

THE RYDER

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DOORS OPEN - RYDE

A good time was had by all at the Ryde Central Public School on May 17th, including former students and staff of the former Buck Lake School, Barkway School, Housey's Rapids School and Ryde Central Public School. Old photos and stories were shared as people travelled down memory road.

Our special thanks to Carol Wagg (former teacher at Ryde), Esther and Frank (current owners of the former Housey's Rapids School) for opening their doors to the community, the Ryde Free Methodist Church and the Gravenhurst Chamber of Commerce for their promotion of this event.

Special Thanks also to Lois Parke and Iva Break for sharing their photos of the community "way back when".

WEST NILE VIRUS - Information Night Wednesday, July 2, 7 pm at Community Centre

Mosquito season is now upon us. You have all been hearing conflicting reports about this virus and ways to protect yourself. You've heard stories about to spray or not to spray.....Confused??? Let us help sort through this maze of information for you.

A special information meeting about the West Nile Virus presented by The Muskoka Parry Sound Health Unit, followed by a **general membership meeting** will be held on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 2nd at 7 PM**

MEMBERSHIP

We now have a membership in excess of 100 members. This is terrific news to see so many people supporting the efforts of our association in the community. Your executive cannot do it all alone or work in a vacuum. We need your input and your participation to continue to represent the community by providing programs and act as a liaison with Town and District Governments for

your concerns.

We are finding that for every event we are seeing the same 4 or 5 people doing the work and this gets tiring for those people. Let's all help share the load and lend and helping hand to our community

How can the members help?

- Attend events
- Volunteer to help out with projects and events
- Don't sit in silence if you have an issue that you feel we need to address—call an executive member
- Come to meetings
- Financial support/donations
- Take an active role on a committee
- If you have an idea that you think others would be interested in—let us know (there is no such thing as a "bad" idea)
- Promote our community
- Support local businesses who advertised in the business directory
- Participate in beautification of our community through Communities in Bloom
- Students earn community service hours towards graduation for helping our association with projects

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: EARN SOME COMMUNITY HOURS

We are looking for volunteers to help deliver our Ryde Business & Services Guide to local cottagers. Call Randy at 687-7137 or email rjorg@muskoka.com. We have many events & projects where high school students can earn their community hours. Call to get on the list...

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

- Doug and Louise Taverner on the celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary recently
- Doris and Kermit White on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on June 22nd

SAFE BOATING COURSE

Congratulations to Denise, Michael, Terry, Earl, Bernie and Bruce and Darcy for successful completion and obtaining your Safe Boating Certificate from the course we ran in conjunction with the Gravenhurst Power Squadron May 31st and June 1st.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Although Pilates and Aerobics will not be taking place during June, July and August, we are still pleased to offer yoga on Monday nights 7 pm at the Community Centre. All welcome.. please call Wendy for details at 687-4575

Green thumbs wanted to help with the garden at the front of the community centre and the firehall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 19 at 1 pm

The Housey's Rapids Neighbourhood Club Annual Bazaar - at the Housey's Rapids Neighbourhood Club. An event not to be missed - get there early the baked stuff goes fast for a reason!

Community Garage Sale and Pancake Breakfast - Saturday, July 26 8 until 12

Vendors and crafters wanted - \$10.00 per space for co-op members and \$15.00 per space for non members. We are really hoping for a larger representation this year and more crafters. Garden produce and preserved products are also more than welcome. This event will be advertised in the Simcoe Shopper, local media and in town as well. Space is limited so please reserve asap to ensure your space.

Event is a "go" rain or shine so please plan accordingly. Registration and payment required no later than July 15, 2003.

We are also having a community table that if you have things you want to get rid of and wish to donate to the co-op to sell for you (100% of sale

proceeds to the co-op) , please bring them to the community centre the morning of the sale after 7:30 am. All items must be salable and please, no baby furniture or equipment due to federal regulations.

We also are looking for a couple of **students** who want to earn 4-5 hours of community service hours to assist with this event.

Please contact Wendy at 687-4575 for more details or email at twsm.pilger@sympatico.ca

Gravenhurst Town Council Meeting In Ryde -Tuesday, August 5th

Each Summer the council meets in Ryde to bring them closer to the rural communities. This year the meeting is on August 5th and starts at 7 pm but why not come early for a community BBQ starting a 5pm? Hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks will be available for sale.

Church Services

You are welcome to attend services at the Ryde Free Methodist Church every Sunday at 11 am. There will be no service on Sunday, July 27th.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

- Every Sunday - Church Services at Ryde Free Methodist Church - 11 am
- Final date for registration for swimming lessons at Bass Lake Beach - July 13
- Housey's Rapids Neighbourhood Club Bazaar and Bake Sale - July 19 starting at 1pm
- Housey's Rapids Lake Residents Association picnic - Saturday July 19 at Bass Lake Beach
- Community Garage Sale and Pancake Breakfast - Saturday July 26 from 8 -12

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