

# The Ryder

Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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## Future of the Ryde Community Co-op

Randy Jorgensen, President

### Upcoming Events

- **Spaghetti Dinner** Fundraiser for the Tilson's - Saturday February 17th from 5:30pm to 7pm
- **Free Introductory Yoga Class** - Saturday, January 27th from 10am to 11:30am
- **Annual General Meeting** - Saturday March 3rd, 11am

Back in the October issue of *The Ryder*, we had asked for input from our readers in the form of a questionnaire that we had asked to be returned. Unfortunately, we received just three replies from the more than 345 households to which the *Ryder* is delivered. The level of response speaks for itself.

In the past, we have tried to hold community events we thought would appeal to many of you, with varying degrees of success. While our "Doors Open" event, which focused on Ryde history, proved to be a hit, we have had many events with poor attendance, such as our summer Fun Day, games nights and other events.

In general, the folks who have participated in our various workshops, like the appetizer demonstration reported on in this issue, have had an enjoyable experience and look forward to the next one.

Internet usage at the community centre has not been a big success, but again, we know it is appreciated by those who use it. Certainly,

our sense is that *The Ryder* is fairly widely read by members of the community, but that doesn't seem to result in a large turnout for the community events.

Your Co-op executive has worked hard to bring you these events, but is for the most part disheartened at the lack of community support for them. Many of us have served a long time on the executive and feel it is time to turn things over to a new group.

The Ryde Community Co-op will be holding our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** on **Saturday March 3rd, at 11 a.m.**, followed by a pot luck lunch. Please give some thought to whether or not you want the Co-op to continue, as the future of the Co-op will be determined at the AGM.

Without increased member participation, including those willing to take on leadership roles in the Co-op, it is most likely that the Ryde Community Co-op will cease to exist. It's your Co-op...so give it some thought. Call or drop us an email.❖

## Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

A local family is in need of our support.

Young Julia Tilson suffered a brain trauma back in December, which required a major hospital stay at that time, and will require much more medical attention.

To help with the ongoing financial burden, we are holding a **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** for the Tilsons on **Saturday, February 17th, 2007. from 5:30pm to 7pm.** at the Community Centre. The menu will be our usual: spaghetti and sauce (meat or meatless), with Caesar salad, bread, and ice cream and other goodies for dessert, at a cost of \$10.

In addition, we will have a silent auction, where you can place your bid on a number of useful goods and services donated by members of the Ryde Community. See the

sidebar at left for some of the auction items. The results of the silent auction will be announced at 8pm, so we hope to have a number of activities going on after dinner.

We are looking for donations for the dinner: perhaps you could offer to pay for the spaghetti, or some of the sauce ingredients, or a dessert. Please contact Carol Wagg at 687-6992 with your offer. To donate items for the silent auction, contact Randy Jorgensen at 687-9038.

Tickets for the dinner will be sold **in advance only**, until Monday Feb 12th. Tickets are available at:

- Curves For Women, 355 Bethune Drive N Gravenhurst (684-9130)
  - Muskoka Beechgrove Public School in the office
  - by calling Gladys Merkley at 687-2446.
- Hope to see you there!❖

Silent Auction items donated so far include:

- 1 hour computer consulting - value \$75 - Randy Jorgensen
- Load of sand fill delivered locally - value \$80-100 - Ernmer Construction
- Hand-woven basket - Jane Braden
- Breakfast for 4 - value \$80 - Wit's End B&B
- Blue Wonder Cloth - value \$35 - Mike Caslin
- Tragically Hip CD - Wendy Pilger
- Gift Certificate for Boston Pizza - Wendy Pilger
- Custom decorated cake - Value \$40 - Ruth Wagg
- \$80-\$100 worth of lumber - Richard Break
- and more to come!

The Ryde Yoga Group is pleased to offer a  
**FREE INTRODUCTORY YOGA CLASS**  
**Saturday, January 27, 2007 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**  
 at the Ryde Community Centre, 1624 Barkway Road  
 Everyone is invited. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat or beach towel.  
 Classes will continue on Saturdays at a reasonable fee if there is enough interest.  
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Anticipating the delicacies spread before them are participants Carol Wagg, Kathy Nicholson, Gladys Merkley, Peggy Beattie, Janet Merkley, Rose Hinzmann, Wendy Pilger, June Dawson. Front: Instructor, Chef Ruth Wagg.

**If You Knew Sushi Like We Know Sushi...**

On December 13th, an enthusiastic group of local ladies gathered at the community centre for a cooking demonstration by Ruth Wagg, followed by a luncheon of appetizers and tasty morsels.

Cooking and baking tips were shared, and all came away having learned new information and skills. Most had not tried sushi before, and were excited both to see it made and then have a taste. Contrary to popular belief, sushi is not "raw fish", but the term simply

means "with rice". The term for the raw fish delicacy is sashimi.

Other items on the menu were Salmon Pate, mini Beef Wellingtons, Bacon-wrapped Scallops, Phyllo-wrapped Baked Brie with cranberry salsa, and Three Cheese Artichoke Dip. Those with a sweet-tooth were not disappointed with the creamy Crème Brulee and Cookie-Tarts with raspberry mousse filling. Several local families had some delicious appetizers this holiday season!❖

1. Pat out the rice on the Nori wrap and lay on the vegetable fillings. Don't be too generous with the wasabi (Japanese horseradish)!



2. Use the sushi mat to roll it up snugly.



3. Slice with a sharp knife and dip in a sauce of Honey-Chili Soya Sauce



**Ward Boundary Review?**

The last term of council created a 2003-2006 strategic plan. In that document, one of the priorities was "efficient and effective local government". Under that sub-section was an objective to review council representation by population.

With that in mind, mayor Klinck, in his inaugural speech, suggested that this would be looked at this term, hence the Ward Boundary Review.

This could mean no Ward 4, or the communities east of Highway 11 being combined, or some other combination.

This idea was brought up about 18 years ago and was tabled, because people from the former townships felt that they would lose their identity.

Public input would be helpful.❖

-contributed by Councillor Terry Pilger

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