



May 9th, 2024

Dear Co-op Members,

We hope you are enjoying the spring and all the season has to offer. We're writing to let you know three key updates.

1. Starting this month the neighboring property to the Co-op will begin a major construction project. The existing Victorian building at 20 South Main Street will be demolished making way for a new mixed use development called "Arts Alley." A team of board and staff members has been regularly communicating with representatives of this project to ensure physical integrity of the Co-op's property and minimize impacts to our property and business. The demolition, and subsequent excavation and construction will be notable on the adjacent lot, and it will stretch into the sidewalk and parking in front of that lot. We do not anticipate any interruptions to Co-op store hours or accessibility. We encourage you to help spread the word to other shoppers to continue making your regular shopping trips during this time – and take a peek to see how this new activity on our neighbor's lot is shaping up!
2. Board nominations will soon be happening! This is your opportunity to serve on the board of directors, which helps provide strategic guidance and important oversight of our Co-op. The board plays an important role in the overall success of our Co-op and relies on a variety of members with diverse skill sets. Please visit our website [Board of Directors - Concord Food Co-op \(concordfoodcoop.coop\)](https://www.concordfoodcoop.coop/boards) to learn more about the role of our board; we invite you to submit an application by June 30th if you are interested. Please contact nominating@concordfoodcoop.coop with any questions.
3. Starting on May 1st, our former Grocery Manager, Josh Belanger, took over as Interim General Manager. This is a very exciting change for our board and staff, and we look forward to Josh's continued leadership of the Co-op. He has excelled in merchandising, team building, and customer service and is rounding out his skills with continued training and mentoring. You'll be seeing a lot of Josh on the sales floor so make sure to say "Hi" next time you're shopping.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at board@concordfoodcoop.coop.

Sincerely,

Your Board of Directors