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Problems with the July Ransom Oaks News Delivery...

While some of you may have had no problem, some received your July Ransom Oaks News about a week later.

The Post Office had some issues with delivery that we hope have been resolved and future issues will all arrive on the same day!

The ROCC Board has worked - with your help - to track delivery of the Ransom Oaks News.

Please call or email if you don't receive a copy of the Ransom Oaks News. Each issue is distributed by the US Postal Service Bulk Mail distribution.

For your convenience, the Ransom Oaks News is always available online at <http://RansomOaks.com/newsletter>.

You'll also find an archive of past editions too.



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



Our July Issue lost the words...
Thank You Maureen!

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!" ■

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 August Birthdays



Caroline Jones	13
August 1	
Brian Long	20
August 1	
Tyler Nadrich	16
August 2	
Jennie Sims	
August 5	
Elizabeth Merrill	21
August 6	
Victoria Sims	19
August 8	
James McMillan	
August 8	
Ellen Erman	23
August 9	
Brett Butler	22
August 11	
Alissa Lewis	20
August 11	
Benjamin Hemmer	7
August 16	
Jacob Agro	14
August 19	
Nick Galluzzo	15
August 19	
Orville Wright	14
August 19	
Jack Smith	10
August 20	
Brendan Walsh	24
August 21	
Tyler Casuccio	6
August 24	
Mason Odachowski	8
August 25	
Matthew Harrison	22
August 26	
Ben Paolini	26
August 26	
Gianna Galluzzo	17
August 27	
Kristina Zheng Qin Yan	12
August 28	
Ashley Lyskawa	20
August 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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* Member Architectural Committee

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	tkhalter@ransomoaks.com
Terry Collins, News Editor/Designer	980.5470	newsletter@ransomoaks.com

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.* ■

Name	Age	Phone #	Completed Red Cross Babysitting Course
Anna Bartlett	14	639.8220	no
Sydney Deck	16	689.0988	yes
Jenna DiLiberta	15	689.1150	yes
Shannon Gestwick	15	639.7703	yes
Alison Harris	14	689.3050	yes
Elanor Harris	15	689.3050	no
Claire Haywden	17	688.1751	yes
Abby Karaszewski	12	636.4617	yes
Kendyl Kratzer	15	689.3234	yes
Amanda Kwandras	15	689.0450	yes
Kendra Lam	14	688-2898	yes
Julia Matre	13	430.1075	yes
Sydney McKinley	14	636.7452	yes
Maria Merrill	15	688.6413	no
Izzy Montesanti	12	689.7521	yes
Lily Morin	14	949.0659	yes
Katie Plummer	22	380.7279	yes
Lauren Sheppard	15	636.1798	no
Stephanie Sheppard	12	636.1798	yes
Hannah Schwallie	13	857.0881	yes
Kendal Smith	17	689.2164	no
Lauren Trautwein	15	200.2811	no
Catherine Walkowski	13	688.7994	yes
Kayla Zugermayr	14	601.8817	yes

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!

As we approach the end of August, swimming lessons will wrap-up, swim club will have its 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 7th.

Please note that we may have several days that **pools may 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
tkhalter@ransomoaks.com
716.691.7352 ■

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There's Still Time for your Private Pool Party

Yes, there's still time for your end of the summer pool party at one of our beautiful pools.

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

To schedule your party, 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. ■

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Building Rental

Consider hosting your event at one of 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. ■

Join us for our Monthly ROCC Meeting

Learn what's happening
in Ransom Oaks

Next meetings
Aug 10, Sept 14

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Around Ransom Oaks

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

Can we help publicize an event or fund raiser?

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

It's easy... drop an email to

newsletter@ransomoaks.com. ■

Around Town

August

Canalside Pub Crawl – Lawless Buffalo

Summer Fridays 9-11pm

The Blue Line, Canalside, Buffalo, NY

Join Officer Connor O'Connor on a Pub Crawl that explores Buffalo's notorious Red Light neighborhood known as "...the most evil square mile in America." Your costumed host guides you from Canalside through the Cobblestone District as you visit four taverns. Learn about Buffalo's colorful, yet deadly waterfront heritage. The event is 21 & up, costs \$20 per person and is put on by Buffalo History Tours.

Cost: \$20/person, over 21.

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



Songs for Summer - Amherst Symphony Orchestra

Wednesday, August 5, 7pm
Bassett Park, Amherst

Enjoy the sweet sounds of the Amherst Symphony. Bring your blanket, lawn chairs and picnic basket! Rain or shine.

Cost: Free.

Details: <http://www.amherstsymphony.com>

Farmers' Market at the Mill

Saturdays, through October
31st, 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.

12th Night - Shakespeare in Delaware Park

Tues-Sun, through August 16,
7:30pm

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: Voluntary donation.

Details: <http://shakespeareindelawarepark.org/>

Pancake Breakfast

Aug 8, Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 22,
Dec 13 8am - 12:30pm

Jurek Post of the
American Legion, 655
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All breakfasts include "fresh off the grill" all you can eat buttermilk pancakes, "Egglands Best" eggs, link and patty sausages, juice, coffee, and tea.

Cost: Adults \$7.00/ Children ages 5-12, \$3.00. Children under 5, free.

5 Tips to Cool Your Furry Friend

The heat can take its toll on our furry friends. While we'll make our discomfort known, they tend to suffer in silence. Some tips to keep cool.

1. **Never leave your pets in a parked car.** Not even for a minute. Not even with the car running and air conditioner on. On a warm day, temperatures inside a vehicle can rise rapidly to dangerous levels.

2. **Limit exercise on hot days.** On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours, and be especially careful with pets with white-colored ears, who are more susceptible to skin cancer, and short-nosed pets, who typically have difficulty breathing.

3. **Provide ample shade and water.** Any time your pet is outside, make sure he or she has protection from heat and sun and plenty of fresh, cold water. In heat waves, add ice to water when possible.

4. **Don't rely on a fan.** Pets respond differently to heat than humans do. (Dogs, for instance, sweat primarily through their feet.) And fans don't cool off pets as effectively as they do people.

5. **Cool your pet inside and out.** Providing cooling shade along with iced water hits both inside and out.

Source: <http://www.humanesociety.org>

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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

AUGUST

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

Summer Concert Series

The Amherst
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Wed., Aug. 5 – Bassett Park – 359 Klein @ Youngs Rd., Amherst

Amherst Symphony Orchestra (light classical) - 7:00 p.m.; Rain Site: Clearfield Community Center small gym

Wed., Aug. 12 – Bassett Park – 359 Klein @ Youngs Rd., Amherst

The Concertina All Stars (Polka) – 7:00pm– Rain Site: Clearfield Community Center small gym

Thurs., Aug. 19 – Bassett Park – 359 Klein @ Youngs Rd., Amherst

The Frankfurters (German) – 7:00 p.m.; Rain Site: Clearfield Community Center small gym

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/FAMILY EVENTS

Sun., Aug. 9 – “Summer Blast”
Noon-3:00p.m.;

Clearfield Community Center,
730 Hopkins Rd., Amherst;

An afternoon of family fun with huge inflatable fun activities, boat races in the pool, tennis skills and family games along with a synchronized swimming demo, popcorn, sno cones and more!

First Day of Classes for
Williamsville Central
School District



September 8



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.

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Promote your service or sell an item. Thirty word maximum per ad.

RESIDENTS: ■ \$8/mo.

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- 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. ■

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Source: <http://www.caranddriver.com/>

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August

Please visit our web site at www.ransomoaks.com

Next ROCC Meeting:
Monday • August 10, 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 meetings are held at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Center, unless noted otherwise. ■

2015 Meetings

August 10	November 9
September 14	December 14
October 13	

Charlesgate Meeting:

second Wednesday of each month.

Forest Edge Meeting:

fourth Tuesday of each month.

Aug 15
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