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## Family Fun Month!

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

#### *Who-to-Call*

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

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Tom and Kathy Halter, 691.7352
- **Comments** President of R.O.C.C.,  
Mark Walsh, 636.6242
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689.1311
- **Swormville Fire**, 688.7055

## Five Activities for Family Fun Month

1. Pop some popcorn & see a Drive In movie.
2. Hop in the car & have a picnic dinner at a new place.
3. Play a new board game.
4. Plan & take an afternoon adventure.
5. Plan, shop for & make dinner together - no cell, wifi or tv.

## Resident's Forum



### Thank You, Tom & Kathy Halter!

I want to thank Tom and Kathy Halter for a well organized, truly fun July Party. My kids had a blast and were entertained the entire event. They would have loved to stay longer. It was also great for me to spend time with some adults that I hadn't seen in a while. We live in such a great community. Tom and Kathy, thanks for all your hard work!!!

Warmest Regards,  
Ginny Hemmer ■

## Cleaning Up...

Several times we have seen adults walk their dogs to the grassy area, in front of the Glen Oak Playground for the sole purpose of letting their dogs relieve themselves.

Sometimes the mess is cleaned up; sometimes it is not.

## Resident's Forum (cont'd)

This is a children's play area. No one should allow their animal to relieve itself in this area? If cleaning up the mess makes it "ok" in the eyes of these people, I wonder why they do not use their own front lawns for a dog toilet.

Ransom Oaks should be a safe, clean neighborhood for all of its residents.

A Concerned Neighbor. ■

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## Happy Birthday!

### Our August Friends



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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 Baby-sitting Information Network

**Ransom Oaks residents** may participate in the ROBIN network. TEENS to be added to the list, email your name, age, street and phone number by the monthly deadline listed in the each newsletter to newsletter@ransomoaks.com. Please also indicate if you have completed the courses listed below.

Names will remain on file and printed monthly unless you request to be removed. PARENTS be sure to personally interview prospective baby-sitters and check their references. *Neither the R.O.C.C. Board of Directors nor the Editor are responsible for the integrity, maturity, or abilities of those listed as qualified baby-sitters.* ■



## Ransom Oaks Facilities Report

August is here and with that begins the talk of returning to school. It seems like we just begin to relax and enjoy the summer and it comes to a close. We hope you have had a chance to enjoy the facilities—July has had so many nice days!



Join us for the last swim meet of the year at the Greenwood Facility on **Thursday August 14th at 5 O'clock**. There will be snacks and refreshments for all that come and support the children of our community. Talk to Tom or Kathy Halter or any of the lifeguards for more details or questions. Hopefully the weather will cooperate.



As we approach the end of August, swimming lessons will wrap-up, swim club will have it final meets; and many of our guards will return to college. It is important that residents continue to wear their tags because there may be new guards on duty.

**Pools will remain open until Labor Day, which is September 1st.** Please note that we may have several days that pools may be have limited hours because many of the Lifeguards will return to school the last week in August. We are currently working on end-of-season schedules; we will have the hours posted for the end of the season as soon as the guards know their school/sport schedules.

Lastly, **if you are over 16 and are certified in Life Guarding and CPR; we are looking for people to fill shifts at the end August.** Please give us a call at 691-7352 for more information.

Tom and Kathy Halter  
Ransom Oaks Facilities Managers  
716.691.7352 ■

## Woodgate Village 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Yard Sale

Friday & Saturday,  
September 5th & 6th  
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Woodgate Village Condominiums, Old Oak Post Road  
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## Ransom Oaks Around Ransom Oaks

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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](mailto:newsletter@ransomoaks.com). ■

## Ransom Oaks Annual Final Swim Meet

Thursday August 14th, 5p.m.

Greenwood Facility

Join us for an evening of fun for the entire family. Come and watch our Annual Swim Meet with your neighbors. Snacks will be provided. ■



## Ransom Oaks Popsicle Playdate

I have a child starting kindergarten at Dodge in the fall. If you do too, join us for a **Popsicle Playdate**. It's a great opportunity for our little ones to meet others right here in the Ransom Oaks community they might see in class.

**Tuesday., August 26, 5:00-6:00p.m.**  
at Eveningwood Playground

*Inquiries and RSVP:*  
**linhandanthony@gmail.com**

*Hope to see you there.*

Thanks again!  
Linh Casuccio ■



Around Town

# August Events

## *The Comedy of Errors - Shakespeare in Delaware Park*

Tues-Sun, through August 17, 7:30p.m.

Delaware Park Rose Garden

Bring your blanket, drink and a snack. Enjoy the classic William Shakespeare play, The Comedy of Errors outdoors in the fresh summer air of Delaware Park.

Cost: free, voluntary donation. Details: <http://shakespeareindelawarepark.org/>

## *Farmers' Market at the Mill*

Saturdays through October 25th, 8a.m. -12:30p.m.

Williamsville Water Mill

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## *Amherst Symphony Concert*

Friday, August 6, 6:30p.m.

Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village

Enjoy the sweet sounds of the Amherst Symphony on our historic grounds! Light snacks and refreshments will be available. This event will occur rain or shine.

Cost: free. Details: <http://www.bnhv.org>

## *3rd Annual Buffalo BookFests*

Saturday, August 9th 11-5p.m.

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Cost: free. Details: <http://wnybookarts.org/>

## *Scottish Festival*

Saturday, August 16, 10a.m.-6p.m.

Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village

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## August... Already? Squeezing every inch of summer

### With Family & Friends...

A day at Sherkston Beach  
A bike ride along the river  
A play at Niagara on the Lake  
Shakespear at Delaware Park  
Canalside Thurday Concert  
Weekend Breakfast ~ on a weekday  
Visit the library

### With your Honey...

Date day. Take a day off, leave the kids at camp.  
Ask the kids to plan a Date Night Dinner for Mom & Dad.  
Rent kayaks at Canalside & paddle before lunch.  
Do anything outside, while the days are warm & sunny. ■

## Back-to-School Tips for Parents

Starting the new school year can be a time of great excitement and anxiety. Help calm your child's fears (and your own) with these teacher-approved tips.

1. Meet the new teacher. This is the biggest concern of the new school year.
2. Tour the school. Learn the best route to the room.
3. Connect with friends before the first day.
4. Tool up. Get all your supplies and be ready for the first day.
5. Chat about today's events and tomorrow's plans.
6. Ease into the new school routine. Practice your routine a few days in advance.

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/going-to-school/> ■

## Mark Your Calendar



Last Swim  
Meet  
August 14

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August 26



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# August

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Monday • August 11, 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

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

## Charlesgate Meeting:

second Wednesday of each month.

## Forest Edge Meeting:

fourth Tuesday of each month.

**August 15**  
Deadline for  
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