

First Alternative NATURAL FOODS CO-OP

Fresh, local, organic groceries for everyone

North Store: 2855 NW Grant Ave • South Store: 1007 SE 3rd St

The 
SCOOP
July 2024



From the Board of Directors

Kate Woods

While the Board's General Manager Search group has been hard at work searching nationwide for our next

fearless leader, Wynston, our interim GM, has skillfully guided our stores in continued success. The First Brew Coffee and Grab-n-Go kiosk had its soft opening on June 24, and staff have been hard at work making the magic happen. In the May Board Meeting, Wynston presented the plan, goals, and metrics in a new [to us] way. We were able to learn and grow from this experience and walked away with not only confidence in Wynston's leadership but as a stronger and more educated Board.

Wynston made sure to call to give accolades to the employees and leadership at the North Store for their quick and impactful handling of the accident that occurred in May. While it was jarring to our community as a whole, it was especially terrifying to

those working or shopping at that time. We count our lucky stars that no one was physically hurt, and that things worked out in a "best-case scenario" for anyone in that situation. If you're like my toddler and distraught over the missing ice cream cases, fear not! The Board approved Wynston's well-researched plan to replace the freezers and restore frozen goodies to the North Store. If you haven't seen them, you should stop by!

In March, we covered the Policy and Governance (P&G) revamp project. This project is well on its way, with input from the committee and the Board at large. Since the Board is putting extra energy into the GM Search, the P&G revamp has taken a brief hiatus and will resume in the fall.

I recently returned, along with Jasmin (Board President), Mark T (Finance Manager), from the Consumer Cooperative Management Association Conference held in Portland, Maine. We flew Portland West (Oregon) to Portland East (Maine) to attend an action packed three days filled with tours, connections, information,

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July Board Committee Meetings

Owners interested in virtual attendance should contact BREC@firstalt.coop for details.

Owner Relations Committee:

The conduit for communication between Owners and the Board.

Monday, July 8, 5:30 pm

Board Recruitment & Elections

Committee: Working to recruit qualified Board candidates.

Wednesday, July 10, 5 pm

Finance Committee:

Reviews, analyzes, and makes recommendations on financial matters.

Wednesday, July 17, 4:30 pm

Board of Directors:

Elected Owners putting our cooperative principles into action.

Tuesday, July 30, 6pm

Two locations
Open daily
7am - 9pm

Everyone is
Welcome



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From the Board of Directors

Kate Woods

and workshops with other co-ops from all over the United States. We all attended different speakers and workshops which makes us stronger because our unique experience will be brought back to the Board. It would be hard to pick a second favorite part of the conference, but my top takeaway was the powerful conversations I had in an after-hours meet up session. I had the amazing opportunity to attend the Black and Brown Cooperator Meet Up to participate in conversations and education that will help the Board with our ongoing JEDI work. As a first-year Board member this was invaluable as I had access to members who started their service a few years to decades before me. Thinking how far we've come and all the growth coming down the pipeline, we are excited to welcome in our new Board members next month. Our first Rank Choice Voting ballot closed on June 15 and we will finalize the results during our June meeting. It has been my honor to serve on the First Alternative Co-op Board this last year and I look forward to my continued service with the amazing people who comprise your First Alternative Board of Directors.

Board of Directors Election Results

The votes are in!

A total of 836 votes were cast by First Alternative Co-op Owners in this election. We would like to thank everyone who took part in democratically guiding the future of our community-owned store.

The following candidates have been elected to a three-year term: Kate Woods, Rob May, Lauren Burns, and Frank Hall.

Kathryn Duvall has been elected to a one-year term.

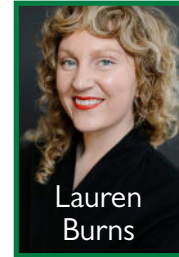
We look forward to the contributions they will make to First Alternative Co-op and our vibrant community.



Kate Woods



Rob May



Lauren Burns



Frank Hall



Kathryn Duvall

Thank to everyone who voted!

2023-24 Co-op Board of Directors



Jasmin Woodside
President



Emily Stimac
Vice President



Dana Monroe
Secretary



Rob May
Treasurer

The Co-op Board of Directors is a dedicated group of volunteers elected by Co-op Owners to guide the store through Policy Governance. This means that although they are not involved in day-to-day store decisions, they shape these decisions through the development of Co-op policy and vision.

BOARD MEETINGS Last Tuesday of each month at 6 pm

Each meeting begins with a ten-minute period for Owner comments. Email is also welcome: FABoard@firstalt.coop.



Kestrel Bailey



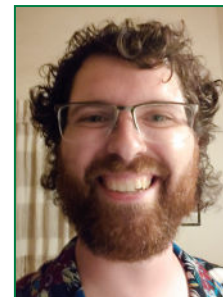
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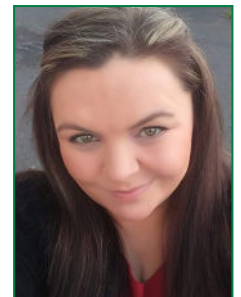
Frank Hall



Patrick Monroe



Jeremy Northway



Kate Woods

Customer Q&A

Answering the Co-op Community's Questions

Q: I've had some trouble getting my bike with a trailer/cargo carrier into the bike parking area at the southern entrance of the South Store. Would it be possible to improve accessibility to that space?

A: Thank you for pointing this out to us. We will be more diligent with the placement of the pallets of soil going forward. We have also repositioned the bike parking so it will be easier for bikes and trailers of all sizes to park under the cover in the future.

—Amy Bassett, South Store Manager

Q: Do you ever carry any apples that are waxed?

A: No, our main distributor (Organically Grown Company) does not supply any apples with wax on them. When apples get stressed, they can sometimes extrude a waxy like substance on, which may be what you are noticing if an apple ever looks waxy.

—Patrick Monroe, North Store Produce Manager

BEANS 4 BAGS

JULY • AUGUST • SEPTEMBER

- ABC House
- Region 3 K9 Search & Rescue
- Safe Haven Humane Society
- Ten River Foods Web

Bring your reusable bags and help support local charitable organizations!

More details at firstalt.coop/donations

Corvallis Environmental Center

SAGE

2024 Concert Series & FUNdraiser!

THURSDAYS 6-8:30PM at STARKER ARTS PARK

July 11 Pa'lante, Ludicrous Speed	July 25 The Incompatibles, Citizens of the Universe
August 8 Brutal Bridges Band, DTW	August 22 The Church Ladies, Space Neighbors

Live Music.
Food & Drinks!

Food supplied by Pupuseria Del Valle, First Alt Co-op, Mud Oven Pizza, Jason's Snow Cones, Go Diddy Pops / Drinks supplied by Lumos Wine Company, Block 15, Tyee, 2 Towns, Airlie

\$5 - \$20/person

All proceeds support the Corvallis Environmental Center

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LUMOS

SAGE Summer Concerts 2024
Join the Co-op at the July 11 show and enjoy tasty grilled cheese sandwiches and great music

We're excited to be selling food at the kick off year's SAGE Garden Concerts series on July 11, from 6-8:30pm at Starker Arts Park in Corvallis.

This year, we're offering grilled cheese sandwiches! Get a classic grilled cheese or one of our exciting specialty flavors—including vegan & gluten free options—along with potato salad, fruit, cookies, and drinks. Come say hello, enjoy some food & music, all in support of the Corvallis Environmental Center!

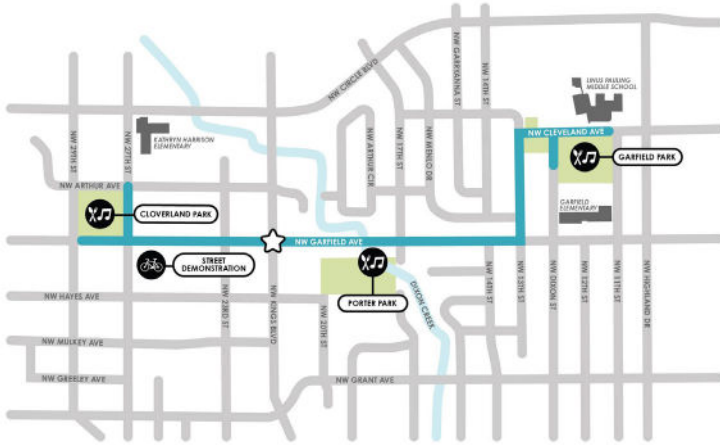
Also new this year, attendees are permitted to bring clean dinnerware to the concerts, for use at the food vendors. Help make this a zero waste event! Folks who bring their own dinnerware and those who ride their bikes to the concert will even be entered in giveaways!

OPEN STREETS CORVALLIS

Sunday, July 21

MAP KEY

- ACTIVITY HUB
- INTERSECTION CROSSING
- EVENT ROUTE (street closed to vehicles)



STAGE SCHEDULE 11AM - 3PM

LIVE MUSIC CLOVERLAND PARK

- 11:30** IT'S NOT ROCKET SURGERY
- 1:00** BAND BREAK
- 1:30** BRUTAL BRIDGES BAND

11:30 OFF STAGE
DTW PARADE KICKOFF

DANCE & FITNESS GARFIELD PARK

- 11:00** CORVALLIS SWING DANCE SOCIETY
- 12:00** LIVE MUSIC FROM DTW
- 12:30** RUMBANANA CUBAN SALSA
- 1:15** POUND FITNESS WITH KAHEA
- 2:00** FOLKLORIC DANCE & LAZO

Stop by the Co-op's booth at Cloverland Park from 11am-3pm for fun activities, samples, and more!

Owner Rendezvous



Sunday, July 28

11am - 3pm
Willamette Park
Rotary Shelter



Save the Date!

Co-op Owners and their families are invited for a fun afternoon of games, live music, food & drinks!

Registration not required. Event details available at firstalt.coop/events

We can't wait to see you at this year's Owner Rendezvous! Lunch will be served from noon-2pm.

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The Co-op welcomed...



new Owners in May

Learn more and become an Owner at firstalt.coop/ownership.