

The Ryder

Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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Local Communities in Bloom off to a great start...

Thanks where thanks is due...

- Thank you to all who spent time removing litter from the roadsides and delivering many bags to the school for disposal.
- A special thanks to Maurice Cook who spent time raking the yard with grandson Michael who earned Community Service hours prior to graduation from GHS,
- The Town of Gravenhurst for disposing of the pile of trash.
- We appreciate the efforts of Cathy Langtree who gardens on the site of the old Housey's Rapids Store. Cathy has generously placed some of her perennials in the garden at the Fire Hall. We'd welcome donations of red annuals (geraniums or petunias) to fill in a few empty spaces.
- Thanks to Chris Holden for restructuring and edging the gardens in front of the Firehall and the Community Centre. The



Some of our cleanup crew beside the garbage collected from the roadside: Jane Braden, Carol Wagg, Shawn Kerswell and son Christopher and Barb Holden

hope is to make the Firehall garden a real "community garden" with plants representing many families from the community. ❖

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The Bears are back!

Here are some tips to help avoid these unwanted visitors:

- Put garbage out on the morning of garbage day, not the night before
- Do not leave pet food outdoors
- Thoroughly clean outdoor barbeque grills after use
- Fill bird feeders only through the winter months
- Do not put meat, fish or sweet food (including fruit) in your composter
- Keep meat scraps in the freezer until garbage day
- Pick all ripe fruit off trees, and remove vegetables and fallen fruit from the ground
- In an immediate emergency call your local police at 911, to report bear problems call 1-866-514-2327 (1-866-514-BEAR)

For more information visit the MNR Website at bears.mnr.gov.on.ca

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Why I Love Yoga

I love yoga because it makes me feel comfortable, flexible and clear.

I know that I can decrease the chattering of my mind by doing some yoga practice. For example, driving into town I can inhale to the count of four, exhale to the count of four and when my breathing rhythm is established imagine a big smile of bliss on my stomach and then look at the beauty of the land as I drive. I become calm and clear and discard some mind clutter.

These things I have learned from Judy, who teaches yoga at Ryde on Mondays, 6:30 to 8:00pm in Fall, Winter and Spring. The class is

by Jane Braden

open to everyone and people can join anytime. For more information call Jane at 687-9482 or just turn up.

Jane Braden is the Co-op Secretary. Jane is also a talented artist...If anyone caught this week's newspaper, there was a great shot of Jane at a local art show presenting some of her work. ❖



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Upcoming Events...A Garage Sale with a Twist?

Your executive has been meeting to come up with event ideas for the upcoming summer season. We should have a detailed schedule available for our next newsletter.

One event we are working on presently is a **GARAGE SALE WITH A TWIST** (date yet to be determined). If you are planning on having a garage sale - have we got a deal for you... We are planning on a community wide garage sale, with a twist, on a specified date. You can have it at your own home or be a part of a group at the community centre. For a small fee you can have a line or two in a special edition of our newsletter advertising your sale, any special things you may have (ie power tools, baby stuff, handcrafts etc). This newsletter will go to over 350 households in the RR 3 mailing area, to our local cottager associations and in town and local media.

The twist - to encourage people to advertise and participate in this event - there will be a scavenger hunt associated with this. At each advertiser's sale there will be a special thing that people need to find. Each person garage saling who wishes to participate in the scavenger hunt portion will be given a list of what items there are to find - they do not need to physically bring them to a location as some may just be too large to carry - just note where they saw it. So, for a small fee, you are getting widespread coverage of your sale and an extra incentive for people to come to your sale as appreciation for your advertising. This is similar to successful events held annually in Port Sydney and Baysville.

If this is something you are interested in, please let us know so we can get working on finalizing details- twsm.pilger@sympatico.ca or 687-4575

If you are part of an organization ie cottager association, service group etc., we welcome your participation at the community centre.❖

Upcoming Event:

Saturday, July 16th at 1:30 pm Housey's Rapids Neighbourhood Club Annual Bazaar (Inside info tells us that you need to arrive early and prepare to line up to get the best home baking in our area). This is also the draw date for their homemade quilt - advance tickets are available from **Lorraine Masters** at **687-6076** or other club members.

How well do you know your community?

We are starting a monthly trivia contest with a prize draw to take place in December. We will ask a question or two in each edition of the newsletter. Answers can be found locally or on our web site.

Just send us your answers together with your name, address and phone and the newsletter edition number (e.g. Volume 2 Number 2—May). Email your answers to twsm.pilger@sympatico.ca Snail mail responses can be sent to - Ryde Trivia Contest - 1834 Housey's Rapids Road, RR 3, Gravenhurst PIP IR3

This month's questions

In what year did hydro service first come to Ryde?

In what year did Ryde Public School (now operating as our community centre) first open to accept students?

Good luck - we look forward to seeing your responses!❖

Play Ball...

If anyone is interested in playing some baseball and having some fun, please contact **Shawn** at **687-0665**. We would like to be able to extend a challenge to the local cottager associations and have a great get together with our local and seasonal residents. Experience is not necessary. Age is completely open from youth to seniors....spectators are encouraged and welcome...date to be announced.❖