

1624 Barkway Road, Gravenhurst
Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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March 1st – A Very Important Community Meeting

We are holding a very important meeting at the Co-op at 7 pm on Saturday, March 1st. There are two issues that we want to share with as many people as possible as we need the direction of the whole community before we can proceed.

The first is the possibility of having one of Muskoka's new Nursing Stations located here in Ryde. We have invited Donna Kearney from Rural Health Solutions, to make a presentation that evening. She is working in partnership with the District of Muskoka to create nursing stations staffed with nurse practitioners in rural areas of Muskoka. This could be of tremendous value to our community but it does come with a cost.

The second is the fate of the Ryde Public School building itself. We have reached a point where we need to have a solid plan for it or we could lose the building entirely if there is a major capital expense required. The Town has indicated they will cancel our lease and walk away if this should happen, as they are not able to put any more large sums of money into maintenance or repairs. If we were able to acquire the building ourselves, we have been told that they will continue to help us financially to run the building as a community centre.

Both of these topics are of great importance for the community of Ryde. We hope to see as many people out on March 1st so that we can give you more information, ask us questions and ultimately give the Ryde Co-op Board of Directors the mandate to take a course of action. 🌀



Co-op Price Changes Coming...

You will note in *Ryder* articles and the Coming Events that there are now 2 prices being listed for Co-op programs and dinners. Co-op members' prices are not changing, however people who wish to come to our programs and dinners but not take a membership will be required to pay a higher amount. Membership at the Ryde Co-op is open to **all** who are interested in joining. Our membership fees are modest at \$10 for individuals over the age of 16 or \$20 for a family of 2 adults and children under 16 years of age. Our memberships run by calendar year and that means they all expire at the end of every December. We are allowing a short grace period for those who haven't yet renewed, but soon you may need to show your card when you want to participate in Co-op events that have an entry or participation fee. *Public functions and meetings that have to do with topics of importance to all Ryde residents will continue to be open to all community members and free of charge as they have in the past.* 🌀

Public Meeting Regarding Proposed Gun Range

The Ryde Co-op cordially invites all neighbours and residents to an Open House on Feb. 11th, 2014 from 7 to 9 pm at the Ryde Community Centre on 1624 Barkway Rd. This Open House is intended to discuss any and all concerns related to a proposal by the Gravenhurst Conservation Club to open a Shooting Range at their property on the corner of Merkley & Lewisham Roads. 🌀

March 15th Is Tax Day with Joanne

Joanne Warren is a volunteer for Canada Revenue Agency - the government agency that collects our income taxes. As a CRA volunteer, she is offering to prepare tax returns **FREE** for Ryde residents who meet the criteria. On March 15th only, Joanne will be at Ryde Centre between 10 am and 3 pm to offer this service. Appointments are required and you must be registered with Joanne by March 1st. *Please call Joanne for more information or an appointment at 705-687-2600.* 🌀



Baking with Beckie

Join the Baking with Beckie class on Tuesday, February 18th at 9:00 am for another enjoyable morning! The cost is only \$10 for members or \$15 for non-members. A University of Ryde credit class! *To register please call Beckie at 705-687-2919.* 🌀

February Lunch and Learn

The Ryde Barn Quilt Trail, is partnering with the Muskoka Area Geocachers to create a series of caches along the trail. We are pleased to present an introductory workshop with lunch included on Saturday, February 8th at 11:00 am at the Co-op. The cost is \$10 for members, or \$15 for non-members. You will be introduced to the low-cost, fascinating hobby of geocaching. *Call Judy at 705-687-2406.* 🌀



Upcoming Events

- ✓ **2014 Memberships are due**
- ✓ Bid Euchre – Every Wednesday at the RCC from 1 pm.
- ✓ Feb. 8th – Lunch 'n Learn Geocaching – 11 am
- ✓ Feb. 11th – Public Meeting re: Proposed Gun Range – 7 pm
- ✓ Feb. 18th – Baking with Beckie – 9 am - Pre-registration required
- ✓ Feb. 22nd – Pulled Pork Dinner – 5:30 pm – *Tickets at Summerland*
- ✓ **Mar. 1st – Community Meeting: Future Direction of the Co-op – 7 pm**
- ✓ Mar. 3rd – Register for Gentle Fitness at the Co-op - 9:30 am
- ✓ Mar. 15th – Tax Clinic – 10 to 3pm
- ✓ Mar. 22nd – St. Paddy's Stew & Biscuits Dinner – 5:30 pm – *Tickets at Summerland*
- ✓ Mar. 23rd – Growing Small Fruits – 1 – 3 pm
- ✓ Apr. 6th – Growing & Brewing Hops – 1 – 3 pm
- ✓ Apr. 12th – Lunch 'n Learn – Make a Bat-Box with Steve
- ✓ Apr. 25th – Bus Trip to Bradford Greenhouse – *more info TBA*
- ✓ Apr. 26th – Spaghetti Dinner
- ✓ Apr. 27th – 7 Products from a \$5 Pig's Head – 1 – 3 pm
- ✓ May 8th – Lunch 'n Learn – Nordic Walking
- ✓ May 10th – Wild Foraging – 1 – 3 pm

Remember to submit news items to rydernews@bell.net for the next Ryder Newsletter by February 20th

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Holy Manger Anglican Church**
Service will be on the first Sunday of the month.
- **Ryde Free Methodist Church**
 - Weather permitting, there will be a church and community winter picnic on Sun., Feb. 16, at 1586 Barkway Rd. Please call the church at 705-687-3005 if you'd like to be included in the outing, and for instructions as to when and where to meet. *Please remember:* dress for the weather; children 12 and younger are to be with a guardian; bring your own hot dogs for roasting; and there are no toilet facilities available. See you there!.
- **Summerland General Store**
 - The March monthly \$20 food basket order is due by March 4th at 9 am.
 - Pickup for February food baskets is February 13th after 2 pm – bring boxes or bags.



March Food Baskets

If you would like to participate in this popular program, the fee is \$20 cash per basket. The funds are payable at the Summerland General Store before Tuesday, March 4th, with the pick up on Thursday, March 20. Remember to bring your own bags or boxes. 🌀



Seniors Wellness Focus Group

On Wednesday, January 15th, a dozen local residents met with Heather Hay, Co-ordinator of Elder Abuse Prevention, and Kate Cavan, Seniors’ Wellness Outreach Co-ordinator from the District of Muskoka, to discuss our needs and concerns as rural residents. A long and comprehensive list was

developed. We love Ryde, and want to stay in our homes as we age, but barriers such as access to health care and transportation threaten our independence. To address these concerns, we are looking at two steps. We would like to create a phone tree, so that we can effectively contact those who may be shut in or otherwise vulnerable. This phone tree could also help us to spread news quickly in the event of fire or other danger. Secondly, we are looking into the possibility of booking a wheelchair accessible Hammond bus to take residents into town on Tuesdays to shop or to attend appointments. This would be at minimal cost. *We would need a community volunteer to co-ordinate the phone tree. As well we need feedback from you. Would you use the bus? Please call Judy at 705-687-2406.* 🌀

FREE Gentle Fitness Classes Coming to Ryde!

Co-op volunteers, Beckie Fitchett and Judy Campbell, were trained by the VON to offer the SMART program of fitness classes at the Ryde Co-op. These classes are intended for people 55 years old and up and will be offered twice a week. The classes are designed to improve strength, balance and flexibility. All movements are performed on a chair or standing; there are no floor exercises or weights. Registration at 9:30 am, March 3rd at the Co-op. Classes start March 10th at 9:30 am. 🌀




The Ryde Chili Challenge

All who attended the Chili Challenge on January 18th enjoyed fun, good food and socializing. We had eight chilis entered for the Challenge. Everyone took part in the judging ... it was difficult to pick a favourite chili! This resulted in very close scores, but winners did surface! Diane Bradley won the coveted first prize apron! Beckie Fitchett won the second prize apron, which we are expecting to see at the next "Baking with Beckie"

morning. Steve Bean, a first time entrant, proudly came in third with a delicious chili. Everyone did himself or herself proud. Of course we are looking forward to gathering again next year with new entrants attempting to de-throne these winners. A big THANK YOU goes out to Barb Taylor and her crew for organizing this event. 🌀

Ryde Centennial Free Methodist Church



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Sunday School for Grades SK thru 7 – 10:00am
Sunday Morning Worship Service with Jr. Church – 11:00am
Prayer Meeting – Wednesdays, 8:00pm Check the website or call for location.

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CORRECTION
In the last *Ryder*, the address for Great Moose Adventures and Yoga North was wrong. It should have read 1368 Housey’s Rapids Road. *We regret the error.*



Ryde 135 Barn Quilt Trail
Have you followed the Road to Ryde and taken time to look at the beautiful barn quilts that are being installed along your route to town and back? Visit the new Barn Quilt Website at www.rydebarnquilttrail.com. You will be able to read about the history of the property and download a map so as not to miss any of them. The barns look lovely in winter with their bright new quilts to keep them warm! 🌀

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