



Garden Square Housing Co-op

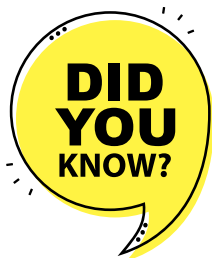


# Community Newsletter

December 2021/January 2022 Edition

## Upcoming GMs

- No GM in December
- Wednesday, January 26 @ 7pm



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.



## Key Holders (Lawnmowers, Weed Eaters)

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



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.



Cana's Coordinator Contact Info:

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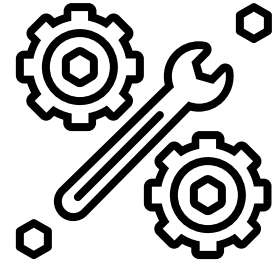
## Funnies

What is a Christmas tree's favourite candy?

**Orna-mints!**



# Maintenance



ATTENTION  
PLEASE



- All hose bibs need to be turned off for the winter
- Keep outside lights on for safety reasons
- All Christmas lights/décor need to be removed by Feb. 1, 2022
- Salt will be located in the 2 yellow bins located on the west & east side of the common room building. Only take what you need for your task. This is not for personal use with the exception of the front entrance of your home.
- Break down boxes when putting them in the paper bin. This allows more space.
- ALL MEMBERS must shovel behind their cars to keep the parking lots free from snow accumulating.
- Be neighbourly and help others with their snow shoveling tasks! It's a lot of work so let's help each other out!
- As per the provincial health order masks are mandatory in all public areas such as the laundry room and pool area (if not swimming).



## Salt Instructions

1. Take only what is needed for your TASK.  
No personal use allowed (except unit entrance areas).
2. Salt task areas that are slippery.
3. SALT THE ICE! NOT THE SNOW.
4. Do not over salt. Please use it wisely.
5. If the salt supply is low, please email maintenance so they can re-fill the yellow bins.

## New Tool Room Email (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.



# Task



## If and When We Get Snow

1. Salt will be located in the 2 yellow bins located on the west & east side of the common room building. Only take what you need for your task. This is not for personal use with the exception of the front entrance of your home.
2. If the salt buckets are empty please email [maintenance@gardensquare.org](mailto:maintenance@gardensquare.org) ASAP
3. If you have a task please A. Shovel the snow first, B. Only add salt after it stops snowing and becomes icy (do not over salt).
4. If you are an exempt task member please be neighbourly and help out where needed (city sidewalks, bus stop on Smith Ave., sidewalks throughout the co-op, etc.)
5. All members are responsible for shovelling their own parking spot & behind their cars.
6. If you are a Task member and need a snow shovel and/or small salt bucket please email [task@gardensquare.org](mailto:task@gardensquare.org)
7. If you live in an alcove please let me Donna know so we can go refill the salt buckets when empty.

### Members with a Task Only:

- If your task is the parking lot please shovel & salt if icy driveways only.
- If your task is the recycling bins/garbage bin please shovel at all times & salt if icy.
- If your task is the city sidewalk, sidewalks throughout the coop, courtyard, etc. please shovel at all times & salt if icy.
- If you have a grass area please help out with shoveling snow around the co-op.

Thank you,

Donna



**On behalf of the Task Committee we would like to wish all our members a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**



## *Birthday Club!*

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

- Donna (3871) on December 8
- Samira (3842) who is turning 5 on December 8
- Tiana (3842) who is turning 21 on January 27



If you would like to have your child(ren)'s name(s) added to the birthday club or would like to share a special occasion, please send Donna a email.

## White Chocolate Bark with Peppermint Stick

Recipe courtesy of Gale Gand

Show: Sweet Dreams Episode: Dandy Candy

Level: Easy

Total: 37 min

Prep: 20 min

Inactive: 2 min

Cook: 15 min

Yield: 20 to 30 servings

### Ingredients:

- 8 ounces white chocolate, chopped
- 4 red-and-white peppermint sticks or candy canes, 6 inches long (recommended: King Leo Sticks or Red Bird)
- 2 drops peppermint oil or extract

### Directions:

**Special equipment:** A cookie sheet with sides, about 13-by-17 inches, lined with parchment paper or a nonstick baking mat

Melt the chocolate. Place the peppermint sticks in a heavy, locked plastic bag and crush them fine by whacking and then rolling them with a rolling pin. They should have about the same consistency as crushed ice. When the chocolate is melted, stir in the peppermint oil. Stir in all but 2 tablespoons of the crushed peppermint pieces and spread the mixture out on the cookie sheet, about 1/4-inch thick. It will not fill the pan completely. Sprinkle the reserved peppermint stick over the top. Let set at room temperature until hardened, about 2 hours. (Or, refrigerate for 30 minutes to harden more quickly.) Use your hands to break into pieces. Store in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks.



# 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.

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