

# Ransom Oaks News

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#### 2015 Thirty-Five Years of Ransom Oaks News

#### July 2015

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# Merry Christmas in July!



Thursday, July 16th Community Party Christmas in July 6:30-8:00p

Week of July 20<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Swimming Lessons Session

Thursday, July 30th Cake Walk 6:30-8:00p

Look for more information on page 4 of this edition.

# 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!"



## **Volunteers Needed...**

For our Community Party, Christmas in July, Thursday July 16 Contact Tom & Kathy Halter, 691-7352, tkhalter@ransomoaks.com

# Ransom Oaks Summer Insert Available on RansomOaks.com

at

http://RansomOaks.com/ newsletter

Select the "2015 Seasonal Insert" from the list below the current newsletter 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, 406.7008
- Vandalism, Animal Control or Security Concerns Amherst Police, 689.1311
- Swormville Fire, 688.7055



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# Happy Birthday!

Celebrating **Our July Birthdays** 



Leah Heffter
Nina Santarpia
Nicole Attea
July 2
Bonnie Orr July 2
Robert Hawkins
Julianna Hogg
Connor Stroth
Jillian Drake
Ryan Brown
Isabelle Ann Ciambella14 July 7
Jessica Prater
Anna Grace Planter
T. Zachary Cook
Ashley Dixon-McMillan
John Tirone
Sydney Capote
William Greiner
Colin Flanagan
Jerry Tubbs July 22
Kaitlyn Hogg
Tessa Santarpia
Ijeoma Obianwu
Tyler Brown
Keifer McKinley     9       July 29
Peter Gerace III
Cameron Agro
Taylor McEachon   20     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.

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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, Facilities Managers 691.7352 Terry Collins, News Editor/Designer 980.5470

tkhalter@ransomoaks.com newsletter@ransomoaks.com



# Ransom Oaks Facilities Report



We hope everyone is enjoying the facilities this summer. Hopefully the weather for the month of July will be great!

If you are interested in swim lessons the next session begins at the end of the month. Please make sure you that have pool tags in your possession at all times.

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 Tom or 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.

Tom and Kathy Halter Ransom Oaks Facilities Managers tkhalter@ransomoaks.com 716.691.7352

#### **Ransom Oaks**

# **Private Pool Party Info**

Private pool parties can be held at any of the Ransom Oaks pool facilities.

Begin by visiting the calendar on our website at http://RansomOaks. com/calendar; then contact Kathy Halter (691-7352 or tkhalter@ ransomoaks.com) to book your reservation.

Parties must be booked at least two-weeks in advance.

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

# Ransom Oaks Building Rental

Consider hosting your event at one or our Ransom Oaks facilities.

Begin by visiting http://RansomOaks. com/calendar to check the calendar for availability. Next print, complete and send the Building Request Form to Tom & Kathy Halter, 38 Maricrest Drive, Amherst, 14228. If you have questions, do not hesitate to call Tom & Kathy at (716)691-7352.

The Building Request form must be received two weeks prior to the requested date.

#### **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.

Our monthly deadline is the 15th for delivery between the 1st-3rd. Include a picture or two.

It's easy... drop an email to

newsletter@ransomoaks.com. 🔳

#### **Ransom Oaks**

# Summer Job We're Openings

Please check the website for current job openings.

To apply online, visit our online application form directly at http:// RansomOaks.com/openings. For your convenience, the form is broken into multiple pages. Complete the form and "Submit" to easily apply.

### **Ransom Oaks**

# Private Swim Lessons @ All Pools

Private swim lessons for children or adults are available at any Ransom Oaks pool. Please contact any of the life guards at your favorite pool to schedule your private swim lesson.

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



# **Help Wanted**

Ransom Oaks is looking for a conscientious adult to perform cleaning at each of the Ransom Oaks facilities.

Apply online by visiting http:// www.ransomoaks.com/ openings, complete and submit the online application.

Please contact Tom or Kathy Halter at 691-7352 if you have any questions.



# **Classified Ads**

Have an item to sell or a service to offer?

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# Around Town Summer Fun

School's out! The kids are bored and your summer fun list is exhausted. Here are a few ideas to fill the summer days:

1. A picnic lunch at the Buffalo Zoo.

2. Water bikes at Canalside.

3. A day trip to Crystal Beach.

4. Plan and train for a bike excursion. Try the bike path along the Niagara River starting at Niawanda Park.

5. Hike the Lower Niagara River Gorge (American or Canadian sides).

6. A day trip to the Toronto Islands.

7. Rent kayaks at Canalside and kayak the Buffalo River.

8. An afternoon hike around Goat Island, Niagara Falls.

9. Visit the Explore and More Children's Museum, East Aurora.

10. A day trip to the Aerial Adventure at Holiday Valley in Ellicottville. Note age and height restrictions apply.



Here's just a few of the homes in Ransom Oaks Maureen has sold, will yours be next?







Contact Maureen to find out what your home is worth, what features sell a home and what you can do to prepare to sell!





"I was very happy with Maureen when she sold my house and helped me purchase a smaller one. I have already referred Maureen! She is a great realtor. Knowledgeable, good communicator, involved in all aspects, prompt, articulate."

Julie Seller of Single Family Home in Ransom Oaks Purchaser of Forest Edge Townhouse

"Maureen went above and beyond for my family. She was always one step alread during the entire process. I was extremely impressed with her ability to fine tune the little details. I also respected her knowledge of the market and her ability to be honest; yet not pushy or overbearing. This was a relocation move for us so there were a lot of other details to handle and she did it all so effortless! Would highly recommend!"

Melissa and Tom Sellers of Single Family Home in Ransom Oaks

# Around Town July

### Canalside Murder Mystery-Who Killed Norwood Scott?

Summer Saturdays 6-7:30p

The Canals, Lake Street Bridge Canalside, Buffalo, NY

A famous Buffaloian returning to town for an alumni event has been murdered. Buy tickets here (\$25 which includes beer vouchers) to help Buffalo History Tours catch the 'killer' in this humorous Canalside caper. Join Detective S. Holmes in finding clues and solving the mystery. Audience members may volunteer to become members of the cast! Note: We suggest this is for ages 12 and older.

Cost: Free.

**Details**: http://www.canalsidebuffalo. com.



# SCREEN PLAY: LIFE IN AN ANIMATED WORLD

#### Through Sept 20

Albright Knox Art Gallery

This is the first exhibition devoted exclusively to examining the work of contemporary artists who use the techniques, technologies, and tropes of animation as tools in their practices.

**Cost**: Museum Admission or Membership.

**Details**: http://www.albrightknox.

# Farmers' Market at the Mill

Saturdays, May 16th - October 31th, 8 am -1pm Island Park, Williamsville, NY Rain or Shine

Note our move to Island Park.

Local produce, crafts, flowers, baked goods and more for sale on the Island.

# **Mark Your Calendar**



# "OUR" **RANSOM OAKS** NEIGHBORS ARE RAVING FANS OF... *JULIE BROWN!*

"..operates with a **standard of** integrity that is unparalleled.."

-Karen and Cy Taylor, White Cedar Dr.

"..she delivered with multiple offers. Her marketing and **commitment** to our listing was second to none..."

-Kristy Hagadorn-Tralee Terrace

"..she knows how to fairly price your home with the goal of a **quick sale**." -Lauren Gardner, White Cedar Dr.

"She goes the **extra mile** for her clients.." -Sue Francis, Coriandor Ct.

"She was **available and resourceful** throughout our entire sale process." -Ben and Annessa Kujawinski, White Cedar Dr, "Not only did we buy a house from Julie, we also sold our house at the same time. **Both transactions were seamless**"

-Lindsay and Jeremy Mang, Whispering Ct.

"..my only regret is that I did not use her sooner."

-Robert Muzzio, Periwinkle Ct.





## NOW SHOWING ON A GIANT OUTDOOR SCREEN! at Dusk (+/- 8:30pm)

Clearfield Community Center Lawn (730 Hopkins Rd.) & Harlem Road Community Center Lawn (4255 Harlem Rd.)

### JULY

10 - Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day @ Clearfield Community Center

- 17 Wizard of Oz @ Harlem Road Community Center
- 24 Box Trolls @ Clearfield Community Center
- 31 Annie @ Harlem Road Community Center

### <u>AUGUST</u>

- 7 Big Hero 6 @ Clearfield Community Center
- 14 Mary Poppins @ Harlem Road Community Center
- 21 Maleficent @ Clearfield Community Center
- 28 Paddington @ Harlem Road Community Center

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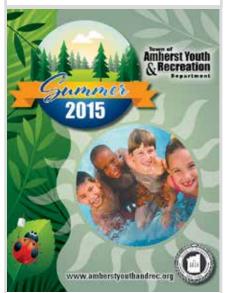
**Town of Amherst** 

# **Recycling Update**

Modern had issued a letter stating that it was no longer accepting plastic bags or colored glass. The Amherst Town Supervisor had discussions with Modern regarding our contract.

As a result, Amherst residents may continue to recycle plastic bags, colored glass and items with a #6 triangle.





Find the Town of Amherst Summer Youth & Recreation schedule at www.amherstyouthandrec.org



# Ransom Oaks How to Advertise With Us...

To take advantage of the opportunity to affordably reach over 1,100 residents, please follow the guidance below to start advertising your business or service in the Ransom Oaks News:

#### 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.

#### **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.

**Note:** The R.O.C.C. Board of Directors and Staff do not necessarily have personal knowledge, nor are they able to



recommend the advertisers who choose to advertise in this newsletter.



Best prices around. 10% discount. Free estimates. Call 877.4538 or Emergency 448.8967. PH Horvath Plumbing

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or

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# Affordable Advertising



DONATE your gently used furniture, tools, appliances, housewares, bldg materials, fixtures to HABITAT for HUMANITY. Call for a pickup at 852-6607 x203 or visit our ReStore at 501 Amherst St., Buffalo, NY,

### PIANO INSTRUCTION Ransom Oaks Resident! Certified experienced teacher, references available. Lessons taught in you

home or mine: East Amherst, Clarence, Williamsville, Getzville, Lockport or the Tonawandas. Call 630.5998 or 598.3722.

## **AMHERST HANDYMAN**

House service & repairs. No job too small. 25 years experience, FREE estimate. Available nights & weekends. Reliable fixing at your convenience. Call ANDRE 688-8016 or 597-7655.

Ransom Oaks Resident

### Get the Word Out in **Ransom Oaks News!**

Now is the time to place your warmer weather service ad. newsletter@ransomoaks.com



Just as the summer heat and humidity is hard on many people, the same is true for your vehicle. High temperatures make cooling systems; air conditioners, brakes, engines, transmissions and many other components work their hardest. Regular maintenance will keep these components running cool and problem free. Reducing the chance of a breakdown.

Bruce Weiss, Ransom Oaks News







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DONE RIGHT

THE FIRST TIME

# July

Please visit our web site at www.ransomoaks.com

#### Next ROCC Meeting: Monday • July 13, 2015 6:30pm @ Greenwood Facility.

MEETINGS begin at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Center the 2nd Monday of each month except for Oct 2015 when it's the 2nd Tuesday.

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 meeting are held at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Center, unless noted otherwise.

### 2015 Meetings

July 13 August 10 September 14 October 13 November 9 December 14 *Charlesgate Meeting:* second Wednesday of each month. *Forest Edge Meeting:* fourth Tuesday of each month.

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