

Garden Square Co-op Community Newsletter



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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**June/July
2021**



Upcoming GM Meetings

The Budget Vote/GM is Tuesday June 22nd at 7:00 pm.

GM Meeting - Wednesday, August 25th @ 7:00 pm.

NO GM Meeting in July.

Membership

Please give a warm welcome to our newest co-op members: Mikhail Chumakov & Aleksandra Chumakova & daughter Danila (June 1 to unit 3804 Hertford St.)

George, Kateryna & family have moved to unit 3845 Burke St.

Did you know that you can find all co-op policies, member phone list, occupancy agreement, GSHC rules, and more in the member-only section of our website? www.gardensquare.org

If you need the username & password contact Donna.

Key Holders (Lawnmowers, Weed Eaters)

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

Maintenance

We are happy to report parking lots and line painting is complete along with fence staining. There are definitely some little touch ups needed for staining but our fences look great and are protected. In addition, the exterior windows and gutters have been cleaned!!!

Pest Control

As like most of the lower mainland Garden Square has had an increase of rats this winter and spring. Maintenance and Assured Environmental are working hard to do our best to keep these pests away. Here are a few suggestions from Pest Control that they have noticed on their visits:

1. Shrubs and bushes should all be trimmed up so there isn't anywhere warm to hide.
2. Lawns should be cut on a regular basis.
3. Storing of garbage and other items in backyards provides them warm places to hide. For example, storage boxes, mattresses, items you have discarded but didn't make it out of your yard.
4. Dog feces.
5. Freely feeding birds without using a proper feeder.

We currently have doubled our bait stations and in the next 6 weeks back yard inspections will take place by our Pest Control Company to identify any problem areas.

All members are reminded that with summer approaching the Burnaby Bylaw prohibits all open burning.

On behalf of Maintenance we hope you have a safe and healthy summer.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS - Tool room (Borrowing tools/ workshop) - gsctoolroom@gmail.com

If you want a "No Soliciting" sign for your door please email maintenance.

How to Submit a Work Request:

Send all work orders to maintenance@gardensquare.org

Include the following:

- Full name
- Full address: including unit number and street name
- Phone number where we can reach you
- Nature of the problem, including photos if you can; the more the better.
- Can we enter if no one is home? Yes? No?
- Keep requests short. Please don't make a big list – instead, please submit multiple requests if needed.
- Permission to enter.



We need ALL this information as we often forward the work requests to various trades people that may or may not be familiar.

Birthday Club!

On behalf of Garden Square Co-op we would like to wish the following kids and members a Happy Birthday:

- Carol (3832) who is turning 8 on June 8
- Parisa (3842) who is turning 11 on June 16
- Alessandra (5164) who is turning 3 on June 21
- Lucas (5136) who is turning 16 on June 26
- Annemarie (3834) on June 30
- Tina (3842) Lordy Lordy look who's turning 40 on July 15
- Cameron (3834) who is turning 16 on July 18
- Aidan (3834) who is turning 18 on July 30



Task

Yay! We finally passed our new Task Policy and a copy will be delivered in the next few weeks.

If you can't do your task for the following reasons (sick, injured, self isolating, away, etc.) and you have another member doing your task for you please let your monitor and task chair know ASAP.

If you have a task and need tools please email: task@gardensquare.org

Please flatten all boxes before putting them in the paper bin. We do have 2 extra paper bins located on Burke St. & Hertford Lane (beside the yard waste bins).

Please DO NOT overfill our recycling bins if full wait until the following week.

Parents/Children Safety & Reminders

Please remind your child(ren) when taking food and drinks outside that they either bring their garbage home or use the garbage can in front of the common room.

Kids, please remember there is no playing in any of the parking lots.

Pool

The pool is running and ready for every member to enjoy and relax in this hard time.

Please remember to follow the Covid pool rules located beside the pool door.



Congratulations 2021 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. 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 2021 Grads:

Isabella Alvarado (3875)

Tyree Wik (3871)

Aidan Bender (3834)

Alejandro Ventura (3831)

Liam Farbridge (3861)



Committee Chair Emails

Maintenance – maintenance@gardensquare.org

Task – task@gardensquare.org

Pool – pool@gardensquare.org

Board – board@gardensquare.org

Membership – membership@gardensquare.org

Emergency Preparedness – emergencyprep@gardensquare.org (inactive)

Recreation – recreation@gardensquare.org (inactive due to Covid)



General Membership Meetings

All meetings are mandatory and start @ 7pm on the last Wednesday of the month.

January

February

March

April

May (Budget Meeting)

June

August

September

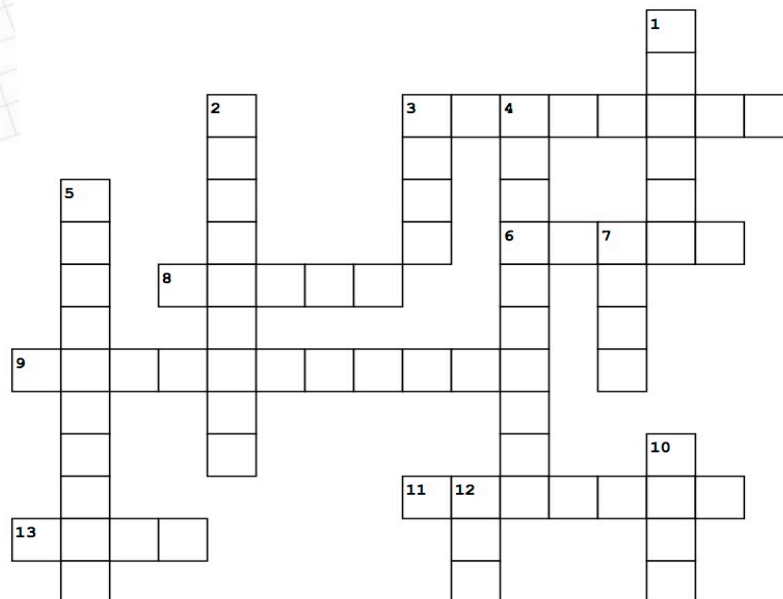
October

November (Annual General Meeting)

*No meetings in July & December



Garden Squares



Across

- 3. Patio kitchen
- 6. Fence buds
- 8. Weekly summer guest
- 9. Everybody gets one
- 11. Hertford, sorta
- 13. Summer escape

Down

- 1. Delivery vortex
- 2. Law of the jungle
- 3. You have 1, 2, or 3 (abbr)
- 4. Party people
- 5. Delivered daily
- 7. Where push comes to shovel
- 10. Duty to do to a t
- 12. Yearly commitment

Your Co-op Newsletter

The Garden Square newsletter is published six times a year by Donna. Our goal is to keep co-op members informed of co-op news and issues in a positive manner, while providing education, information and entertainment.

Are you celebrating an important anniversary or birthday? The newsletter is a great way to share important life passages. Our local heroes column is a good place to acknowledge your neighbour's volunteer efforts. We also love receiving tips about great local businesses and services for our local gems column. Do you have a favorite recipe to share? Do you or your kids have a joke/ riddle to share? Do you have any pets we would love to get to know all about them?

I'm always looking for thoughts or ideas for our newsletter.

If you'd like to receive the newsletter by email (instead of having a paper copy delivered to your door) please forward your name, unit # to 3871 Burke st.

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: _____
