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What does the Ryde Co-op mean to you? What is the value of a volunteer-run community hub where people come together to provide free services such as our 24/7 free food pantry, our little free lending library, an outdoor rink and awesome tobogganing opportunities? How does this affect your property value and make Ryde a desirable place to raise your family?

As a Co-op, our building is owned by our members and we rely on your support.

Everyone is encouraged to help us grow and knit our community together. Reminder that membership fees are going up on May 1st. Join or renew today!

<https://membership.rydecoop.ca>

COVID-19 Pop-Up Immunization Clinic at the Ryde Community Co-op on Wednesday, March 9, starting at 10 am until 12 noon. The Pop-Up clinic accepts walk-ins for first, second, third and booster doses for eligible adults and youth ages 12 and up, as well as the paediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children aged five to 11. More Information at:

<https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org> Please register by emailing Judy.campbell@rydecoop.ca. We need a minimum of three registrants to run the clinic.

Congratulations and Big Thanks to the Ryde Walkers 2022!

This amazing team raised over \$4000 for Gravenhurst Against Poverty in this year's Coldest Night of the Year walk! The total raised is approaching \$173,000 at press time!

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

Create It - Kids Grab & Go!

March 9th from 4:00-5:30 come to the Co-op for a FREE March Break surprise package. This will be a socially distanced event. RSVP to rebecca.hickey@rydecoop.ca by March 7th.

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.

One More Tobogganing Day!

If weather permits we have access to Cooper's Hill on Sunday, March 13 from 1 to 3 pm. Please stay tuned to our Facebook page for updates.



The Goheen sisters: Iva Break, Willa Cooper, Lois Parke, Ruth Bradley

The Ryde Community mourns the passing of Lois (Goheen) Parke, a long time resident. Lois will be remembered for her dedication to the Ryde Free Methodist Church and her amazing baking. Our sympathies to the family.

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. The Ingham, Roberts & Boken families have been maintaining our rink in peak form.

Thanks again to Cleland Water Supply for trucking in the water & McAuley Construction for the form lumber.

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 if the school buses are cancelled. Also our volunteers will not deliver if there are any risks including icy walkways, driveways that are not plowed or properly maintained, uncontrolled dogs, or any other threats or uncomfortable situations.

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

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



Photo by James Ingham

Big thanks to the volunteers who delivered 250 10 lb bags of spuds to the Co-op! Thanks to the Ingham family, Chris Davis, Matt Dove, Pat and Gord Mackay, Helen Butler and Marc Mantha!

The Co-op is very grateful to District 46 of the Retired Teachers of Ontario for the donation of a Fender sound system. We are all set for Music Jams and other events this Spring!



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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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