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Ryde Co-op
COVID-19 Relief
Program



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Your Ryde Co-op
**Outdoor Crafters
Christmas
Gift Sale**
We ♥ local.

Bring the kids and stroll the Candy Cane path!

Saturday, December 5 from 10 am to 2pm

4 free draws

Hourly 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm

See you there!

Masks Required, COVID-19 protocols in place.

Holiday Baking Bag for KIDS!

Come to the Ryde Co-op on Saturday, December 5th between 10-2 to receive a FREE bag containing the ingredients to make a holiday sweet treat at home.

This will be an outdoor, grab & go event and we will be practicing social distancing.

Please rsvp (rebecca.hickey@rydecoop.ca) so we know what is needed.

**Ryde Co-op Reaches Out in the
Holiday Season**

The Ryde Co-op realizes that this will be a difficult time for many in our community. Your volunteer Board has been advocating to help those in need over this winter. If you need a friendly, confidential assist with groceries, gift purchases, or social or wellness needs, please contact any Board member.

Are you aware of someone in our community who could use help? Let us know.

We have received generous funding from several agencies.

Thank you to:

- The Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund and Muskoka Community Foundation
- The Social Services Relief Fund from the District of Muskoka, funded by the Federal Government



Please note that our Little Free Food Pantry is CLOSED for the Winter.

For grocery assistance contact any Board member. The box will now be a Little Free Library. Feel free to drop by and take a book or leave a book!

**The District Municipality of
Muskoka Specialized
Transportation Fund (STF)**

Do you need to take a cab to get groceries or for an appointment, but can't afford the fare? The STF was developed for residents who do not have access to or are unable to use public transportation or agency-provided transportation such as Red Cross transportation services. Residents must demonstrate financial need to qualify for up to \$2000 in funding. More information about the STF program, the application process, and qualifying criteria can be found on the District's website at www.muskoka.on.ca/communitytransportation or call Jacquie Evans at 705-645-2100, ext. 4419

Community Notices

Ryde Centennial Free Methodist Church Pastor Tim Richards 705-687-3005 www.rydefreemethodist.ca
Christmas Eve service will be online at 7 pm on the church Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/Ryde-Centennial-Free-Methodist-1744044775891343>

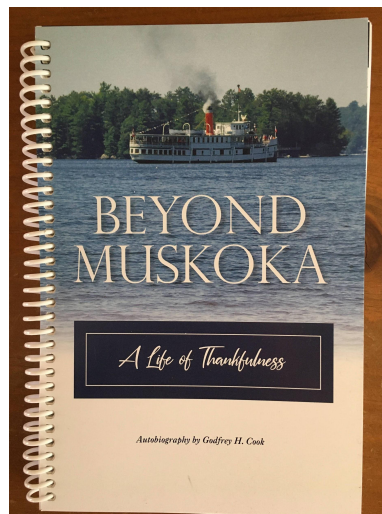
Holy Manger Anglican Church Barkway Reverend Heather Manuel - Service Sunday, December 6 at 1:00. Masks required.

Special Christmas Eve Drive-by from 4 until 6. We invite you and your family to drive by Holy Manger to see our lights. Donations to Holy Manger, G.A.P, and the Salvation Army Food Bank are welcome. The Christmas Eve service will be available on the Church website at <https://balagravenhurstchurches.com>

Done Right Property Services - (705) 687-3532

Godfrey Cook, born and raised in Ryde, has penned his autobiography, and he has given a copy of his book to the Ryde Community Co-op!

If you would like to read it, you can borrow it from the Co-op and when you take it out or bring it back, Godfrey is hoping you will make a donation to the Co-op. Thank you, Godfrey, for providing us all with a great read and for helping to raise funds for the Co-op!



A message from Brenda Bates, our new membership co-ordinator:

2021 Co-op Memberships Now Available

A membership in the Ryde Co-op is the best deal in town at only \$10 for individuals and \$20 for a family. And, you are supporting your own community hub. Register on our website by choosing membership from the menu bar or click [here](#) if you are reading this online.

Tell your friends and neighbours about the Co-op and how to sign up - we are all stronger together!

Having Trouble with Heating Bills?

United Way Simcoe Muskoka administers LEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) to assist people with utility arrears. They have recently set up an online portal for applications but people can also call 1-855-487-5327 to apply. <https://uwsimcoemuskoka.ca/leap/>

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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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