



# Ransom Oaks News

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2014 Thirty-Four Years of Ransom Oaks News

June 2014

Ransom Oaks Community Corporation • 101 Ransom Oaks Drive • East Amherst, New York 14051

## Summer 2014 Arrives...

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.**



See page 3 for a partial listing of sales.

### Resident's Forum Tidying Up



Many residents are dedicated runners and walkers. This affords the opportunity to observe the various yards, landscaping and the beauty of the 'park-like setting' we live in. This is not always appreciated when driving by.

I have noticed that there seems to be a lot of yard waste disposal around the community. Particularly at the end of Glen Oak Drive at the turn around by the play ground. Empty plant containers, shrubs, the extra load of wood chips that were used on the play grounds and recently a dead tree have been discarded there. People also seem to dispose of waste at the bridge and pond area by the 17th green and others drag the broken limbs and cuttings to the curb without bundling them.

This is really a shame because it does mar the area and especially since the Town of Amherst will haul all of this away. All one has to do is bag or tie it as directed. i.e., 4 foot sections and not greater than 40 lbs. With just a little effort we can keep Ransom Oaks a picturesque community.

*A Resident Who Walks Daily* ■

### Ransom Oaks

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

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Clover Management, 688.4503
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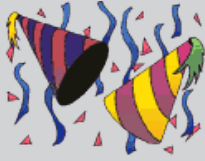
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**Join the list!** Send your name and birth date (and age if you prefer) to newsletter@ransomoaks.com. The list will remain on file and printed annually unless you request to be removed. Please let us know if someone has moved. ■

# 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

# Annual Garage Sale Listing

**Fri & Sat, June 13 & 14,  
9am to 4pm**

### **Charlesgate– multi-family sale, addresses below and more:**

**406 Charlesgate:** Miscellaneous items and household goods.

**602 Charlesgate:** Miscellaneous items and household goods.

**802 Charlesgate:** Miscellaneous items and Kenmore side-by-side refrigerator, an incline weight bench, a bunk bed, a desk, and a pair of glass-topped end tables.

**1008 Charlesgate Circle:** Household items, electronics, clothing, misc.

**1352 Charlesgate:** Miscellaneous items and household goods.

**167 Coriander:** Miscellaneous items and household goods.

**71 Doral Court:** Miscellaneous items and household goods.

**70 Eveningwood:** Quilting magazines books and cutting mats. Dishes, bedspreads women's clothing, Christmas ornaments, shoes, homemade scarves, child stroller and many other treasures.

**32 Ginger Ct:** Miscellaneous items and household goods.

**35 Glen Oak:** skates, ski boots, English saddle, household items

**232 Glen Oak Dr:** Quilting materials and quilts. Assorted household items. Some old items of interest.

**263 Glen Oak Dr:** Miscellaneous items and household goods.

**1102 Netherton:** Miscellaneous items and household goods.

**233 Old Oak Post Rd:** Furniture, kitchen wares, dishes, glasses, pots and pans, occasional tables, queen beds, kitchen table and chairs, bicycles, exercise equipment, books, items of décor, electrical appliances, women's new and gently worn Chico's clothing and Jewelry, women's shoes some never worn, a large selection of purses, and many other items ~ far too many to mention - come and take a look!

**386 Old Oak Post Rd:** Various household items, books, small electronic appliances (brand new), arcade basketball hoops (brand new), tools - sanders - nuts, bolts, saws, sand blaster etc. table saw, router, disc sander, various hand tools, Wii/ games, Colby DVD player, Klub wireless speaker.

**30 Primrose Ln:** Household items, children's toys and boys clothes, lamps, Christmas Village and more will be for sale.

**31 Primrose Ln:** Fitness and exercise equipment as well as various household items.

**63 Primrose Ln:** Household Décor, girls and boys clothes (sizes 8-14), misc. items.

**103 Primrose Ln:** Furniture (dresser, bar stools, possible desk) household goods and misc. tools.

**127 Primrose Ln:** Golf clubs, Golf bag, Microwave, Wooden shelves, Mid Century ashtrays, Metal two drawer file cabinets, Collectors doll, Bridal Veil, Antique paper cutter, Veneer for furniture restoration, Tools, Miscellaneous from Grandma's attic, Painting supplies.

**38 Ransom Oaks Dr:** toys, baby clothes, bedside tables, chandelier (crystal),

## Share...

...our Garage Sale  
with friends, family &  
coworkers.

...on Facebook &  
Twitter!

I-robot vacuum, household items (curtains, comforters, shower curtains etc.), computer desk, exercise bike (manual), little girls tricycle & bike (with training wheels)

**34 Topaz Ct:** Children's clothes (Girl Infant to size 5 and Boy infant to size 4) and baby supplies (stroller, car seats, swing, etc.), miscellaneous items.

### **Brendan's Court – multi-family sale, addresses below and more:**

**8 Brendan's Dr:** Miscellaneous items and household goods.

**23 Brendan's Dr:** Miscellaneous items and household goods.

**125 Tralee Terrace:** New wicker furniture with cushions; Sofa with two end recliners; tea cart; oak entertainment center; 2 infinity speakers; white pine dresser; high bar table with 2 matching bar stools; Foosball table; Lane cedar chest.

**31 White Cedar Dr:** Boys clothes, Boys Soccer shoes, Toys, Bikes, Large water slide, Some furniture, Holiday Decorations – Christmas & Halloween, Patio Table seats 6, Household items, Children books, Cook books, DVD and VHS movies.

**126 White Cedar Dr:** miscellaneous items and household goods. ■

## Don't Forget...

Any Ransom Oaks residence may be part of the Annual Garage Sale, even at the last minute!

Be sure to drive around Ransom Oaks June 13 & 14 so you don't miss those sales not listed.





**Around Town**  
**June Events**

**Art Alive 2014**

**A Living Art Contest**

*Saturday, June 7, 12-2pm*

**Albright Knox Art Gallery**

Bring the family for an afternoon of your favorite art, brought to life!

Contest participants will create living representations of famous works of art using people, props, and even music. Community groups, school groups, organizations, families, and individuals are all encouraged to enter. Complete entry form to enter.

**Cost:** free, entry registration required.  
**Details:** <http://www.albrightknox.org>.

**Pancake Breakfast**

*Sunday, 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 a pancake breakfast on June 8, 2014. ■

**Farmers' Market at the Mill**

*Saturdays thru October 25th,  
 8am - 12:30pm*

*Williamsville Water Mill, 56 E. Spring St*

Local produce, crafts, flowers, baked goods and more for sale at the Mill. ■



**Spring Speakers Series**

**"Irv! Buffalo's Anchorman"**

*Wednesday, June 18 12:45pm*

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Steve Cichon is a Buffalonian, Storyteller, Historian. For over 20 years, Steve told stories as an award-winning producer, reporter, and news director at Buffalo radio and TV stations, including WBEN Radio and WIVB-TV.

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## Ransom Oaks

# Facilities Report

School will be out shortly, and we will begin another summer of activities at the facilities. The activities that begin in June are as follows: *(Please note that activities are for the residents of Ransom Oaks only.)*

First session of **swimming lessons** begin Monday, June 9th. Please talk to guards for more information or refer to the seasonal insert in the May newsletter. Session Two begins June 30th.

**Imagination Station:** Begins June 30th at the Eveningwood site—EVERY DAY! Art/crafts, organized fun for children of all ages. Participants must have a Recreation Card. Information is listed in this newsletter or you can go to the Town of Amherst Recreation website for more information.

**T-Shirt Day:** Tuesday, July 1st! Come and join the fun! Staff will begin at Ransom Oaks from 11:00-12:30, Eveningwood from 1:00-2:30 and Greenwood from 3:00-4:30. Watch for signs with more details at the pools.

**Tennis:** Courts are open and ready for you and your friends.

This is just the beginning of things that will be going on. Visit the pools for more information as well as postings of activities happening around the community. It promises to be a fun summer as usual!

We would like to welcome all the guards back for another season. This year, there is some switching, but many of the same faces! Please give all our lifeguards a fair chance. We are very lucky to have a dedicated staff!

Lifeguards have been instructed to ask all residents for pool tags and instruct residents to print their names and addresses clearly for safety purposes. Please keep your tags in your possession. Please review all pool rules before using the facilities. Please be aware that there is no eating/drinking in the pool area; this will be strictly enforced. Residents who continually break the rules will be asked to leave the area. Please do not give the guards a difficult time about this procedure. They are doing what they have been instructed to do by the Ransom Oaks Board of Directors.

Don't forget pool tags must be worn when using any of the facilities this includes the tennis courts. Guards have been instructed to ask to see tags if there are any problems.

If you have not paid your assessment fee, it will be turned over to the attorney mid-June. It is important that you contact us and make arrangements for payment. You cannot use any of the facilities until you have received pool tags.

Children "hanging" at facilities after hours, continues to be a problem. Please contact the Amherst police if you see anyone at the facilities after the posted hours of 9:00 PM and 7:00 AM. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer using all of the facilities.

Tom and Kathy Halter  
Ransom Oaks Facilities Managers  
716.691.7352

## PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS AVAILABLE AT ALL POOLS!

If you are interested in private swim lessons for children/adults, please contact any of the guards at your favorite pool.

The cost is \$15.00 for a 40 minute lesson.

## Private Pool Party Information

Private parties can be held at any of our facilities.

Begin by visiting the calendar on our website at <http://ransomoaks.com/calendar>. Then contact Kathy Halter for booking your reservation. You must book your party at least two-weeks in advance.

Parties are to be held after closing hours—9 o'clock.

## COMMUNITY PARTY

### Egg Hunt and Cookout

Wednesday, July 16th

6:30-8:00

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Mark your calendar for this fun summer event.

Join us for this community evening of fun.



# PLAYGROUND PROGRAMS



June 30th to August 15th

No Program on July 4

## SITES

### MORNING

TIME: 9am-12:30pm

Briarhurst Park  
Clearfield Park  
North Forest Park  
Dellwood Park  
Dana Heights Park  
Audubon Library

### AFTERNOON

TIME: 1:00-4:30pm

Briarhurst Park  
Clearfield Park  
North Forest Park  
Ransom Oaks  
Garrison Park  
Cindy Drive Play Area  
Willowridge Elementary

### EVENING

TIME: 6:00-8:00pm

Tues. & Wed.  
Dellwood Park  
Ransom Oaks

**DESCRIPTION:** This seven-week program takes place at various playground sites and offers a variety of activities for youth ages 12 and under, including games, arts and crafts, athletics and special events. Children 5 and under must be supervised by someone 13 years or older at all times.

**SPECIAL NOTES:** Playgrounds are/will close whenever there is a threat of a thunderstorm, during heavy rain, or when the grounds are too wet for safe operation of the program. Individual parks may be closed due to any other safety concerns for that day. Children may be sent home at any time.

While staff supervision will be provided, these programs are designed as a drop-in recreation programs, not day-care. Children are free to enter and leave the park without permission or supervision.

**FEES AND REGISTRATION:** Each participant must be registered by a parent or guardian at each site to participate. Pre-registration will register child at all locations for the summer. Enter Imagination station under activity on the registration form or use the online system (please register each child that will be participating). You **MUST** have a **VALID ID CARD** to register, there is no fee for the program. See pages 20 and 31 for registration form.

**CONTACT:** Jennifer Reed • 689-1404 • jreed@amherst.ny.us

## PLAYMOBILE

**DESCRIPTION:** Specialized crafts and sporting activities are provided for children 12 and under. Children 5 and under must be supervised by someone 13 years or older at all times.

**SITE:** Please see schedule

**DAY:** Monday thru Friday

**TIME:** See Schedule (Playmobile will be closed on July 4th)

**SESSION:** June 30-August 15, 2014

**FEES & REGISTRATION:** Each participant must be registered by a parent or guardian at each site to participate. Pre-registration will register child at all locations for the summer. Enter "Imagination station" under activity on the registration form or use the online system (please register each child that will be participating). You **MUST** have a **VALID ID CARD** to register, there is no fee for the program. See pages 20 and 31 for registration form.

**CONTACT:** Jennifer Reed • 689-1404 • jreed@amherst.ny.us

SESSION	TIME	PLAYMOBILE ONE	PLAYMOBILE TWO	NOTES
6/30-7/3	9:30-12:30pm	Audubon Library	Briarhurst Park	
	1:00-4:15pm	Willowridge Elementary	Ransom Oaks	
7/7-7/11	9:30-12:30pm	Clearfield Park	Dana Heights Park	No playmobile 1 on 7/9
	1:00-4:15pm	Garrison Park	Willowridge Elementary	
7/14-7/18	9:30-12:30pm	North Forest Park	Dellwood Park	
	1:00-4:15pm	Garrison Park	Clearfield Park	
7/21-7/25	9:30-12:30pm	Briarhurst Park	Audubon Library	
	1:00-4:15pm	Ransom Oaks	North Forest Park	
7/28-8/1	9:30-12:30pm	Dellwood Park	Dana Heights Park	
	1:00-4:15pm	Clearfield Park	Garrison Park	
8/4-8/8	9:30-12:30pm	Dana Heights Park	Dellwood Park	
	1:00-4:15pm	North Forest Park	Ransom Oaks	
8/11-8/15	9:30-12:30pm	Briarhurst Park	Audubon Library	
	1:00-4:15pm	Ransom Oaks	Willowridge Elementary	Playmobiles close at 3 pm 8/15

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

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June 14

**Father's Day**  
June 15



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June 21

**Ramadan  
begins**  
June 28



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# June

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**Next ROCC Meeting:  
Monday • June 9, 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

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

## Charlesgate Meeting:

second Wednesday of each month.

## Forest Edge Meeting:

fourth Tuesday of each month.

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

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