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"April showers, bring May flowers"....the dull and overcast days with rain will ultimately prize us with new growth and the anticipated burst of colour. The Ryde Community Co-op will also awaken slowly, but surely, from winter's slumber. Our free "Grab and Go" events have brought new growth in membership and given our community a burst of energy and a sense of forward momentum. Thank you to everyone who supports our efforts to continually move forward and embrace the months ahead with event and programme planning. Our outdoor Lending Library and outdoor Lending Games box remain open. Don't forget our free WiFi. Sit safely distanced at a picnic table or chair and enjoy the view or bring a lunch with a friend. Spring is a new beginning. This is YOUR community hub.

"Powered by Volunteers. Spirited by Community".
Looking forward to seeing you soon,
Nancy Cronin

FUN OUTSIDE - Kids Grab & Go Event

Come to the Ryde Co-op on **Wednesday, May 5th** from 4 to 5:30 and receive some FREE things to encourage kids to be active and have fun outside. This will be an outdoor, socially distanced pick up. Please RSVP before April 30th to rebecca.hickey@rydecoop.ca
These grab and go events are for ALL kids!



A BIG thank you to **Dominique, Emerson, Easton, Autumn** and their families (including their stroller siblings who were cheering them on) for doing a Good Deed on Good Friday! These hard workers picked up all the roadside garbage from the Ryde Centennial Church to Thomas Road 2nd entrance. Thanks for helping keep Ryde beautiful!

Community Notices

Ryde Centennial Free Methodist Church

Pastor Tim Richards 705-687-3005

www.rydefreemethodist.ca

Holy Manger Anglican Church Barkway

Reverend Heather Manuel

<https://balagravenhurstchurches.com>



community food centres
CANADA good food is just the beginning

The Ryde Co-op has received \$20,000 for emergency food assistance through Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Emergency Food Security Fund and Community Food Centres Canada. This funding will be used to stock our free food pantry (opening soon!) and to provide grocery cards to people in Ryde who are facing food insecurity.

Ryde Co-op Partners with Gravenhurst Against Poverty to Provide Free Frozen Meals and Supplementary Groceries on Thursdays.

The Co-op's volunteer team is currently delivering GAP meals in Ryde. Thanks a million to our dedicated volunteer drivers, Beckie, Bill, Robin, Michele, Brenda, Janet and Jan.

If you and your family could benefit from frozen meals and fresh produce delivered to your door, please contact Judy.campbell@rydecoop.ca 705-687-2406 in confidence, or call Gravenhurst Against Poverty at 705-641-2225.

A Message from our Newest Director; Brenda Bates! Welcome to the Board Brenda!

Growing Fast This Spring!!

We are growing quickly – 275 members before the snow is melted! So, maybe it was winter growth....We are so glad that our community sees the value in being a Co-op member. It's true that we are stronger together. We are looking forward to the rest of 2021 and reaching 300 members soon! If you have already renewed, **thank you**. If you haven't yet done so, now is a great time. A membership is only \$10 for individuals and \$20 for a family. Register on our website by choosing membership from the menu bar or click [here](#) if you are reading this online.

Done Right Property Services - (705) 687-3532

Important information for Older Adults in Ryde Gravenhurst IDA Pharmacy

Adults 55 and over in 2021 interested in receiving the AstraZeneca vaccine call 705-687-2207 to make an appointment. Have your health card available.



Digital Smarts

Wish you knew more about navigating the internet?



For Seniors

Digital Smarts - ON ZOOM

FREE workshops include (offered in this order):

Discover Series: Online Basics; Online Safety

Explore Series: Online basics; Online privacy; Shopping & Entertainment

Navigating Series: Online Information; Online Privacy and Security

Explore Series optional: Digital Parenting (for Grandparents)

Thursdays - 10:00-11:30am

April 15 to June 3, 2021

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BONUS SESSION: HOW TO USE ZOOM

April 8, 2021 10:00-11:30am

For more information: (705) 645-9827

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Art Workshop Series for Seniors through the District of Muskoka on Wednesday evenings in April on Zoom from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Each night will feature an introduction to the art medium and you will get to create a simple design: Pencil Sketching, Acrylic Painting, Pen and Ink, and Watercolour. Each participant can sign up for two sessions. Visit the [website](https://www.muskoka.on.ca/en/children-and-seniors/seniors-programs.aspx#Art-Workshop-Series) for full details and program schedule.

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This month's Ryder Sponsor:



Great camp experience for girls ages 9 to 16!
Contact Fran - Camp Director 705-684-9813
office@rydelakecamp.com

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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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