

# THE RYDER

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting was held on Saturday, October 30th 2004 followed by a pot luck lunch.

### Issues of Interest:

- We need to strike a building sub-committee to review and investigate new provincial water regulations. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO SERVE ON THIS COMMITTEE.** This new legislation will have a major impact on continued use of the community centre.
- Membership Dues for 2005 were raised to \$10.00 from \$5.00 to meet rising costs. Dues are due and payable now; please contact an executive member for information.
- Ballots to elect new executive are forthcoming and will be sent to members of record as of September 30, 2004.
- Canada World Youth kids started redecorating the two rooms at the community centre with a blitz on Monday, November 22. Work is still needed so if you can help, call Shawn at 687-0665
- The Gravenhurst Fire Department is offering free smoke detectors and installation. See special notice for additional information.
- Our association needs more members to take an active role with events.
- A community survey will be sent out shortly to determine the interests of the community. We not only need ideas but people to assist in putting on the events.

## GREAT NEWS FOR RYDE

The rumour is true! The Ryde Fire Department will soon be in receipt of a brand new modern Fire Truck. All community members will be invited to a special dedication of the truck.

### FESTIVE EVENTS:

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

Our annual baking exchange will be held on Thursday, December 16th at 7 pm at the community centre. Please package your baked goods in packages of 6. Feel free to

stay and enjoy your goodies over coffee or take them home. We plan on having Christmas carolling as part of this evening.

We are adding a silent auction this year as well. Please bring an item or two you are willing to donate to the auction. We encourage local business people to donate their products and services to promote their business in Ryde. If you are unable to attend and wish to donate an item or two, please contact **Wendy** at **687-4575**.

## LOCAL CHURCH HOLIDAY SERVICES

**Ryde Centennial Free Methodist Church** is holding their Christmas Program on **Sunday December 19**, 10:30 am, involving children and teens.

**Church of the Holy Manger, Barkway** - Christmas Eve Service, Friday December 24<sup>th</sup> 4pm

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING FIRE SERVICES IN RYDE

- Manpower requirements for Station 3 are reaching a critical level. We need a few good people in good physical condition who are willing to participate in excellent training and fellowship and help out their community.
- Our new fire truck is arriving soon and a dedication ceremony is being planned for early in the new year...watch for a flyer.
- Free smoke detectors are available to all households in Ryde, with installation available. Please call the fire department at 705-687-3414 for more information and to arrange for your detector.

## COMMUNITY CENTRE/CAP SITE

Along with sprucing up our look, we are working at getting **High Speed Internet** available in the Community Centre. We have received funding through the Muskoka Community Co-op for a Community Development position (**see ad on back**). We'll be able to staff the CAP site so we can be open more hours, allowing community access to the Internet. For more info, call **Randy** at **687-9038**.

**FITNESS NEWS:**

Ladies Walk away the pounds program. This self monitored fitness program to video allows participants to get the cardio benefits of a two mile walk over a 1/2 hour period - indoors. Will be held on **Tuesday Nights** starting on **December 7th**. This will be a user pay program with participants being requested to pay \$3.00 per night.

We have engaged the services of **Windchimes Yoga Farm** for another session of **yoga** starting on January 10th. We require a **commitment** of participants no later than **December 10th**. We will require a \$25.00 deposit to hold your place in the class. Space is limited so please contact **Wendy** at **687-4575** or **twsmpilger@sympatico.ca** ASAP to register. All are welcome (even you guys!)

**YOUR CURRENT EXECUTIVE:**

- Randy Jorgensen**, President 687-9038
- Terry Pilger**, Publicity Chair 687-4575 or **twsmpilger@sympatico.ca**
- Shawn Kerswell**, Events Chair 687-0665 **kerzey@muskoka.com**
- Wendy Pilger**, Secretary 687-4575 **twsmpilger@sympatico.ca**
- Bruce Stephenson**, Property Chair 687-3948

**MEMBERSHIP**

It's time to renew memberships to our association, if you have not already done so. Please return the attached form with your payment of \$10 per member.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY - COMMUNITY DEVELOPER**

**Contract Position** for 20 hours per week (up to 420 hours in total) 4 days a week from 1 - 6 pm  
Must be between ages 19 - 30 to be eligible  
Own transportation an asset

**Duties** to include:

- 1.) **Community Development** - assist with the renovation & rejuvenation of the Ryde Community Centre
- 2.) **Community Access Program** - promote the services of the CAP Internet Access station in the Ryde Community Centre, - train and assist all participants with basic computer instruction and use
- 3.) **Community Engagement** - canvass the community to gather survey information - input data gathered from survey into databases for future use
- 4.) **Community Preservation** - compile historical information for production

For more information please call 705.645.4491

**IMMEDIATELY** Applications are accepted via email at **amy.taylor@muskokacommunityco-op.com** or via fax at 705.645.9789

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Civic (911) Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Members at this address:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members: \_\_\_\_\_ x Membership Fee \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + Extra Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques payable to: Ryde Community Co-op Inc. & Mail to: R Jorgensen 1103 Halls Rd RR3 Gravenhurst P1P 1R3