

**Garden Square  
Co-op Community  
Newsletter**

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**Fall 2018**



Did you know we have a Facebook group? If you're interested in joining please login onto Facebook, search for garden square housing co-op, and request to join.

Visit the members only section of our Co-op Website for access to all rules and policies:  
**[www.gardensquare.org](http://www.gardensquare.org)**



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**Board Update**

Community education continues... The next GM will begin with a workshop on conflict resolution. It will be great for learning how to handle any issues with neighbours in order to have a peaceful, thriving, friendly community. Please arrive at 6:30pm October 24 to enjoy this workshop before our GM that same night. The workshop will take about 90 minutes, after which the GM will start.

We also continue to explore management services that will help support and enhance co-op life for all members – more information will be coming soon.

Please make sure your email address is up to date so you receive all of our communication. If you are not receiving email or need to change your email address, just send an email to [admin@gardensquare.org](mailto:admin@gardensquare.org)

**Current 2018 Board Members:**

Ted Pennington, Alyson Thomas, Vicki Gagan, Brenda Carruthers, Kelly Moon, Jennifer Mjolsness, Donna Wik, Melanie Melendez

All members are strongly encouraged to consider taking a Board position to contribute ideas and support to our co-op.

Board email: [board@gardensquare.org](mailto:board@gardensquare.org)



There were no farewells reported.



New member, Kourtenay Sato & son  
Andre (3862 Hertford St) – we welcome  
you to our Community!

- Membership Committee

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### Upcoming Meetings & Events

Wednesday, October 24	General Membership (GM) Meeting @ 7pm
Saturday, October 27	Kids Halloween Party - more info TBA
Wednesday, October 31	Fireworks - more info TBA
Friday, November 16	Task Tool return @ 7-8pm in the Common Room
Saturday, November 17	Task Sign up @ 8-9 am in the Common Room

**Wednesday, November 28 Annual General Membership Meeting @ 7pm**

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### Halloween safety: Tips for families

Halloween can be a fun and exciting time for kids. These safety tips will help keep everyone happy this Halloween.

#### For parents:

- Do not use masks. Masks make it hard for children to see so try a non-toxic make-up kit instead.
- Make or buy costumes in light-coloured material.
- Place strips of reflective tape on the back and front of costumes.
- Costumes should fit properly to prevent trips and falls. Avoid long capes.
- Dress your child for the weather. Add layers if needed.
- Children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult for trick or treating.
- Keep in mind that gum and hard candy can pose a choking risk.



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## *Community of Care*

We truly are a community that cares, and it is evident in the wonderful gestures by our Co-op members. To show our appreciation, we are celebrating members who have done something caring for our community! In particular, we'd like to thank the following members for the beautiful landscapes they've created and maintain:

*\*Bogdana\* \*Katherine\* \*Julija and Vlad\**

*\*Lyudmila and Yefim\* \*Katica\**

We would also like to thank Claire Inkster for creating our Facebook group where we are seeing so much 'community spirit' being spread!

Thank you all for dedicating your time, skills, and care to our community!

To nominate someone for doing something that *benefits the larger part of our Co-op community*, please email [board@gardensquare.org](mailto:board@gardensquare.org) with the name of your nominee and the reason(s) why you are nominating them. Members will be acknowledged in the next newsletter.

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### **Task Report**

Just a friendly reminder that sweeping of the alcoves and front yards of row house are the members responsibility so be sure to keep these areas clean.

If you require a tool for your task please email: [task@gardensquare.org](mailto:task@gardensquare.org)

Task tool return: Friday, November 16 @ 7-8pm  
Next task sign up: Saturday, November 17 @ 8am

Donna, Task Co-chair

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## Emergency Preparedness

### Fire Safety and Prevention

If this summer has taught us any lessons, it is that we cannot let up on fire prevention and safety planning. Did you know that October is Fire Prevention Month? Visit this City of Burnaby website to get more information on how to help your family, including a template for an evacuation plan: <https://www.burnaby.ca/City-Services/Welcome-to-the-City-of-Burnaby-Fire-Department/Public-Education.html>

### SAVE THE DATE & SAVE A LIFE

Come join us for Free Training on how to use our co-op's new **Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED)**. An **AED** is a device that checks the heart's rhythm and can re-start a heart that isn't beating – it is used to help people having sudden cardiac arrest.

Where: Common Room

When: Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 10am-11am

Extras - Refreshments provided!

Offered by: St. John's Ambulance

Also, on October 31<sup>st</sup> a safety info booth is being planned for Halloween night – more info coming soon...

See you with more news and updates at the GM in September!

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## Clothes Drop Clothing Donation Bin Update

We appreciate your donations to posAbilities' textile recycling initiative, Clothes Drop and hope you find it convenient. The money we earn supports programs and services for persons with disabilities in Burnaby.

We are now storing our bin in our back yard overnight, basically between the hours of 9pm-9am or when it is full. If you do not see the bin at 3845 Burke Street by our front door, please come back the following day with your donation, or call us for a pick up from your home, (604) 369-4073.

Thank you!

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## **Recipe” for Natural, Non-Toxic, Non-Chemical WEED KILLER:**

Organic weed killer is very easy to make at home. To make a batch, use the following steps. Mix the ingredients: add 1 cup of salt to 1 gallon of vinegar and mix the ingredients into a solution. Add a dash of dish soap or Citrus oil to the mixture add the weed killer to a spray bottle funnel some of the mixture into a spray bottle to apply it to plants. Insulate the weeds vinegar and salt can kill almost any plant therefore, it is very important that the mixture does not come into contact with the flowers, vegetables and other garden plants.

*\*\* Now, remember to do the above during a warm dry spell... in other words, apply about 2 days since the last rain and, at least 4 or 5 before the next-expected rain.*

*If you do not follow this advice, you will have wasted your time and efforts and have squandered the cost of your supplies\*\**

Occasionally, check outside your back garden or, on the other side of your backyard’s fence.... see if there are some annoying and tenacious weeds growing there. They may have just recently, begun to grow there. Or, it could be that, despite the efforts of our Co-op’s Task Committee and Task Holders, such pesky weeds have reasserted themselves. As it is around the perimeter of your back property, why not get out there and outmuscle these annoying weeds before they make that area their home! Either give them a very generous dousing of the above recipe or, using your own manual garden tools, pull or tear them out - yourself.

Follow this up with periodic & systematic vinegar treatments to fully root them out!!

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## **All Committee emails**

Board of Directors – [board@gardensquare.org](mailto:board@gardensquare.org)

Maintenance – [maintenance@gardensquare.org](mailto:maintenance@gardensquare.org)

Membership – [gardensquare@hotmail.com](mailto:gardensquare@hotmail.com)

Pool – [pool@gardensquare.org](mailto:pool@gardensquare.org)

Recreation – [recreation@gardensquare.org](mailto:recreation@gardensquare.org)

Task – [task@gardensquare.org](mailto:task@gardensquare.org)

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## Our newsletter

The newsletter was created to help keep members informed of Co-op news and issues in a positive manner, by providing education, information and entertainment. What would you like to see in the newsletter? A recipe corner, kids corner, joke/riddles, pet corner? Give us your thoughts and ideas.

**The next deadline for content submissions is December 1 and anyone can submit content.**

Are you celebrating an important anniversary or birthday? The newsletter is a great way to share important moments. We would love to receive tips about great local business and services for our local gems column. If you would like to put something in the newsletter, please let Donna know either by e-mail [craftymum02@gmail.com](mailto:craftymum02@gmail.com) or drop off at 3871 Burke St. The newsletter will go out every few months.

If you would like to help with the newsletter please let Donna know.

## How would you like to receive your newsletter?

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Your thoughts or ideas:

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