meeting  
7:00 pm, 701 2nd St**

*All co-op owners are welcome to attend. Please send an email to [hudsongrocerycoop@gmail.com](mailto:hudsongrocerycoop@gmail.com) so we know to expect you!*

for starting the conversation are available on our website.

- Volunteer on a committee!
- Consider giving a co-op ownership as a gift.
- Remember, organizations and businesses can become owners, too!

## **Nov 11: Annual Owners Meeting**

**6:00-9:00 pm, Pitchfork Brewery Taproom**

*All owners are encouraged to attend the second annual owners meeting. Owners will elect three new directors to fill out the Board of Directors. After the business meeting, hang around and partake of a cash bar featuring beer brewed right here in Hudson while chatting with your friends and fellow co-op supporters! Full agenda will be available on [hudsongrocerycoop.org](http://hudsongrocerycoop.org) at the beginning of November.*

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