

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



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## October/November 2021

### Upcoming GM Meetings

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GM Meeting - Wednesday, October 27 @ 7pm

AGM Meeting - Tuesday, November 30 @ 7pm.

NO GM Meeting in December

Next Task Sign-up is November 6 (more info TBA)

### Key Holders (Lawnmowers, Weed Eaters)

- Hector Caron #3898 Hertford Lane.
- Gerald Knutsen #5140 Smith Ave.
- Donna Wik #3871 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](http://www.gardensquare.org)

If you need the username & password contact Donna.

## Task

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](mailto:task@gardensquare.org)

Please flatten all boxes before putting them in the paper bin.

Please Do Not overfill our recycling bins; if full wait until the following week.

The City of Burnaby Does Not accept any kind of plastic bags in the compost bins.

NEW! All members are responsible for removing any grass, weeds (Ivy), bushes growing from their yards through the fences.

## Parents/Children Safety & Reminders

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

## Membership

We would like to welcome new members Nancy & Simon and there 2 kids Gideon & Grace (3869) to our Co-op



## Committee Chair Emails

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

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

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

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

Membership - [membership@gardensquare.org](mailto:membership@gardensquare.org)

Emergency Preparedness - [emergencyprep@gardensquare.org](mailto:emergencyprep@gardensquare.org) (inactive)

Recreation - [recreation@gardensquare.org](mailto: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

## Maintenance

The Maintenance Committee would like to thank all members for their patience during Covid and the reduced amount of work that was able to be done. I ask that if you have any outstanding work orders that have not been addressed please re-submit. Please remember to respect our contractors and do not allow them into your home if anyone is ill.

1. Turn off outside taps to avoid frozen pipes at the first sight of frost.
2. Rowhomes- please keep your outside light on during the nights.
3. Make sure to clean up your backyards as the rodents love to make homes for the winter.

### 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. 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 provide rodents 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.

**NEW TOOL ROOM EMAIL ADDRESS** (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](mailto: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 make it 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.



As the month of September began we, of the Garden Square community, were dismayed and saddened to learn of the passing of one of our most senior and dearest members, Louise Ferron.

As you may know, Louise had made our housing co-operative her home since 1993, just a few years following this community's inception. During these past almost three decades as our neighbour, despite being relatively meek and quiet in personality, Louise was almost always kind and welcoming with her warm smile and hospitable manner.

From the outset, she participated in co-op activity as much as she was physically able and saw to it that her household was well-represented in co-op matters, particularly in the person of her son, Gabriel (with him serving both on our Board of Directors, and for years as the tireless Chairperson of the Property [Maintenance] Committee). Louise, likewise, was not shy when it came to accepting her community's responsibilities, serving honourably and graciously as a director herself during the period of 2002-04.

Throughout the 1990s into this century, we would often see Louise walking to her place of work at Metrotown, as she continued her ongoing secular career as a salesperson, working for Sears at that location. As well, during both pre- and post-retirement, she could be seen taking great care in growing vegetation within that raised garden planter box found behind a number of the row houses on Burke Street (immediately adjacent to the common building). That was her pride and joy in nurturing, which she shared as a responsibility with a couple of others of our beloved older members, who have since passed from our presence, as well.

As many of you realize, we have been unable to see Louise these past few years for she, due to failing health and her own instability as a result of advancing age and infirmity, found it necessary to be cared for nearby in a long term care home. Thus, while she has not been residing in her usual Co-op home (at 3839) for some time, yet her son, Gabe has remained with us, loyally caring for his' dear Mum in the meantime - albeit from a distance. To this responsibility of care, sadly add the miserable loneliness of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has severely restricted his' ability, timewise, to spend occasions that he would wish in caring for and being a strength to his' Mum. Add to that, the need for him to, of necessity, participate in his secular work at the same time. Fortunately, Gabe (and Louise) were greatly helped by Anne-Marie who was allowed to visit and assist in caring for Louise during this time of care. For indeed, Anne-Marie has lovingly cared for Louise as her neighbour and friend for well over 20 years, so she, more than most, other than Gabe and his' family, is mourning the loss of Louise.

We will remember Louise Ferron fondly for being with us - by choice - for a long time. She always conducted herself in a kindly, dignified manner. We will miss her and are thankful for her sharing her life within our community during these past three decades.

As her neighbours, fellow co-op members and simply friends, we extend our profoundest sympathies and heartfelt kind wishes to Gabriel, his siblings, and the family of Louise Ferron, our friend and neighbour.

## A Reminder from the Garden Square "POLICY Committee"

All Policies put in place by our Housing Co-operative (having been Initiated by and/or Agreed upon by our General Membership) are meant, much like our governing Rules & Laws, to provide a means for a Peaceful and Harmonious Co-existence for those who have chosen to make our Garden Square Community their home.

These Policies, with their clauses and by-laws, are not, of themselves, intended to be either punitive nor, necessarily disturbing. Nevertheless, we know that if, for instance, 70-90% of our Membership (a significant majority) are in Agreement, that would mean that the remaining 10-30% may well Disagree with certain policies. Yet, appreciating that we are a democratically-operated and governed Co-operative, even if we are of the Minority, we respect the Decision and choice of the Majority. That understanding must remain a self-evident fact, especially when we live physically close together, which we do, as (hopefully) respectful neighbours within our Community. This means that we must accept Co-op Policies that are intended to protect both our Right to individual Privacy and the Right to Solitude and Peace of our neighbours in our/their daily existence within this Co-operative. Indeed, we recognize that we are a Community of Residences for Adults of all ages, where we, along with our Children - accept and promote Tolerance for others as a loving, yet necessary requirement in this place that we call home.

With these thoughts in mind, we must also remember, that we have (via our Co-operative's "Pet Policy") made an allowance for certain of our animal friends to likewise share their existence here with us. However, we are not firstly a Pet Residence, per se, outside of their being behaving guests within our Units and cared for within our respective Family Arrangements. That is why, we as a Housing Co-operative, unlike many similar communities, decided to allow Pets - subject to their compliance with our Garden Square "Pet Policy" (as revised and accepted in January, 2020).

In the context of having these latter thoughts in mind, recently we, of the "Policy Committee" received some anxious concerns and questions as to how are we to effectively administer this (Pet) Policy?

For instance, of great concern is - what should be done about excessive noise caused by such Pets (particularly dogs)? What does the Policy advise?

- Is there anything in our "Pet Policy" that specifically addresses this problem of pet noise?

Yes, indeed, there is.

Please consider if this applies to you and review this information, as soon as possible, for the concern and well-being of your fellow Members (Thank you.):

- Article 11 of our "Garden Square Pet Policy," states:  
"No pet which has become a general nuisance to neighbours due to noise (i.e. constant and incessant barking)...will be permitted to remain within the Co-op..."

To resolve these situations, Article 13 of the Pet Policy continues:

### Penalties

In the case of complaints to the Board of Directors about infractions of these rules, offending pet owners will be warned up to two times in writing. The member might be instructed to take their pet to obedience school after warning is given. If the problem continues, it will be considered chronic and the member will be asked to choose between giving up the pet, or moving out of the Co-op.

\* To assist all Members in understanding the above information, the following is a Russian\*\* Translation of this clause:

Русский перевод:

Статья 11 нашей Политики в отношении домашних животных Garden Square гласит:

«Никакое домашнее животное, которое стало доставлять неудобства соседям из-за шума (т. Е. Постоянного и непрекращающегося лая), ..... не будет разрешено оставаться в кооперативе ....»

Чтобы разрешить эти ситуации, статья 13 Политики в отношении домашних животных продолжает:

### Штрафы

В случае жалоб в Совет директоров о нарушениях этих правил, владельцы домашних животных будут предупреждены до двух раз в письменной форме. Участнику может быть дано указание отвести своего питомца в школу послушания после предупреждения. Если проблема не исчезнет, она будет считаться хронической, и участнику будет предложено выбрать между отказом от питомца или выходом из кооператива.

\*\* If you wish the above to be translated and typed into a language that you are more comfortable with, so as to gain a complete understanding of this important information, please contact the publisher of the Garden Square Newsletter.

• If you feel that your right to Peace and Solitude is being disturbed by a situation like that here indicated, please do as the Pet Policy states, by making a: "complaint to the Board of Directors about infractions of these rules."

If you decide to complain to the Policy Committee, we will forward your complaint(s) to the Board, as per the "Pet Policy."



## Birthday Club!

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

- Tyree (3871) who is turning 18 on October 23



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Gerry & Isobel (5140)



If you would like to have your child(ren) names added to the birthday club or a special occasion send Donna a email

## Mulled Apple Cider

✨ By Ree Drummond

### Ingredients

4 whole cinnamon sticks

1/8 tsp. ground cloves

8 whole allspice berries

orange peel from 1 orange

lemon peel from 1 lemon

1/2 c. maple syrup

6 c. unfiltered (fresh squeezed is great) apple juice

apple slices and orange twists, for garnish

1/2 c. dark rum, optional

### Directions

- 1 Place the cinnamon sticks, ground cloves, allspice berries, orange peel and lemon peel in a medium saucepan. Pour in the maple syrup and apple juice, then bring to almost a boil. Reduce the heat to low and simmer for 30 minutes. Remove from the heat and serve in mugs with apple slices and orange twists for garnish. Add a splash of rum for an adults-only version! Yum, yum, yum.

(Adapted from AllRecipes.com.)



YIELDS: 12 servings

PREP TIME: 0hours 10mins

TOTAL TIME: 0hours 40mins

## 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.

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