

THE RYDER

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COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

Thanks to the efforts of Carol Wagg and her team, we have established a beautiful garden at the Ryde Firehall as our "community garden". When driving by, please note the efforts of this dedicated core of volunteers.

Thank you also to the residents of Ryde who are displaying such pride in their properties and our community.

HOW TO NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR A DAISY AWARD

The judging for the Daisy awards will take place during the week of August 16th. Nomination forms are available at the town office, Centennial Centre and may also be made by phone (Brian Guerriero at 687-6774 ext 25). The nomination MUST include the civic address and the owner's name of the property, if known.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our 3rd annual **Yard Sale** accompanied by a pancake breakfast will be held on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 28 from 8 am to 11 am**. There is still lots of room for those that want to reserve a table - \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members. There will also be a community table for people who wish to donate their **SALEABLE** items to our association. Our sincere apologies for the Postponement earlier in July due to circumstances beyond our control.

We need volunteers to assist with the pancake breakfast and vendors to make this a success. Students are welcome.

Gravenhurst Town Council Meeting will be held at the Ryde Community Centre on **Tuesday, August 17th**. We will once again hold a community BBQ prior to the meeting starting at 5:30 pm - all are welcome. Cost is by donation.

Yoga Classes are still ongoing at 6:30 Monday nights. Drop in and check out a class. All are welcome.

Our **Annual General Membership Meeting** will be held on **Saturday, October 16 at 10 am**. This will be followed by a pot luck lunch. Our guest speakers are proposed to be Neighbourhood Watch and the OPP regarding protecting your property from theft. More information to follow in a future newsletter.

BREAK AND ENTERS ON THE RISE IN OUR AREA

The Housey's Rapids and Riley Lake areas have been the targets of numerous break, enters and thefts over the last few months. Keep an eye on your neighbours' homes when you know that they may be absent. Should you notice suspicious activity, strange vehicles in unusual places etc., please be vigilant by taking licence plate numbers and calling **CRIMESTOPPERS** at **1-800-222-8477**. You never know, you may be able to help solve a crime.

Also, we would appreciate any information pertaining to vandalism at the Ryde Community Centre also being phoned in to Crimestoppers. Recently there were several pellet gun holes that appeared in the safety glass at the rear of the building. As well, there is also a broken window.

CALLING ALL KIDS

Over the last few months we have noticed quite a few new families with young children in our area. We are willing to make the Community Centre available for a drop in, traveling toy library etc. If you are interested in getting your kids to know other children in the community and get to meet other parents of young children, we would love to get something happening for you. We have also been in contact with the Early Years Program who would be interested in coming out to Ryde on occasion depending on the level of interest. Please contact 686-4575 if you are interested in participating.

WHAT TO DO THIS SUMMER IN GRAVENHURST

Music on the Barge - Sunday nights at Gull Lake Park 7 pm

Dockside Festival of the Arts - August 20 and 21st at the Muskoka Airport

MEMBERSHIP

It is time to renew memberships to our association for this year...2004 if you have not already done so. Members in Good standing as of September 30 2004 will have voting privileges at the annual general meeting in October.

We are proposing a membership blitz/contest. For every existing member that signs up a new member between now and September 30th, the existing member will have their name entered in a draw. The more members you sign up, the more your chances for a great prize. (We're keeping that prize secret for now) To make things easy for you, we have attached a membership renewal form to this newsletter.

Your current executive is:

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If you are interested in sponsoring an upcoming newsletter, please contact Wendy at 687-4575 or twsm.pilger@sympatico.ca. Sponsoring our newsletter helps offset our printing and mailing costs.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE

Residents of our community are grieving the sudden passing of Muriel Fitchett on July 1, 2004.

Muriel was a person who was actively involved in the community through her involvement in the Housey's Rapids Neighbourhood Club as well as our association. Muriel was one of the driving forces behind re-establishing the Ryde Ratepayers Association now known as the Ryde Community Co-op Inc. Her most recent project for our community was her involvement in the Communities in Bloom project that recently established a beautiful flower garden at the Ryde Firehall.

Our sympathies go out to the Fitchett Family, her husband Cliff, daughter Debbie and husband Barry and son, Don and his wife Amber. She was very proud of her 4 grandchildren.

The Ryde Free Methodist Church has established a Muriel Fitchett Memorial Fund in her memory.

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Civic (911) Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Other Members at this address:

Name: _____ Name: _____

Number of members: _____ x Membership Fee \$5 each = \$ _____ + Extra Donation: \$ _____ = Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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