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Summer is a season for renewal and celebration, and these past few months have brought both to Bloomingfoods.

In July, we celebrated our 42nd birthday on the 23rd, replete with scrumptious free cake in stores and an owner-member forum. At the forum, our board's fearless leader Maggie Sullivan walked us through some excellent financial news: Bloomingfoods is closing out the 4th quarter of our fiscal year (ending in June) with positive net income! This is big news following many quarters with the opposite status.

Later that evening, attending members had small group conversations about what they'd like to see offered educationally at the Co-op through workshops

and classes, and had a chance to identify what they consider their own superpowers. Take a moment and consider your skills and strengths; you, dear owner-member, are a superhero to us! Think through what you bring to our collective community table-could your knowledge benefit another owner-member? Do you have what it takes to share your specialty with others? Together, we own the Co-op. We have the opportunity to create within it a network of mutually beneficial, collaborative relationships. Whether through supporting a small farmer by purchasing their locally grown produce in stores, or sharing your unique skills with other owner-members, make the Co-op your own. Have an idea for a class, know local folks whose skills we could all benefit from, or wish you knew more about a specific topic? Pass your ideas along to [Corbin Baird](#) and the Owner-Member Communication Committee.

Additionally, the membership in attendance learned that the Save for Summer Round Up for Bloomingfoods campaign has brought in \$40,395.17 over the past 4 months, giving the Co-op a significant boost in preparation for what looks to be a competitive late summer grocery season here in town. With this incredibly generous multi-month, collaborative donation in mind, we have decided to suspend rounding up for the co-op and return to the previously scheduled Positive Change campaign that our membership and community expects and appreciates: contributing to community organizations that the Co-op values and admires. Thank you, our membership, for allowing the Co-op to pause and stabilize ourselves to once again contribute to causes we all care about. August's Positive Change funds will go to the [Community Kitchen of Monroe County](#), an organization devoted to eliminating hunger in Monroe County and surrounding areas through direct service, education, and advocacy. Community Kitchen's mission coincides with the Co-op's [new Ends statement](#), where we reestablished our commitment to "Access to education on food systems, cooperative values, and the interconnectedness of food, health, and the environment."

August brings with it new energy annually in Bloomington, and we hope to harness it in the form of membership drives for new community members joining our town for the fall semester (GO IU!). Know an incoming student or new family? Bring them in to the Co-op on a Saturday morning on your way to the Farmer's Market, or on a \$3 Dinner night for a taste of what a bustling and vibrant place Bloomington can be. Looking forward to seeing your shining faces this month (and always!)

In Cooperation,
Susie Tanney
Board Secretary



SAVE FOR SUMMER

CAMPAIGN

\$40,395.17 TOTAL SAVED!

For the month of July, Bloomingfoods shoppers raised an awesome \$8,715.12 in our Save for Summer campaign! That's a total of \$40,395.17 raised for the co-op since April 1! We have you, our shoppers, to thank for this amazing show of support. Thank you as always for your love of and trust in your local co-op!



**COMMUNITY KITCHEN
OF MONROE COUNTY, INC.**

Starting in August, we are returning to our [Positive Change](#) program starting with [Community Kitchen of Monroe County](#)!

We love Community Kitchen because of their focus on providing nutrition to our entire community, from children to senior citizens! Round up at the register to the nearest dollar (or more!) to support this very worthy community organization!



August is Owner Drive Month at the Co-op!

Not an owner-member yet? Now's the right time to join! The first 75 new owner-members to join the co-op in August will receive a swag bag packed with fantastic goodies and one of our brand new yard signs! New owner-members will also automatically be entered into a drawing for one of two \$100 Bloomingfoods gift cards. Now that's a lot of avocados!

Already an owner-member? Stop by and grab a yard sign for free! Also, existing owner-members who get a friend to join the co-op in August will receive a \$10 gift card!



Join us in the East patio room at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays this fall for Wellness Wednesday Workshops! Here's the lineup:

8/15 - Healthy Eating for New and Expecting Parents - Bloomington Family Wellness

8/22 - Introduction to CBD Oil and Introduction to Kombucha - Kind Kombucha

8/29 - Using One Whole Chicken to Make Four Great Meals - Chef Lake Hubbard

9/5 - No Class - please head to the library for "Big Hunger, Real Change: A Community Conversation with Andy Fisher" 6-7:30pm at MCPL rooms 1B&C

9/12- Introduction to the Low Waste Lifestyle - Ellen Tamura

9/19 - Why and How to Shop Fair Trade - Gracia Valliant and Dave Debikey of Global Gifts

9/26 - Seasonal Eating: Cooking with Fall Produce - Courtney Stewart, Purdue Extension

If you're interested in teaching a future workshop or have ideas for workshops you'd like to see, contact Maggie Sullivan at maggie@bloomingfoods.coop.



The 30th Annual Bloomingfoods/City of Bloomington Salsa Contest is upon us! There are still plenty of entry packets available at Bloomingfoods East & Near West. \$5 gets you an entry packet and a 20% off coupon for a trip to the Bfoods Produce department! Entries for the city's best homemade salsa will be evaluated by a panel of expert judges at the Farmers' Market on Saturday, August 4. Entry packets must be returned to Bloomingfoods East or Near West no later than 8pm on Friday, August 3.

[Read All About It!](#)



East Side Development Update

Bloomingfoods was well represented at the Trinitas public input sessions discussing the future of the 11-acre parcel where Bloomingfoods East and the old K-mart are located. We may well have a new home (in peach in the drawing) if we can work out the finances and other details. The proposed new development would have a distinct city feel with retail on the bottom floor of 3 story office buildings (in red), an 8 story hotel (blue), 3 story townhomes (orange) and apartment buildings ranging in height from 6 to possibly 12 stories (orange) with parking garages buried underground or carefully concealed from street view (gray). While the east side has not seen this kind of density, the argument that it is better to grow up than sprawl out is compelling. It's also easy to see potential synergies between Bloomingfoods and the surrounding office workers, residents, and hotel guests. The sketches provided were attractive with plenty of green space and architectural detail and the developer has generously proposed construction in phases to allow us a smooth transition from our current location to a new one.

There are still many details to be addressed both for the Bloomingfoods possibility and for the project as a whole. Community members are welcome to continue discussions online at the project's [coUrbanize](#) page and Bloomingfoods will continue to share updates as Trinitas moves forward with the planning process.



Now Accepting Applications!

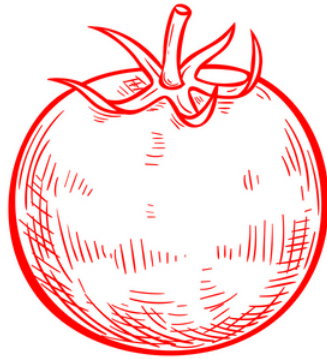
Bloomingfoods invites submissions from local non-profits for the 2018 “Give Where You Live” award. This year the \$1000 award will go to a local non-profit 501(c)(3) in support of an initiative that addresses environmental sustainability in our community. The mission of the BCCF is to support non-profits in our community in nurturing an inclusive culture of cooperation, environmental sustainability and food accessibility.

Submissions will be accepted throughout the months of July and August online or in hard copy at the East and West Side stores. The selection will be made by a board-appointed committee in September and will be announced at the Bloomingfoods Annual Meeting on October 9.

If you or someone you know is involved with a local non-profit organization that may qualify for this award, please spread the word or click the button below to learn more about the fund and apply!

[Apply Now](#)

AUGUST LOCAL FOCUS



Bivi's Salsa

Join us in celebrating Bivi's Salsa, our August Local Focus vendor. Enjoy 30% off all Bivi's salsas on Saturdays in August. Extra fresh and straight out of Bloomington, IN!

Meet Bivi and taste the deliciousness for yourself on the following dates:

Saturday, 8/4, 3:30-5pm, Near West Store

Saturday, 8/11, 3:30-5pm, East Store



Upcoming Board of Directors Meetings

Regularly scheduled monthly board meetings are held the last Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. Board Meetings are open to co-op owner-members and guests of the board. Familiarity with the Bylaws, Policies, and the Policy Governance Method will enhance your understanding of the board meeting process.

Meetings are held at Noodles & Company Conference Room, Eastland Plaza, [2560 E Third St](#)

Thursday, August 30th

Thursday, September 27th

Thursday, October 25th

SAVE THE DATE for our Annual Meeting, which will take place on **Tuesday, October 9**, at the Clubhouse at the Fields. More information to come!



Dine & Give \$20 Community Fundraiser Dinner in support of Bloomington Food Policy Council & Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. Salad to start, stone oven pasta or meatloaf entrees, and cobbler to finish. RSVP entree choice by 8/2/18 to events@farm-bloomington.com

Big Hunger, Real Change: A conversation with Andy Fisher, author of Big Hunger and co-founder of the former national Community Food Security

Coalition. Wednesday, September 5 at 5:30pm at Monroe County Public Library.

Big Bite Outta Big Hunger: Fundraiser for Local Food Pantries: Come enjoy a three-course meal at FARM to support a budding collaboration among our local Emergency Food Providers (food pantries and food banks). For every \$20 meal, \$10 will go towards eradicating food insecurity in Monroe County! Tuesday, August 7 at 6pm at FARM Bloomington. Hosted by Bloomington Food Policy Council.

Bloomington Community Farmer's Market: Saturdays at Showers Commons, April - November; Tuesdays on North Madison near Bloomingfoods Near West, June - April

Bean Blossom Farmer's Market: Fridays, May 25 - August 31 in Bean Blossom (north of Nashville, IN)

Parks & Recreation Gardening Classes



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