

**Garden Square
Co-op Community
Newsletter**

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Winter 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



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Board Update

Did you know that all of the minutes from our committee, general and board meetings are available in the laundry room next to the pool? It's true! This newsletter and the minutes are 2 ways to keep up with co-op news. Attending meetings, joining committees, checking out the Facebook group and visiting the member area of our website are other ways to stay informed and involved.

In 2019, the board will be working to digitalize and expand the services we are receiving from our management company to help support and improve co-op life for all members.

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

You elected the following 2019 Board members:

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

These volunteers will be working hard all year to evolve our co-op services, plan for the future, and care for co-op member needs.

Board email: board@gardensquare.org



After 15 years as a co-op member we say goodbye to Michaela & Renato Cua (5164 Smith Ave.) & her family.



Welcome new member Amastaisia Doe (5188 Smith Ave) and her 2 daughters Alexis & Audrey to our Co-op.


- Membership Committee


Upcoming Meetings & Events

General Meetings are the last Wednesday of every month at 7pm. There's no GM in December – see you in the New Year!

Our AED can save a life

Our Co-op purchased and installed an **Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED)** in our pool/laundry room and held a training with St. John's Ambulance. As many could not attend, we recently circulated information and a training video via email to all members. If you haven't already, [please click here and view it with your families](#) over this holiday season. We'd also like to stress that each member safeguard their unit's personal

laundry/pool and now AED storage room key . Please put it in an accessible location near the main entrance of the unit and ensure that all members of your household return

the key to this central spot after each use. Without the key , you cannot access the AED and possibly save a life. Thank you for your co-operation.

- Thanks from Your Emergency Preparedness Committee

Storage Room Key holders

- Hector Caron #3898 Hertford Lane.
- Gerald Knutsen #5140 Smith Ave.
- Donna Wik #3871 Burke St.

Tool room (Borrowing tools/ workshop): gardensquareworkshop@gmail.com

If you have a large item pick up please e-mail us and we will respond as soon as possible. maintenance@gardensquare.org

Holiday Safety Tips for Families

Christmas is an exciting time for families. These holiday decorating safety tips will help keep everyone happy this December.

For parents:

1. If you are hanging decorative lights, make sure they have a mark of approval from a Canadian certification agency. Less expensive lights available at discount and dollar stores are often missing this certification, meaning they are not permitted for use in Canada.
2. Green labels mean the product is suitable for outdoor use, red labels mean the lights are for indoor use only.
3. Don't leave lights up year round. Exposing lights to the elements will make them deteriorate faster, creating unsafe conditions (and it's against co-op policy).
4. Never run cords under rugs where people will walk over them or through doorways or windows where they may become pinched, creating a risk of fire.
5. When hanging lights, avoid stapling or nailing cords as this can puncture the cord. Instead, use plastic clips made specifically for this purpose.
6. Make sure cords can handle the amperage indicated on your electrical devices, and avoid multi-outlet adaptor connections which can overload your outlet.



For more information on home safety, visit this website:

<https://www.technicalsaftybc.ca/public-safety>

Task Report

If you have a city sidewalk to shovel as part of your task (Smith Ave., Burke St., Hertford St. or the bus stop on Smith Ave) please make sure they are shovelled at all times and salted if needed/icy.

Members are responsible to shovel their own walkways to their unit.

If you would like to be a task monitor please email task@gardensquare.org and we can put you on a waitlist.

If you are requiring any task tools to do your task please let Donna know.

Task would like to wish all members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Winter reminders from Maintenance & Task

1. Please turn off all outside hoses before they freeze.
2. After a snowfall, **all members are responsible to shovel their parking spots** - this includes the part of the parking lot behind your car. Even if you do not drive or do not have a vehicle you still must shovel. Please keep in mind your neighbours who may need help due to health.
3. Salt is located in the laundry room and each alcove. Reminder the salt is not for you to take and store in your unit. Salt is to be used AFTER the snow has stopped and shovelling has been done. SALT IS FOR ICE ONLY, not SNOW!
4. Extra snow shovels will be available for pick up from Anne-Marie (3834 Hertford St.) & Donna (3871 Burke St.)

Maintenance wishes all Members a Joyous & Safe Holiday Season!!!

Member's wanting repair work done in your unit, please remember to include the following with your request:

1. Your full name.
2. Your address including the unit number and street.
3. A contact number.
4. Details about the repair needed and photos if possible.
5. The hours you will be available OR if you will not be home, give permission for someone to enter your unit to inspect and/or repair.

Please only submit one issue per email. Do not include multiple items on one email as each one may be forwarded to different vendors.

All Committee emails

Board of Directors – board@gardensquare.org
Maintenance – maintenance@gardensquare.org
Membership – gardensquare@hotmail.com
Pool – pool@gardensquare.org
Recreation – recreation@gardensquare.org
Task – task@gardensquare.org

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.

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 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?

Please choose one of the options below:

Unit #: _____

E-mail: _____

Or

Paper Copy: _____

Unit: _____

Your thoughts or ideas:
