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Ryde Co-op
COVID-19 Relief
Program



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September brings evidence of the “new normal” to the Ryde Co-op. As we pivot to face the challenges of COVID-19, we will be moving outside for pole-walking, Ryde Wilderness Explorers and our AGM. All provincial health protocols will be in place. The Co-op has instituted new signage and procedures and members are advised that they participate in all programs at their own risk. Your volunteer board continues to work diligently to support the community during COVID and to make improvements to our beloved building. Our beautiful new barn quilt, designed by Sue Ward and painted by Doug Campbell, was carefully installed by Rod Cronin. The pavilion is rising before our eyes and more accessibility improvements are coming.

As well, the board continues to advocate for funding to provide grocery cards, stock our free pantry and provide helpful services to ease isolation.



**“Home” designed by
Sue Ward**



The Ryde Co-op is grateful to @aplaceforfood and The Sprott Foundation for their generous support of the #GoodFoodAccessFund and Second Harvest. We have recently received \$15,000 in grocery cards for distribution in our community. If you are experiencing food insecurity, please contact any board member in confidence.

Ryde Back to School....

Whether your kids are going back to their school building or doing at home learning, there are many stresses for both parents and students this Fall. If there is anything the Ryde Co-op can do to make the transition into the 20/21 school year easier for your family, please let a board member know in confidence. We can help with things like lunch bags, water bottles, grocery cards, etc. And remember that we have free wifi at the Co-op, accessible from anywhere on our outdoor premises.



Pole Walking Returns!

Join Nancy at 9:30 on Friday, September 11. All ages welcome. Remember to bring a mask. Physical distancing rules will be in place. Do not attend if you are feeling unwell. There will be a limited number of poles to borrow, or just walk with us!

Community Notices

**Ryde Centennial Free
Methodist Church** Pastor Tim
Richards 705-687-3005
www.rydefreemethodist.ca
**Holy Manger Anglican
Church Barkway** Reverend
Heather Manuel - Services
Sunday, September 6 and 20
at 1:00. Masks required.

**Ryde Co-op Annual General Meeting-Saturday,
September 26 (rain date September 27) 10:30 am.
To be held outside.**

Come and learn what your Co-op has been doing during the pandemic. Our bookkeeper will be available to answer financial questions. Bring your own lawn chair and face coverings and be sure to physically distance. 2021 memberships available.
the new pavilion!

See

The volunteer Board of Directors is delighted to welcome our newest member, Morris Cooper!



**Ryde Wilderness Explorers-
Saturday, September 19, (Rain date Sept. 26) 12 to 3 p.m.**

We are thrilled to welcome back Phil Careless, a wildlife biologist from Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Park, to lead us on a canoe/kayak trip on the Black River! There will be a limited number of canoes to borrow, or bring your own canoe or kayak, as well as your own PDF and mask. We will meet at the Co-op and promptly drive to the site. You must register in advance for this program by emailing Judy.Campbell@rydecoop.ca.



Contact any Board member in confidence if you need help with:

- ☐ Grocery Cards
- ☐ Loan of tablet for accessing Internet
- ☐ Back to school needs
- ☐ Frozen food delivery through Red Cross
- ☐ Other need

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This month's sponsor:

**Great Moose Adventures
& GMA Academy
705-687-3903
www.greatmooseadventures.com**



Ryde Co-op Volunteer Board of Directors

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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