



# Ransom Oaks News

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## Welcome May 2014

The Ransom Oaks Board of Directors consists of volunteers & residents who are elected to office by a vote of the ROCC membership. They strive to keep Ransom Oaks strong and vital for the coming generations and invite you to attend any monthly meeting, as listed on the back cover of each newsletter. ■



**Ransom Oaks... a great place to live.**

### Ransom Oaks Annual GARAGE SALE

The Annual Ransom Oaks Garage Sale is **Friday & Saturday, June 13 & 14, 9 am - 4 pm.**

To get started, contact Maureen Mirand (call, text or email Maureen at 716 866-9959 or mmirand@realtyusa.com) for your **Ransom Oaks Garage Sale Kit**. Each kit includes a sign, stickers, calculator, marker and garage sale tips.



Many seasoned

Garage Sellers from across Western New York look forward to our community-wide sale! ■

See our Two inserts this month - Resident's Insert & Summer Activities/Tennis & Pool Rules Insert

### Resident's Forum



### Playing Outside

With the nice weather kids have been out on skate boards, bikes and just playing in groups. It's nice to see them everywhere!

Watched a car go speeding by them on the weekend! It really is shocking to me how fast people are driving, no matter who is on the street

Karen G.

*Please drive slow & with care, help keep Ransom Oaks a safe place to live & play.* ■



### Ransom Oaks

### Who-to-Call

**INFORMATION** If you have questions, problems, comments, or concerns:

- **Charlesgate or Glen Oak**  
Clover Management, 688.4503
- **Briarwoods, Forest Edge, or Woodgate**  
Andruschat Real Estate Service, 688.4757
- **Ransom Oaks Architectural Matters** (regarding Single-family homes ONLY!) Mike Deck, 406.8557
- **Ransom Oaks Facilities Manager** (including Clubhouse Rentals)  
Tom and Kathy Halter, 691.7352
- **Comments** President of R.O.C.C.,  
Mark Walsh, 636.6242
- **Vandalism, Animal Control or Security Concerns** Amherst Police, 689.1311
- **Swormville Fire**, 688.7055

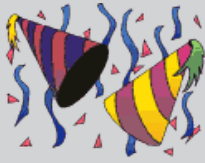
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**Join the list!** Send your name and birth date (and age if you prefer) to newsletter@ransomoaks.com. The list will remain on file and printed annually unless you request to be removed. Please let us know if someone has moved. ■

## Ransom Oaks Board of Directors

**RANSOM OAKS** is a planned community of 1,100 families. We value its location and believe it is a great place to live and raise a family.

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**RANSOM OAKS COMMUNITY CORPORATION (R.O.C.C.)** Board of Directors consists of volunteer residents who are elected to office by a vote of the ROCC membership. The Board meets monthly at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Area, see calendar. Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. ■

## Ransom Oaks Staff

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## Ransom Oaks

# Facilities Report

We are rapidly approaching another summer season. The tennis courts are all open, the playgrounds are ready to go, and the pools will open Memorial Day weekend.

We know that we have lots of work to get done before we can open the pools. Let's hope for some warm weather this month.



With the nice weather in sight, it is important for us to take time with our family and review the rules that must be followed at each of the sites. Rules are enclosed within this newsletter. Please note that again this year we will open the Greenwood Facility at **9 o'clock every day**. This should accommodate the lap swimmers and early morning sunbathers. Please note—this is not an open swim—see the activities part of this newsletter for more information. It would also help the guards if an adult would accompany children the first few times to the pool. All children who have completed grades 1 through 3 will be required to pass a swimming test in order to be permitted in the pool area without adult accompaniment. Please sign in when you enter the pool area. Make sure you print your name and address legibly for safety concerns. You will be asked to show your tag each time you enter the facility.

Remember you will not be able to use any of the facilities until your assessment has been paid and you have received tags. The guards have been instructed that all people in the pool area must have pool tags. Please do not give the guards a tough time when they ask to see your tags. Please remember that food needs to be consumed outside the pool area. All Ransom Oaks facilities are **smoke free**—this will be strictly enforced.

Let's hope for another summer of lots of beautiful weather!

Tom and Kathy Halter  
*Ransom Oaks Facilities Managers*  
716.691.7352 ■

## Around Town

# Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

The next Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event will take place  
**Saturday, May 17, 2014**

9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

**ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE North Campus**—Williamsville, NY (enter from Wehrle Drive)

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For more information:  
Call (716) 858-6800

Note: Participants may need to verify that wastes are generated by households.

## Ransom Oaks

# Around Ransom Oaks

Ransom Oaks resident Madileine Malo, daughter of Matt and Missie Malo, has been playing the harp since she was nine years old. After relocating here to Ransom Oaks, she continues her studies with Suzanne Thomas.

Madi is particularly interested in playing her harp as music therapy and began playing at St. Anne's in Rochester. Because playing brings a feeling of peace to Madi, she wants to share that feeling with others. Playing for seniors and especially those afflicted with Alzheimer's disease is rewarding for Madi.

"Harp Therapy is a general term used to describe the various therapeutic applications involving harp music. With its soothing timbre and spiritual associations, the harp has been recognized as a healing instrument by many cultures for millennia. When experiencing harp therapy, subjects have reported increased relaxation, improvement in sleep, decreased pain and anxiety, stabilization of vital signs, and improvement in mood." (source [www.harptherapy.com](http://www.harptherapy.com))

Madi continues to share her love of the harp with others and to grow her Harp Therapy. Please contact Madi's mom, Missie, at 585-444-6948 if you have a group interested in Harp Therapy.



Around Town

# May Events

## Mummies of the World - Buffalo Museum of Science

Through September 7

Mummies of the World is the largest exhibition of mummies and related artifacts in North America. This compelling collection, presented with reverence and dignity, includes ancient mummies and important artifacts from across the globe including ancient Egypt.

What secrets do mummies hold about the past? What clues do they bring us for the future? A journey awaits as we unravel their mysteries.

Cost: varies. Details: <http://www.sciencebuff.org>.

## Pancake Breakfast

Sunday May 11, June 8

Jurek Post of the American Legion

A.J. Jurek American Legion Post 1672, 655 New Road at Smith Road in East Amherst, will host pancake breakfasts on May 11 & June 8, 2014.

## Farmers' Market at the Mill

Saturdays, May 17th - October 25th, 8 am - 12:30 pm

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The Tour will meet at The Archer Restaurant, located at 268 Main Street.

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# Mark Your Calendar

May Day  
May 1



Mother's Day  
May 11



Armed Forces Day  
May 17

Memorial Day  
May 26



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Ransom Oaks

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**1. Call or email:**

Terry Collins, Editor, 980.5470, newsletter@ransomoaks.com

**2. Write check to:** Ransom Oaks Community Corporation. Indicate which month(s) to apply your payment.

**3. Mail payment to:** Terry Collins, P.O. Box 1356, Grand Island NY 14072

**4. Deadline:** All ad payments, graphics and ad verbiage must be received by the **15th of month prior** to publication. Without receipt of payment by the 15th of month prior, the ad will not run.

**CLASSIFIED AD RATES**

Promote your service or sell an item. Thirty word maximum per ad.

**RESIDENTS:** ■ \$8/mo.

**NON-RESIDENTS:** ■ \$11/mo.

**DISPLAY AD RATES**

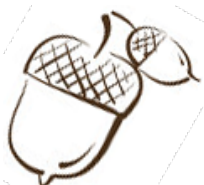
- 2 Col. (4.75" x 1.5" high) Ad: \$37/mo.
- 2 Col. (4.75" x 3" high) Ad: \$65/mo.
- 1/3 Page Ad: 3 Col. x 3" \$85/mo.
- 1/2 Page Ad: 3 Col. x 4.5" \$125/mo.
- 2/3 Page Ad: 3 Col. x 6" \$155/mo.
- Full Page Ad: 3 Col. x 9.5" \$235/mo.

**Bakers Dozen** - Buy any 12 months of single-size ad & receive 1 month free

**Advertising Notes**

Residents who place an ad in the Ransom Oaks News will no longer receive a duplicate copy mailed to their home. This is in an effort to be more green by not generating extra paper to be recycled and to reduce costs associated with printing. ■

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# May

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**Next ROCC Meeting:  
Monday • May 12, 2014  
6:30pm @ Greenwood Facility.**

MEETINGS begin at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Center the 2nd Monday of each month except Oct 2014.

RESIDENTS are welcome and encouraged to attend.

*R.O.C.C. Covenants & Restrictions documents are available free of charge to residents who attend their community meeting, otherwise there is a \$20.00 fee. Monthly meetings are held at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Center, unless noted otherwise. ■*

**2014 Meetings**

May 12	September 8
June 9	October 14 (Tuesday)
July 14	November 10
August 11	December 8

**Charlesgate Meeting:**

second Wednesday of each month.

**Forest Edge Meeting:**

fourth Tuesday of each month.

**May 15**  
Deadline for  
*Ransom Oaks News*  
**June** issue

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