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Tobogganing Days!
Sunday February 13 &
Sunday February 20
from 1 to 3 pm.

We are delighted to have obtained generous permission from Linda Valentin to access her excellent tobogganing hill on two dates only this month. Weather permitting we will take the trail from the back of the Co-op to the hill (about a 12 minute walk) to enjoy the best sliding in Ryde! Please bring your own sleds and toboggans and remember that there are no washroom facilities on site. There will be a bonfire at the hill if you want to bring hot dogs or marshmallows. A big Ryde thank you to Ron Roberts and Sterling Cooper for grooming the path and hill and to Sue and Rob Bray and the Caputo family for facilitating. A reminder that the hill is on private property and not to be used outside of these dates.

Join the
“Ryde Walkers” for
Coldest Night of the
Year in Support of
Gravenhurst Against Poverty
Saturday, February 26th, 2022



It has been a Ryde tradition to support this great cause that helps so many people in Gravenhurst, including the Thursday meals for over 15 households in Ryde. So far our team has eight awesome members, including our beloved past president, Nancy, joining us from Cape Breton! Join or support us at

<https://cnoy.org/location/gravenhurst> Scroll down to the Ryde Walkers Team. Yes, we have surpassed our goal of \$2000, but let's keep going! You can walk from the Co-op at one on the 26th, or join the large group in town from 3 to 6 at the Wharf, or choose to do both!

Community Notices

Ryde Centennial Free Methodist Church Pastor Tim Richards 705-687-3005 Service at 11:00 am.

www.rydefreemethodist.ca

Holy Manger Anglican Church Barkway Reverend Heather Manuel On-line service Sundays at 10 am.

www.balagravenhurstchurches.com

Kids Valentine's Grab & Go!

February 11th from 4:00-5:30 come to the Co-op for a FREE Valentine's Day surprise package.

This will be a socially distanced event. RSVP to rebecca.hickey@rydecoop.ca by February 9th.

This project is funded by grants from TC Energy and the District of Muskoka. Bring skates and try the rink when it's all lit up in the evening.



EarlyOn will meet at the Co-op for outdoor programming on **Wednesday, February 2nd & 16th** from 9:30 to 11 am.

<https://www.muskoka.on.ca/en/children-and-seniors/earlyon-program-schedule-registration.aspx>



The Co-op Skating Rink

A huge thank you goes out to the members who have supported our ice rink initiative through donations and signing up to take on a week of ice maintenance.

Dedicated families have been maintaining our rink in peak form. Thanks so far to the: Hickeys, Tuckers, Bokens, Dicksons and Tinges.

Please note that our rink is strictly for **use at your own risk!** Follow Covid restrictions, have fun and be active.

Done Right Property Services - (705) 687-3532

Important Announcement:

If your household receives the GAP meals on Thursdays, please note that for the safety of our volunteer drivers, meals will not be delivered on Thursdays when the school buses are cancelled.

A big thank you to our dedicated volunteer drivers: Robin, Cathy, Cheryl, Michele, and Chris.

Special thanks to Cheryl Edwards for facilitating the pick-up of a large donation of pet food!

The free food pantry at the Ryde Co-op will remain open 24/7 through the winter. If you and your family could benefit from frozen meals and fresh produce delivered to your door, please contact Gravenhurst Against Poverty at 705-646-3773 or email dinner.reg.gap@gmail.com



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The First Peoples are the keepers and caretakers of this land where we now live and work, in particular the Chippewas of Rama, Wahta Mohawk First Nations and Moon River Métis. We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture and committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect with all First Nation, Métis and Inuit people. We recognize all the generations of Indigenous People and their historic connection to this place and we are grateful for the opportunity to gather here.

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The Ryde Co-op is a charity that seeks to remove barriers to full inclusion. If you or your family find the fee for any of our programs to be out of reach, please speak in confidence to any Board member.

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