

# The Ryder

Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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## Ryde Business and Services Directory

YES, we are still looking for more companies for the new **Ryde Business and Services Directory**.

The cost for a listing in the Directory is \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members. It will be distributed throughout Ryde, to various locations around Town and to many of our seasonal residents. Contact **Gladys** at 687-2446 or email [biggl@sympatico.ca](mailto:biggl@sympatico.ca)

Call Gladys to find out about our *Friends of Ryde Co-op* sponsorship opportunities as well.

## Internet CAP Site Hours

Hours are now by appointment for time slots with the person's name listed. Please call the person listed the day before to arrange your appointment to use our high speed Internet.

You can also use the computers for Word Processing, Scanning, Printing, etc. (small extra charge for printing) Photocopying coming soon...

New to computers? We are happy to help.

### Hours:

Monday  
10am-noon  
Tuesday  
10-noon Carol 687-6992  
1pm-3pm Gladys 687-2446  
6pm-9pm  
Wednesday  
10am-noon Mike 687-6992  
Thurs  
Noon-3pm  
Friday  
10am-noon  
Saturday  
1pm-4pm

Hours are subject to change. Call ahead to be sure: 687-4200

## DOORS OPEN GRAVENHURST 2006

Chat with living Ryde history. View historical displays of old farm and kitchen tools. Browse manuscripts and newspaper articles by local residents past and present. Recall school days at Ryde with the help of photos and awards. Learn about the Tree Museum. Enjoy lunch with your friends and neighbours. Play the "Name that Tool" game. Ryde Community is once again participating in Doors Open Ontario - Gravenhurst Division.

We hope you will attend during operating hours **from 10-3 on May 20 and 21**. Special events include **Lunch and Conversation with Carl and Iva Break, Ernie Merkley and Kermit White** from **12 to 2** on **Saturday May 20**, and a presentation on the Tree Museum on **Sunday May 21** from **1-3 p.m.**

Throughout opening hours there will be a **display of quilts, tools, school memorabilia, and historical documents**. In addition to events at the Community Centre, the **Pioneer Cemetery** and **Ryde Lake CGIT camp** will be open for tours.

We really need contributions from the community to enhance the displays. We have

class photos from Ryde Central School from 1980-81 through 1988-89 except for 82-83. We have no photos from before that or from the smaller schools that preceded Ryde. If you have any photos from other years, we'd appreciate the opportunity to copy them for display. We also ask you to lend us any interesting farm or kitchen tools you might have. Please bring these items to the Community Centre on Thursday May 18th or contact any executive member. All items will be tagged with the owners name for easy identification and return.

Regarding **lunch** - a box lunch will be available at the Community Centre between noon and 2 p.m. on Saturday May 20th. It will include sandwiches, veggies and dip, dessert, and tea or coffee. The cost will be \$6. Come and enjoy lunch with the neighbours. In order to help with planning how many lunches to make, you are requested to call Ruth at 687-6992 to reserve your lunch in advance.

We also need to borrow quilts, preferably hand-made for display and acoustic purposes. These will be hung on the walls with clothes pegs so they will not be damaged. ❖

## EVENT REPORTS

**Building Boom in Ryde:** Eleven new residences have sprung up in the area, thanks to **Rose Hinzmann** who led a bluebird box building bash at the community centre on April 20th. Bluebirds are making a comeback in Muskoka, largely due to the efforts of the Muskoka Field Naturalists. Rose generously donated the proceeds of the day to the MFN who maintain bluebird trails throughout the area.

**Roadside Cleanup and Pancake Lunch:** Several kilometres of area roadsides are looking tidier, thanks to the efforts of the numerous volunteers who donned boots and gloves and walked local ditches to fill dozens of bags with the litter exposed by the disappearing snow. Bags were provided by Communities in Bloom, and the Town of Gravenhurst disposed of the accumulation.

On Tuesday April 25, the **Snowcrest Riders**



turned out to clean up their adopted road, Barkway Road from Doe Lake Road to the Barkway Cemetery. Bruce Stephenson made a superb effort, cleaning all the way from the cemetery to the Housey's Rapids corner. Thanks to ALL who "pitched in"!

On Saturday April 22 (**Earth Day**) at 11, all volunteers and community members were invited to attend a pancake brunch at the Community Centre. We enjoyed a variety of pancakes cooked up by Chef Randy, crisp sausages, and fresh maple syrup provided by the "Break Boys". A time of neighbourly chatting ended a pleasant time together. We encourage all residents to "Take Pryde in Ryde" and keep our community looking its best. ❖

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**Doe Lake Subdivision Input Sought** Are you aware that the owner/developer of the farm at Doe Lake is seeking an extension to the plan of subdivision brought forward in 1991? Do you feel that construction of an additional 20 houses is a viable plan for Doe Lake? Gravenhurst mayor and council need input from local people before they meet with the District Planner. You are encouraged to phone (687-3412), write, or email the Mayor and council through the website [www.gravenhurst.ca](http://www.gravenhurst.ca) (click on Council) to make your views heard. ❖

**Town of Gravenhurst Volunteer and Achievement Awards**

Congratulations to Ryde residents **Sandra MacKenzie** and **Randy Jorgensen** who were among those honoured at an awards ceremony at the Opera House on May 4th. Sandra won an achievement award for playing with the Canadian Moose World Travelling hockey team. Randy was given a volunteer award for his dedicated service to the Ryde Community. Congratulations to both! ❖



**Fire Ban in Effect** The forest fire rating is now **EXTREME**. There is a **total fire ban** in place. No open fires of any type are permitted. No fires are permitted for cooking or warmth and no fireworks are allowed. This is a **TOTAL FIRE BAN**.

The Muskoka Fire Season runs April 1st to October 31st each year. The Forest Fire Danger Rating is verified daily and is updated whenever the rating changes. For more information contact the Town of Gravenhurst at 705-687-3412 or on the web [www.gravenhurst.ca](http://www.gravenhurst.ca) ❖

**Coming Events**

**Baseball** Would you like to play baseball at the Community Centre ball diamond? Call **Richard Break 687-9312** to express your interest, and tell him which nights are best.  
**Perennial Exchange and Sale** Thursday, May 25th, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Bring potted or bagged plants to the community Centre to trade with other local gardeners. Bring a few extra pots to sell to those who have none to trade, with proceeds going to the community centre. All are welcome. Pass the word!

**Yoga** with Heather McFadyen, Tuesdays from 7-8:30. Doors open at 6:45. \$88 for 8 weeks, or drop in for \$12 a session. Mats and straps supplied; bring a blanket. Call **Arleigh Lockett** for info or to register **687-3597**.

**Blackfly Season Craft Day** Thursday June 1, 9-4. Work on a craft of your choice, or join others working on watercolour-paper baskets or birchbark and copper weaving. We'll have supplies for sale if you wish to join us. Bring lunch and \$2 donation. Call **Jane** to register, **684-9482**

**Weed and Feed** Thursday June 8, 10 to noon. All gardeners welcome. We'll weed the three gardens at the CC, and enjoy lunch together. Bring your own tools, your favourite sandwich filling and 2-3 pieces of dessert. Croissants, tea and coffee provided.

**Yard Sale** We're getting a jump start on plans for the Community Yard Sale so it can be well publicized this year. Set aside **Saturday August 5th** (Civic Holiday weekend), and start collecting and pricing those treasures. Let us know as far in advance as possible if you intend to participate. Last date to register is July 15th. Addresses of participants will be advertised in the local paper. Call **Ruth 687-6992** for more information and to register. \$10.00 per site for members, up to 3 families at a site. \$5.00 for each additional family at one site. Cost for non-members \$15.00. The Scavenger Hunt & Pancake Breakfast will also be featured the same day.

**Community Picnic** Get ready for some community fun for the whole family on **Saturday August 26**. We're planning all kinds of activities, from a flower show to carnival games. Of course, there'll be plenty of food. More details to follow.

**Kayaking** After last year's successful Kayaking Workshop, we're planning a repeat. Date is yet to be determined.

**Doug Pilger Fundraiser Event** Many community members came out on the night of April 21st to show their support for 31 year old Doug Pilger who was taken ill by a strange virus in December of 2005. We were treated to a great night of entertainment and seeing faces that we haven't seen for a long time. Slim Celtsie, a former Grand ole Opry yodeller was on hand and performed for attendees.

The Pilger family was overwhelmed by the support they received from the community for Doug. The road to recovery will be a long one for Doug and his family. Your many words of encouragement as well as financial support is appreciated more than words alone can describe. It is expected that Doug will be returning to Muskoka in the next few weeks to live with his parents, Bryan and Linda, at their home in Gravenhurst. Thanks to all for your kind words and support. *The Pilger family.*

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