



THE COOP Spoonful

A biweekly publication for members of the Olympia Food Co-op and its surrounding communities

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Meet Your New Board Members!



Cristina Rodriguez



Linda Meyers ■

Co-op 2019 Election Results	
Board of Directors	
Cristina Rodriguez	287
Linda Meyers	173
Jace Denton	167
John "Eppo" Epstein	99
Trudy Springer	92
Bruce Wilkinson	47
John O'Brien	32
Tami Bennett (withdrew)	
Beer & Wine	
Yes	305
No	199

New Moon Co-operative Cafe

Nestled in the heart of downtown Olympia is a quaint, hole-in-the-wall cafe with some of the best breakfasts in town. New Moon Co-operative Café has been around for two decades, and has been organized as

a co-operative for the past six years. The cafe switched to a co-op model when a group of its workers who also ran The Flaming Eggplant (The Evergreen State College's student-run co-op cafe) decided to collectivize New Moon as well. The workers had a vision of a cafe that focused on anti-oppression, decision by consensus, and empowering its workers. It is, to this day, one of the most well known co-ops in Olympia.

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A few blocks down 4th Ave, is Le Voyeur, which came to fame in the 90's with loud punk music and a grungy aesthetic. Over the years, the crew of people working there became as close knit as family. When the owner started speaking of selling the business, the workers knew that, without their unique vision, the business would likely close down. Many locals felt it would be a

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tragedy to lose this symbol of Olympia's signature punk scene. So the employees decided to all pitch in and buy it.

At one point, New Moon Co-operative was considering buying Le Voyer, as they wanted to expand and grow. The sale needed to happen faster than they were prepared for however, so instead they are helping the workers of Le Voyer, "Our collective hope as co-ops is to build stronger coalitions that fight against existing oppressive business practices in Olympia."

So what does this all mean? Well, Le Voyer will still be here, and they are going to focus on creating a safe community space. They will be placing a heavy emphasis on their punk roots, inspired by 115 Legion. The community of workers there will now be empowered to decide how their business is run and how the space is used. ■

Eastside Deli News

The Eastside Deli will now be serving hot Chai Masala on Mondays! ■

Let Us Know What You Think

Do you love our new hot chai? Do you have any other thoughts to share? We're listening!

Your praise, concerns, and ideas can be placed in our wooden Suggestion Boxes located on the Westside by the front door, and on the Eastside at Customer Service.

Include your contact information if you'd like an answer to your question. You can even submit suggestions online by visiting our website at www.olympiafood.coop. While you're there, you can also read the questions and answers submitted by others. ■

Bye Bye Single-use Plastic H2O

The Westside Grocery Department will be phasing out single use plastic water bottles at the end of the year. We will be transitioning to aluminum and paperboard options. We will continue to carry gallon water bottles in plastic from Mountain Mist. ■

