

# Garden Square Co-op Community Newsletter

Summer 2020



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](http://www.gardensquare.org)



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## **Dates & Reminders**

### Important Dates

- Large Bin arriving - July 6-13
- Exterior door install begins - July 28
- Bartec smoke alarm and extinguisher testing - July 29
- Next GM Meeting - Wednesday, August 26 @7pm.

### Friendly Reminders

- Please put all toys & balls back in basketball/grass areas when done.
- Basketball & grass area hours are 9 am – 9 pm.
- No bikes/scooters or playing in parking lots, climbing fences or common room roof.
- No open flames as per Burnaby city bylaws. Propane use ok (BBQ's, heaters & fire pits).
- Quiet time as per Burnaby bylaw no noise between 10 pm – 8 am.
- Please remember to wipe down the washing machine, dryer & door knobs after using them.
- Wipes are provided for you. Clean the lint trap after use.
- All dogs must be on leash while on coop grounds.
- No dogs permitted in laundry room or pool.
- Please pick up after your dog.

# goodbye ♥

As I write this, it is the first day of July and I think to myself, that this really is the last month that Bogdana Markus will be both my/our next-door neighbour and a Member of Garden Square Housing Co-op. Many of our Members, upon reading this, may well ask of themselves: "Who is this about? Bogdana Markus? Where does she live in the Co-op and would I recognise her? Have I seen her in attendance at the General Membership Meetings?"

Well, Bogdana has been here with us at Garden Square for a long time. Now that it is 2020, I realise when I think about it, that she has been with us since before the turn-of-the-21st Century. Indeed, she has been here for well over 20 years at Garden Square! I can't recall the exact year that she arrived to join her Family (daughter, Irina & son-in-law, Slava Chorny & their children at 5164 Smith and then later, after the Chornys left Garden Square, to have her own lengthy residence at 5138 Smith), but I do know that she has been with us at Garden Square since the mid-to-late 90s. During that time, Bogdana has always endeavoured to be involved as a reliable and good Co-op Member doing as many things as she was either required or able to.

Many of us may be unfamiliar with her as a long-time Member, because when this dear lady arrived at our Co-op she was not a young woman with a great command of the English language. Rather, she was of advancing age and English has always been quite difficult for her, meaning that accurate communication would always be a challenge both for her and, to her. However, she so very desperately tried her hardest to convey her thoughts outwardly and, in return, to struggle to understand those of us who were unable to speak any Ukrainian back to her. Nevertheless, despite this inability, when she was able and her health didn't prevent her, she was always a regular attender of all Co-op Meetings, sitting quietly and patiently for the length of such meetings regardless of how little she may have understood or comprehended of what was being stated or discussed.

As time went by, despite further limitations that would be related to her age, she participated in as many activities of our Co-op, as she possibly could. That would include Work Parties and Co-op Tasks, which she was actually exempted from due to being a senior. Regardless, due to her own work ethic, she would still endeavour to remain steadfastly involved. As-a-matter-of-fact, even when we insisted that she no longer was required to do a designated Co-op Task, Bogdana still made sure that she was doing

more than her "fair share" to support her neighbourhood. She regularly swept and cleaned the Alcove that she (& we) live in. She frequently swept the Co-op perimeter and City sidewalks surrounding us in our NW corner of the Co-op, and often when it was dry and dusty in warm weather months, she even hosed out parts of this area including our alcove. She even added homely little "perks" to our alcove, such as placing some carpeting down for all of us who live here to wipe off our footwear off as we entered. In recent years, Bogdana always made sure that there was a sweet little artificial flower bouquet in front of the dividing wall between her front door and mine, changing this to a little decorated evergreen tree during the Holiday period.

For many years now, following the building of the enclosure fence surrounding the rear of the Smith Avenue garbage & recycling bins, Bogdana took it upon herself to develop and faithfully take care of a small plot of ground in that area with her growing and caring for flowers and plants there, endeavouring to beautify an otherwise nondescript area. This, she did, without being required or requested of, to do such.

You could tell that she always gained self-satisfaction and pride from doing this and from her being able to grow attractive things there. (Actually, when I was informed that Bogdana was going to be leaving us, I was shocked, not only that she was going elsewhere after all of these years, but that I had seen her that very day out taking care of her little garden plot, as if she had no intention of leaving this spot behind and moving elsewhere. Such, is the reality of Bogdana's work ethic.) In recent years, we, who are closer to her, have gradually been coming to the realisation through seeing her physical difficulties as she grows older, particularly her failing eyesight, that this sad day would come when Bogdana would find it necessary to have to leave our Community. We wish that this day could constantly be put off but, unfortunately, the failings caused by the tightening of our mortal coil are unrelenting, aren't they? We are happy that we, who are immediate to her, have been able to share her for these two+plus decades as our Loving and Kind neighbour. We are encouraged to know that her Family will oversee and help her into the next stage of her life in, what will become her new home.

We Wish Bogdana our Heartfelt Best and want Her (and Her Family)to Know that we Appreciate Very Much what a Special Neighbour, Co-operative Member and lovely Person that she has always been for us!

We Will Profoundly Miss Her.

Gerry Knutsen (5140),  
for 5136-5142 Smith Avenue

& Your Fellow Members of Garden Square Co-op



\* Богдана,

Дякую, що за стільки років був прекрасним і добрим сусідом. Ви допомогли зробити наш дім та кооператив доброзичливим місцем для життя. Ви завжди були особливим членом Садової площі, і ми дуже вас сумуватимемо.

Ми надсилаємо вам всю нашу любов, щирі вітання та щирі подяки!  
Будь ласка, будьте в міцному здоров'ї та будьте в безпеці !!

Ваші вдячні сусіди по Садовій площі

(Above, please find a personal note for Bogdana.) Below, is its Ukrainian translation into English:

\* Bogdana,

Thank you for being a wonderful and good neighbour for so many years. You have helped to make our home and Co-operative a kindly place to live. You have always been a special member of Garden Square, and we will miss you very much.

We send you all our Love, Heartfelt Greetings and Sincere Thanks!

Please, stay in Good Health and Be Safe!!

Your grateful neighbours at Garden Square





Congratulations 2020 graduates!

On behalf of the Garden Square Co-op, let us congratulate you on your job well done. You have been faced with challenges, overcome hurdles, and hung in there when things were tough. Your hard work and academic efforts are something to be immensely proud of. Utilize this time to reflect on your accomplishments and celebrate with your loved ones.

Unfortunately, graduation may not have played out how you had anticipated it would have as your senior year was cut short and you parted ways with your friends sooner than expected. However, this doesn't make you any less worthy of celebrating your successes. How you react to this situation is what will define you in the years to come. Remember to be brave, have courage in yourself and take risks more often. You and your fellow classmates make up a graduating class that does not avoid a difficult situation, but rather one that embraces a challenge with determination and fearlessness. Each one of you is strong, funny, smart and driven to succeed in the challenges that lay ahead. But most of all, you are an inspiration to all of those who surround you, and the graduating classes that will follow in your footsteps. Remember to be proud of how far you have come, and continue to be as amazing as you always have been. Good luck on your future journeys and your new chapter of life!

Congratulations to the following 2020 Grads:

Mariela Barrientos

Denis Petrov

Ceilidh Carruthers

Angelina Ravelli

Alexander Chizikov

Isabelle Segovia

Julia Nelson

Zachariah Thomas



On behalf of Pool and Maintenance we are happy to announce we have been working hard to find a safe way we can open our Pool. This will take the Community of Garden Square Co-op to do their part.

All chairs and life jackets have been removed, change rooms are not available

There will be 1 bathroom open for use.  
The rules have been created to ensure the safety of all members and the Pool Team.

Our pool is open now and works for all co-op members. In the past, we had some problems with the ventilation fan, as it was broken. That happened not because of the age of the fan but due to somebody was playing with the tennis balls and one of the ball went inside the fan and caused the problem. Now it is fixed and it is working, so all members can use the pool after sitting insulated in their units.

To keep the pool running all members have to be careful when they are using the pool, not leave anything inside the pool and leave space clean. In the present situation with COVID if we have a problem with a pool pump or fan it will be a hard time to fix it. Therefore, for that time the pool will be out of order.

Let's think ahead and take care of our pool, it's not hard but when everything is running as it should be – we will have fun and pleasure for hot summer days.

Thank you.  
Yefim (Pool Chair)

### Pool Rules

The following Rules will be in effect during this time of COVID-19.

1. The pool will be used by 1 household for a maximum 60 minutes per day. Households may choose to have another Co-op household join them in their swim but this will still be considered your 60-minute swim time.
2. Households are required to sign in/out each time they use the pool and post their unit number and entry time on the white Board. If two households are together both units must sign in.
3. No Guests/Visitors are permitted to use the pool at any time (this includes guests that are staying with you).
4. Members are required to follow posted cleaning instructions after each use.
5. Pool Hours:  
Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 8:00 pm  
Adults Only 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm  
Adults Only 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm
6. Refrain from using the pool if anyone is ill in your household or in contact with someone showing signs of COVID-19.
7. Members are required to report to the Board of Directors if they have tested positive for Covid 19 or showing symptoms.
8. Failure to comply with the above rules will result in your pool privileges being revoked.

On behalf of Pool & Maintenance,  
Anne Marie

**Emergency Preparedness Committee**  
**Co-Op Pet Registry Coming Together, Raising Questions**



*Monique Nelson,  
Chair, Emergency Preparedness Committee*

Howdy Neighbours! Over the past few months, the Garden Square Co-Op Emergency Preparedness Committee has started compiling a Pet Registry. The intention of the registry is to assist us in reuniting neighbours with their pets should they become separated in the event of an emergency, and if needed, having the information we require to arrange for their temporary care.

The first round of entries has been received, with about 30% of households participating. If you do not have email, and wish to enroll your pet in the registry, kindly contact us and we will print off a paper form and gladly accept handwritten information and a printed copy of your favourite pet photo to go with it!

We have had a few conversations with members about how we can best store and track the data that is required by the Co-Op's Pet Policy (e.g., registration of cats and dogs,) as well as the information that is voluntarily submitted by members for other household pets. It seems we will have a bit of thinking and work to do on this. Our committee looks forward to discussing these items over the summer and updating our membership at the next available opportunity.

If you have any questions, kindly email them to [mmnelson@shaw.ca](mailto:mmnelson@shaw.ca) . If you have misplaced the registration email, please reach out to Michael at [admin@gardensquare.org](mailto:admin@gardensquare.org) for a fresh copy.



Garden Square Co-op would like to welcome new members Crystal & Alice Selluski (August 1 to unit 5138 Smith Ave.). If you see them around please welcome them into our community.

Membership



### Task Committee

Please flatten all boxes before putting them in the recycling bin. Just a friendly reminder that tasks need to be done 2x a week (Sunday- Saturday). If you have a task please make sure you are weeding along fences, parking lots and concrete. If you will be away please notify task ASAP.

If you require lawnmower, weed wacker, rake please contact Donna 3871, Hector 3898, Gerry 5140

Donna - Task Chair

### Maintenance Committee

- The Pool is open and working well. Please remember to follow the rules as they have been put into place for the protection of all members.
- The door project is scheduled to start July 28. More information will follow soon.
- Reminder to Members to email in their work request. Telling us in passing or phoning does not guarantee it will be remembered.

The Maintenance Committee Wishes Everyone a Safe & Happy Summer!!!

### Committee Emails

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