



# Ransom Oaks News

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July 2014

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## Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>!

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 Board of Director Vacancy

Interested in getting involved?  
Not sure how to go about it?

There is an immediate vacancy on the Ransom Oaks Board of Directors. Any resident in good standing is eligible to fill the position.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact the **ROCC President, Mark Walsh** at 636-6542, mwals@ransomoaks.com.

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### Resident's Forum Schools Out Drive Carefully



Summer is in full swing! Finally, I say!

Please remember our young ones who sometimes forget to "look before they leap" into the street to collect a ball or cross the street to meet a friend.



Especially around our pools and playgrounds it's easy to get excited and forget - young or old.

Let's take a page from our southern friends and slow down, enjoy these

fantastic Western New York days of summer.

Let's make this a safe and fun summer! ■

### Volunteers...

Needed for our Community Party, Wednesday July 16  
Contact Tom & Kathy Halter

### 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

### THANK YOU!

### Ransom Oaks Garage Sale

"The ROCC Board would like to express our sincere thanks to **Maureen Mirand** for the outstanding job she did on the Garage Sale. All her efforts organizing, publicizing, and coordinating made the whole event an outstanding success. And it was good for Ransom Oaks!" ■

# Happy Birthday!

## Our July Friends



<b>Leah Heffter</b> .....	14
July 1	
<b>Nina Santarpia</b> .....	17
July 1	
<b>Nicole Attea</b> .....	20
July 2	
<b>Bonnie Orr</b> .....	
July 2	
<b>Robert Hawkins</b> .....	13
July 4	
<b>Julianna Hogg</b> .....	6
July 4	
<b>Connor Stroth</b> .....	11
July 4	
<b>Jillian Drake</b> .....	27
July 6	
<b>Ryan Brown</b> .....	24
July 7	
<b>Isabelle Ann Ciambella</b> .....	13
July 7	
<b>Jessica Prater</b> .....	21
July 13	
<b>Anna Grace Planter</b> .....	8
July 13	
<b>T. Zachary Cook</b> .....	21
July 14	
<b>Ashley Dixon-McMillan</b> .....	25
July 14	
<b>John Tirone</b> .....	18
July 17	
<b>Sydney Capote</b> .....	18
July 17	
<b>William Greiner</b> .....	19
July 19	
<b>Colin Flanagan</b> .....	22
July 22	
<b>Jerry Tubbs</b> .....	
July 22	
<b>Kaitlyn Hogg</b> .....	14
July 25	
<b>Tessa Santarpia</b> .....	15
July 26	
<b>Ijeoma Obianwu</b> .....	19
July 28	
<b>Tyler Brown</b> .....	20
July 29	
<b>Keifer McKinley</b> .....	8
July 29	
<b>Peter Gerace III</b> .....	14
July 30	
<b>Cameron Agro</b> .....	10
July 30	
<b>Taylor McEachon</b> .....	19
July 31	

**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.

<b>Mark Walsh, President</b>	636.6242	mwalsh@ransomoaks.com
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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

<b>Kathy &amp; Tom Halter, Facilities Managers</b>	691.7352	thalter@ransomoaks.com
<b>Terry Collins, News Editor/Designer</b>	980.5470	newsletter@ransomoaks.com



## Ransom Oaks Facilities Report



We hope everyone is enjoying the facilities this summer. **Swimming Lessons, Swim Club, and Art/Crafts** started the last week

in June. Hopefully the weather for the month of July will be great! **Session III Swimming Lessons** will begin the week of July 21st.

At last month's board meeting there was a discussion was about **showering at recreation facilities**. Please use the shower before and after swimming. We would ask that you do not bring shampoo or body soap to the facilities. This shower is to be used for rinsing before and after using the pool.

Don't forget that if you are **planning a private party** at any of the pools, you should begin by checking the website for availability. Then contact Kathy Halter to finalize the reservation. Please allow a two-week notice. All parties are to be scheduled after pool hours.

The guards have been asked to **check tags at all pools**. When you enter the pool, you should sign-in and show your tag to the guard. Tags should be brought to the pool every time you visit. In addition, tags should not be lent to non-residents. If a non-resident is caught wearing a tag, the tag will be taken! Your guest card should be used for visitors. When you are asked to show your tag, please do not give the guard a hard time they are doing what has been requested by the Ransom Oaks Board of Directors.

Lastly, we would like to **plan an adult activity** in the coming months. If you are interested in chairing an event please give us a call. We are open to your ideas and think it would be great for the adults in the community to get together.

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 n

## Ransom Oaks

# Around Ransom Oaks

Girl Scout? Boy Scout? School Group?  
Church Group? Volunteer?

Let us know what's going on with your group and we can feature you in the newsletter.

Have an event coming up you'd like to publicize? Let us know and we can include your event in an upcoming Ransom Oaks News issue.

It's easy... drop an email to  
newsletter@ransomoaks.com. ■

## 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.

## COMMUNITY PARTY

### Egg Hunt & Cookout



Wednesday, July  
16th

6:30-8:00

Eveningwood  
Recreation Facility

OPEN TO ALL RANSOM OAKS  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Mark your calendar & join us for  
this community evening of fun.

## Imagination Station

Monday to Friday, 1:00-4:30 & 6:00-8:00pm

June 30th - August 15th

Ages-12 and under (children 5 and under must be supervised by someone 13 years or older at all times)

A parent or guardian must register child at playground site on first day of participation or pre-register. All participants must have a current Town Of Amherst Youth & Recreation Department ID.

Games, arts & crafts, athletics and special events will be offered. We will be closed July 4th and whenever there is a threat of a thunderstorm, during

heavy rain, or when the grounds are not safe, or any other safety concerns.

Staff supervision is provided, but this program is designed as a drop-in recreation program, not day care. Children are free to enter and leave without the permission of a supervisor.

The playmobile will be coming with tie dye and many other cool things!

### Playmobile Dates 1-4:15pm

6/30-7/3 Playmobile 2, 7/21-7/25  
Playmobile 1, 8/4 - 8/8 Playmobile  
2, 8/11-8/15 Playmobile 1 (closes at  
3pm 8/15)

Contact Information: Jennifer Reed,  
689-1404, jreed@amherst.ny.us ■

Around Town

# July Events

## Story of Buffalo Free Guided Docent Tours

July 3-7, 10-14, 17-19, 21, 24-28  
12-1pm

### CanalSide

Free guided walking tours about the history of CanalSide, the Erie Canal, and Buffalo's Waterfront. Tours meet in the Historic Ruins.

Presented by Friends of the Buffalo Story and Americorps

Cost: free. Details: <http://www.canalsidebuffalo.com>.

## Farmers' Market at the Mill

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

### Williamsville Water Mill

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

## Buffalo's Lawless District Tour

Saturdays thru Sept 6 (excluding  
June 21) 7-9pm

### CanalSide

This tour focuses on the lawless days of Buffalo's Canal District. Unknown to many locals, Buffalo's waterfront was referred to as "...the most evil square mile in America." A lively, vice ridden and dangerous area existed near the site of today's CanalSide that featured more than 100 saloons and nearly 90 brothels. Our tour unearths the truth about this colorful, yet deadly neighborhood that sailors, prostitutes and con men called home.

Cost: \$15, reservations required.  
Details: <http://buffalohistorytours.com/canalside-tours>.



## SINCERELY YOURS: TREASURES OF THE QUEEN CITY

Saturday, July 5-Sunday,  
September 14, 2014

### Albright Knox Art Gallery

Celebrate America's greatest traditions and pastimes at this family friendly event. Food, games, educational activities, live music, fair and farm stand favorites, and much more!

Cost: Museum entry, Details: <http://www.albrightknox.org>

## Americana Days

Saturday July 12, 10:30 - 4:30,  
Sunday July 13, 12:30 - 4:30

### Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village

Celebrate America's greatest traditions and pastimes at this family friendly event. Food, games, educational activities, live music, fair and farm stand favorites, and much more!

Cost: \$8 for adults \$6 for seniors & military \$4 for children 12 & under  
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# Summer Lawn Care Tips

## Mowing Tips

Raise your mower blade in the summer. Taller grass is more drought-tolerant, grows deeper roots, and helps shade the earth to prevent weed seeds from germinating. Cool-season grasses should be mowed at 3"- 4" during the summer, or as high as your blade will go, while warm-season grasses should be mowed at 2"- 3".

Mulching grass clippings helps keep moisture levels steady.

Mow regularly, to prevent cutting more than 1/3 of the grass blade at a time. This keeps your grass healthier and prevents the clippings from smothering the grass.

## Don't Over Fertilize

If your lawn is looking straggly in midsummer, resist the urge to fertilize. In fact, it's best to stop fertilizing about 30 days before your area's summer



temperatures arrive. Applying extra fertilizer in the heat of summer can burn your lawn and create a flush of tender growth that will struggle in the hot summer weather. Never fertilize dormant lawns – wait until they green up in the fall.

Excerpted from <http://www.todayshomeowner.com/summer-lawn-care-guide/>

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**Independence Day**  
**July 4**

**Bastille Day**  
**July 14**



**Community Party**  
**July 16**

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**July 27**



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**1. Call or email:**

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

**2. Write check to:** Ransom Oaks Community Corporation or **pay via PayPal** to payments@ransomoaks.com. 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.

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- 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.

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**Advertising Notes**

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# July

Please visit our web site at [www.ransomoaks.com](http://www.ransomoaks.com)

**Next ROCC Meeting:  
Monday • July 14, 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

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

## Charlesgate Meeting:

second Wednesday of each month.

## Forest Edge Meeting:

fourth Tuesday of each month.

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

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