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It's Back to School Time!

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

Welcome to our New Director, Mike Hartman

Mike Hartman has lived in Ransom Oaks since 1980. He has degrees in engineering and finance. Before retiring he managed sales for the Western New York and Western Pennsylvania area for a DOW 30 company.

Mike Hartman will head the Architectural Committee. Mike Deck has moved to the Landscape Committee.

Resident's Forum



Drive Safe, School's in Session

School's back in session, please look out for children in the morning and afternoon.

Stop for a stopped school bus with flashing lights.

Please be patient as our bus drivers teach our new kinderkids bus safety. It may take an extra minute or two.



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 Hartman, 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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Tuesday, September 2

Happy Birthday!

Our September Friends



Antonio Marong	15
September 2	
Melissa Moeller	19
September 2	
Rachel Newman	40
September 3	
Divya Ramalingam	19
September 3	
Ryan Seipp	22
September 4	
Alex Jones	15
September 6	
Emily Mirand	20
September 12	
Mark Rapp	5
September 13	
Agatha Christie	124
September 15	
Taylor Newman	10
September 16	
Maddie Robinson	21
September 17	
Kaitlin Walsh	20
September 17	
Katelyn Howard	20
September 21	
Zhengyi Yan	13
September 22	
Sebastian Marong	13
September 26	
Matthew Vitello	14
September 27	
Matthew Mirand	17
September 29	
Alison Harris	14
September 29	
Jenna Mirand	17
September 29	
Alison Mirand	17
September 29	
Emma Liss	20
September 30	

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

Kathy & Tom Halter , <i>Facilities Managers</i>	691.7352	thalter@ransomoaks.com
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Ransom Oaks Facilities Report



As September quickly arrives, we hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer. Pools will close Labor Day for the season. I hope everyone had a chance to use the facilities this season—July seemed to disappear quickly with August right behind.

Tennis courts will remain open through October provided we do not have problems with people roller blading, using skateboards or playing baseball on the courts. Please remember that Bramhill Court now is the only multi-surface court for skating. Fall is a great time to enjoy the playgrounds, tennis courts and multi-surface court.

Buildings are clean and ready to be rented for group meetings and “get-togethers”. Please call Tom or Kathy Halter to make reservations. There is a deposit and building use form that must be signed before you will be permitted to use the buildings. The deposit will be returned to you upon inspection of cleanliness. Please follow all rules for building use posted at each facility. It is very important that everyone who have weekly rentals clean up and take their garbage with them. The buildings are used almost every day.

Fall also brings political campaigning. Please remember that it is against your covenants and restrictions to have signs on your lawn or common grounds in the Ransom Oaks community. This will be strictly enforced.

Lastly, fall is also the time when we experience vandalism, and break-ins at the facilities. Please call the police if you see anything suspicious going on in the community.

We would like to thank all the life guards for a great season and wish you all a successful year at school! You are a major part of what makes Ransom Oaks a great place to live!

Tom and Kathy Halter
Ransom Oaks Facilities Managers
716.691.7352 ■

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. ■



Ransom Oaks Building Rental

Now is the time to plan for your holiday and winter parties. Contact Tom & Kathy Halter (716-691-7352) for more information.

Forms are available on the Ransom Oaks website (<http://ransomoaks.com/living-in/facilities-2/reserve-a-facility>). ■

Ransom Oaks Baby-Sitting Info Update

We’re updating the Ransom Oaks Baby-Sitting Information Network information.

Please forward an email to:
newsletter@ransomoaks.com

to update age, phone number or Red Cross Babysitting Course Completion. Thank You!

Terry Collins
Ransom Oaks News Editor
newsletter@ransomoaks.com ■

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Around Town

September Events

Niagara County Peach Festival

September 5th- 7th 2014.
Town of Lewiston, NY

An old fashioned Festival complete with a Parade, Peach Shortcake, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, carnival rides North American Midway Entertainment - Worlds #1 Traveling Entertainment and 3 days of stage entertainment..

Cost: free. Details: <http://www.lewistonkiwanis.org/ncpf.html>

Evening in the Village

Saturday, September 6, 4-8p.m.
Village of Williamsville

Come shop in the Village! Stores are open late with special promotions & tastings. Fire Department Open House – 4 to 8 p.m.

Cost: free. Details: <http://www.walkablewilliamsville.com/events.html>

Oktoberfest

Saturday, September 26 - 28
Village of Williamsville

Many events throughout the Village sponsored by the Village of Williamsville and the Williamsville Business Association.

Cost: free. Details: <http://www.walkablewilliamsville.com/events.html>

5K Run in the Country

Saturday, September 27, 9am
Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village

Join us for the 3rd Annual 5K Run in the Country at Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village! The 5K run starts at 9AM, the Kid's Fun Run starts at 10AM. The first 200 prepaid registrants will receive a long sleeve tee. Immediately following the race join the post-race celebrations at BNHV where music, food, beer, and water will be provided! All proceeds benefit Adoption Star and Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village!

Cost: \$22/\$25 day of race. Over 80 FREE. Details: <http://www.amherstmuseum.org/events/5k-run-country-0>

Royal Arch Masons: Wedding of the Waters Ceremony

Sunday, September 28, 9-11 a.m.

Canalside

Join the Royal Arch Masons at their Triennial Meeting as they recreate a "Wedding of the Waters" Ceremony at the Commercial Slip. Royal Arch Masons will assemble in full regalia in the Adam's Mark hotel parking lot at 9:00 AM and parade to Canalside commencing at 9:30 AM.

Cost: free. Details: <http://www.canalsidebuffalo.com/things-to-do/royal-arch-masons-wedding-of-the-waters-ceremony/>

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Around Amherst Teens Needed

Amherst Teens needed to work for area residents year round doing jobs around their homes.

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Contact Marcia at 631-7217 for more information.

Youthwork\$ is a year round service that works as a liaison between Amherst residents with extra jobs and Amherst youth aged 12-20 who are interested in working with these residents.



Around Amherst Leaf Collection



Town wide leaf collection does not start until October 15th.

If you have leaves to be picked up before that put them in your yard waste containers. If you use a landscape contractor please ask them to take them to the compost facility at NO COST to the contractors. Thank you; this will help us to keep our streets and receivers clear of leaves until the Town crews start their pickup!

Mark Your Calendar



**Grandparents
Day
Sept 7**

**Autumn
Begins
Sept 22**



**Rosh
Hashanah
Sept 24**

To maintain the beauty of our Community, lawn signs are prohibited in Ransom Oaks except "House for Sale" signs. In this election season, please respect this restriction.

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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

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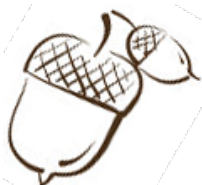
- 2 Col. (4.75" x 1.5" high) Ad: \$37/mo.
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- 1/2 Page Ad: 3 Col. x 4.5" \$125/mo.
- 2/3 Page Ad: 3 Col. x 6" \$155/mo.
- Full Page Ad: 3 Col. x 9.5" \$235/mo.

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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September

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Next ROCC Meeting:
Monday • September 8, 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

September 8 November 10
October 14 (*Tues*) December 8

Charlesgate Meeting:

second Wednesday of each month.

Forest Edge Meeting:

fourth Tuesday of each month.

September 15
Deadline for
Ransom Oaks News
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