

Garden Square Co-op Community Newsletter

Spring 2019



Did you know we have a Facebook group? If you're interested in joining please login to 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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Task Committee

Please make sure you are flattening all cardboard boxes (especially Costco & parcel) as they take up a lot of space in the bin.

Just a friendly reminder that our landscaper (Chris) is starting to mow our grass again. Row house members please make sure your front yard is clear of objects, litter, etc., and for task members please make sure all litter & feces are picked up as needed.

Are you going to be away or can't do your task for more than a few days? Are you unsure about your task/map? Do you need any tools to do your task? Do you have a new contact number I can add to the phone list? Please email Donna at task@gardensquare.org

Lawnmower & Gardening Tool Key holders:

Hector Caron #3898 Hertford Lane.

Gerald Knutsen #5140 Smith Ave.

Donna Wik #3871 Burke St.

Emergency Preparedness Committee



Emergency Preparedness is looking for members to join their committee, they meet every second Tuesday @ 7:30pm. Please email Monique at mmnelson@shaw.ca

Tech Talk – For Members in the Know!

Would you like to have a year-round virtual garage sale? We can do this simply and easily by using our Facebook page for listings, or a special hash tag like #gardensquare on popular sites like Craigslist and Kijiji. Co-op Members – go ahead and shop more easily and confidently within our own neighbourhood!

Submitted by Michael Illushin, aloha.len@gmail.com

Block Watch Program: “Creating Safer Neighbourhoods one block at a time.”

For almost 12 years I have been looking at the faded Block Watch sticker in my window and thinking – wow, it would be great to have this program back again. There have been sexual assaults, vehicle break ins/thefts and targeted shootings in our immediate vicinity. We suggest getting more proactive about crime prevention here at Garden Square. Our committee has talked about this quite a bit too, as this hot topic was identified by members in our original survey. Enter Block Watch...

Block Watch is a volunteer led program supported by the Burnaby RCMP that is designed to help neighbours watch out for neighbours. It aims to get citizens involved in preventing crime at the local level. Neighbourhoods with an active Block Watch program show a significant decrease in crime in their area. Other benefits include: increased communication between neighbours and police; a sense of community and safety in the neighbourhood; education on how to recognize and report suspicious behaviour; and receipt of Block Watch street signs and stickers for your doors.

To learn more about what is required of Block Watch volunteers and how the program works, please visit: www.blockwatch.com, the BC Crime Prevention Association: www.bccpa.org and contact us if you would like get involved. Members/Associates age 19+ are welcome to volunteer.

Submitted by Monique Nelson, mmnelson@shaw.ca

Fire Safety Tips

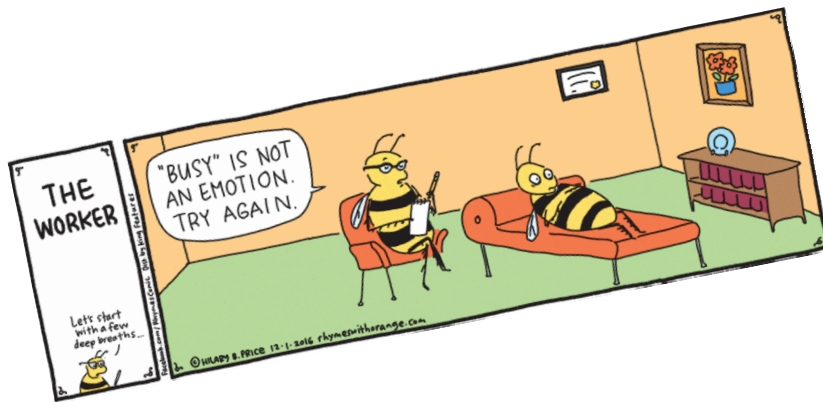
Have you ever looked up fire extinguishing tips online? There are lots of resources, and we recommend viewing a short video to learn more about how to use an extinguisher. Just remember: P.A.S.S. - Pull the **P**in, **A**im, **S**queeze the trigger, **S**weep across the base of the fire. Home Depot put out a video that shows the same extinguishers that we have in our homes, and some other models. <https://www.homedepot.com/p/Kidde-Pro-340-3-A-40-B-C-Fire-Extinguisher-21026948/100558332>
[Remember P.A.S.S](#)

Submitted by Michael Illushin, aloha.len@gmail.com

Maintenance Committee

The committee recently received the resignation of Gabriel Ferron as Chairperson due to exciting change of careers. The committee would like to thank Gabriel for his time served on the committee and wish him luck in his new career path.

Anne Marie Bender is now the new Chair and will continue to work on improving the Co-op with the great help of committed committee members.



The exciting, wonderful, world of work party fun will be held on May 4th, 2019
The amazing & talented Recreation Committee will serve a delicious lunch.

Reminders

Members must have permission to purchase items they're looking to be reimbursed for prior to purchasing the items.

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

Members 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.



Garden Square Housing Co-op Workshop Rules

Purpose

To provide members of Garden Square Housing Co-op safety rules and procedures for the use of the workshop.

Authority

The Maintenance Committee manages the Garden Square workshop. The Maintenance Committee derives its authority from the members and associate members of the Garden Square Housing Co-op, and reports to the Garden Square Executive Board as well as the General Membership.

Procedures

- The workshop is available for Garden Square Co-op members 8am-8pm, or by special arrangement with the maintenance committee.
- For safety and legal reasons, the workshop is for Garden Square Co-op members only. No guests are allowed in the workshop.
- To book the workshop, send an email to workshop@gardensquare.org.
- Clean up after yourself when you are done using the workshop. Clean any tools you used and return them to their appropriate place. Dispose of any waste material you created. Leave the workshop just as you found it.
- To return the key, email workshop@gardensquare.org. Include comment on any broken equipment or safety concerns.

Safety

Anyone using the workshop must observe appropriate safety precautions at all times.

Below is a list of safety requirements. It is by no means exhaustive.

- Always wear appropriate safety equipment for your project, such as goggles, hearing

protection, and filter masks.

- Always follow instructions on equipment.

- Never use damaged tools or equipment.

- Do not operate equipment you are not familiar with.

- Secure loose clothing, jewelry, and long hair around equipment in which they may become entangled.

- Do not use the workshop if you are tired or in a hurry.

- Absolutely no drugs, alcohol, or smoking allowed in the workshop. Do not use the

workshop under the influence of any substance that could affect your judgment.

- Due to poor ventilation, working with chemicals in the workshop is forbidden.

- Close-toed shoes only – no sandals or flip-flops.

- No children without adult supervision.

Emergencies

- The fire extinguisher and first aid kit are visible next to the worktable.

- In case of fire or accident, first contact 911 if necessary. As soon as it's feasible, contact:

workshop@gardensquare.org

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workshop@gardensquare.org

Pool Committee

Spring is coming and members of our pool team are working very hard to keep our pool clean and safe.

As for now everything running good. The pool water heater is giving us some issues, but we are sure that problem will be solved and the spring-summer season will be comfortable for all our co-op members.

Please remember – to keep our pool in good working condition, don't leave any garbage in the water and on the pool surface. Any foreign objects left in the water go straight to the pump, filter and as a result we will have to close the pool for fixing.

Thank you.



Pool Hours

Family Swimming
8am-8pm
Adult Swimming
8-9:30pm

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

Dates to Remember

Upcoming Events:

Kids Easter Party – Sunday, April 14 @ 1pm.

Work Party – Saturday, May 4 @ 9-3pm

Tool Return – Friday, May 10 @ 6-8pm.

Task Sign –up – Saturday, May 11 @ 8am

Upcoming Meetings:

GM Wednesday, April 24 @ 7pm.

GM Wednesday, May 29 @ 7pm. (Plus Draft Budget Meeting)



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:
