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September means *Change...*

Whether it's Back-to-School, the old routine or fall decorating, September means it's time to change things up a bit.

Back-to-School has it's challenges. Look for some tips to make the morning move a little easier these first few weeks of school on page 5.

While it can be hard to say goodbye to your favorite summer-time fun, isn't there something refreshing in getting back to a routine, changing up an old routine or maybe starting something new for the fall? We've included ideas of ways to **freshen your routine** for fall on page 4.

Fall decorating is always fun starting with a burst of fall colors and growing into Halloween. You'll find tips to get started with Fall Decorating on page 5.



Resident's Forum

School's in Session, Drive with Care



School's back in session, or will be in a week or so, please look out for children in the morning and afternoon.

Always stop for a stopped school bus with flashing red lights.

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

Don't tailgate a bus (or any large vehicle). Their size makes it difficult to see vehicles following closely.



First Day of Classes for
Williamsville Central
School District



September 8

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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 September Birthdays



Antonio Marong	16
September 2	
Melissa Moeller	20
September 2	
Rachel Newman	41
September 3	
Divya Ramalingam	20
September 3	
Ryan Seipp	23
September 4	
Alex Jones	16
September 6	
Emily Mirand	21
September 12	
Mark Rapp	6
September 13	
Agatha Christie	125
September 15	
Taylor Newman	11
September 16	
Maddie Robinson	22
September 17	
Kaitlin Walsh	21
September 17	
Katelyn Howard	21
September 21	
Zhengyi Yan	14
September 22	
Sebastian Marong	14
September 26	
Matthew Vitello	15
September 27	
Matthew Mirand	18
September 29	
Alison Harris	15
September 29	
Jenna Mirand	18
September 29	
Alison Mirand	18
September 29	
Emma Liss	21
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

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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 rollerblading, using skateboards or playing baseball on the courts. Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the tennis courts.

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 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
tkhalter@ransomoaks.com
716.691.7352 ■

Ransom Oaks Building Rental

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

Visit <http://RansomOaks.com/calendar> to check the calendar for availability. Next print, complete & send the Building Request Form to Tom & Kathy Halter, 38 Maricrest Drive, Amherst, 14228. 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
Sept 14, Oct 13, Nov 9

Around Town

Casey Middle Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner

Wednesday, Sept 30th
4 to 7 pm

In the bus loop at 105
Casey Road

Drive through to pick up
dinner!

Proceeds support Casey Student
Government and PTSA. ■

Around Town

Casey Cougar Country 5K Run

Join us Sunday, October 25 at
1:00pm for the Casey Cougar
Country 5k. We'll take you on
an exhilarating and challenging
Fall Cross Country run through
Cougar country. Imagine
running through the beautiful
October foliage to conquer the
North Peanut Trail.

More details to follow in the
October newsletter.

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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.
Please include date, time, cost,
contact info and a brief description
of your event. ■

Around Town September

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. ■

Buffalo Maritime Festival

Fri & Sat, Sept 11-12

Canalside, Buffalo, NY

Buffalo Maritime Festival featuring the US Brig Niagara and 38th Annual Niagara Frontier Antique & Classic Boat Show.

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



Bubblefest

Saturday, Sept 19, 10am-4pm

Buffalo Museum of Science

Get ready to be bubbled-out with bubble crafts, a bubble performance, and a tekno bubble dance room where you can boogie down surrounded by glow in the dark bubbles! Guests will also enjoy glass fireworking demonstrations by the Corning Museum of Glass.

Cost: Admission to Bubblefest is included with general Museum admission and FREE for BMS Members. There is an additional charge for Bubblemania performances. Tickets available online.

Details: <http://www.sciencebuff.org> ■

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.org/> ■

Pancake Breakfast

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

Jurek Post of the
American Legion, 655
New Road at Smith Road



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. ■

Changing up your Routine

It's healthy to change things up every so often. How can you make productive changes as easy and pain-free as possible?

1. Recognize that changing too many things at one time may be overwhelming and painful. **Change a few items** at any one time.
2. **Make a plan** that changes a couple things at any one time. Once you're comfortable with new changes, move on to the next.
3. **Be patient.** New habits take at least 28 days form. ■



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Calming the Morning Chaos

1. Give yourself 15 extra... minutes that is. Set your alarm 15 minutes early and then get up, don't hit that snooze button. Build a buffer so you don't have to rush around. Whether for you, the kids or everyone, get a headstart and the morning will flow a little easier.



2. Get out your clothes the night before. Make sure they fit, are clean and ready so no delays in the morning. Decisions are tough before that morning coffee.

3. If you're a big breakfast eater, create a weekly breakfast menu before grocery shopping for the week. Post it on the refrigerator so everyone's aware.

4. If you're not a big breakfast eater, maybe cereal will do. Get it out (bowls & spoons too) before turning in.

5. Pack up anything you're taking with you the night before and put it near the door.

A couple minutes the night before can create that peaceful morning start. ■

Fall Decorating Ideas

Decorating for any season is all about the color. For Fall, here are a couple easy ideas to introduce a splash of color that'll get you to your Winter/Christmas change up.

1. Make your new front door decoration. Many craft stores hold DIY classes. Grab some friends/family/co-workers for a night of fun and crafting. Be sure to bring a festive treat to share.

2. Watch for fall decor sales and invest in a new tablecloth. Golds, yellows, reds and oranges in solid or pretty fall patterns adds a splash of color. Many fabrics are easy to run through the washer & dryer too!

3. Take a trip to your favorite home decorating store for new couch pillows. Like a new table cloth, it's an easy way to add that touch of fall to your great room.

4. Fall means time to close the windows. Remember that crystal you're saving for a special occasion? Get it out and add some potpourri. It'll be a toss up which puts a bigger smile on your face, using that long lost crystal or the wonderful smell. ■





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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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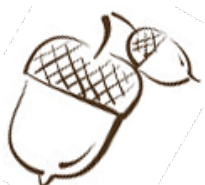
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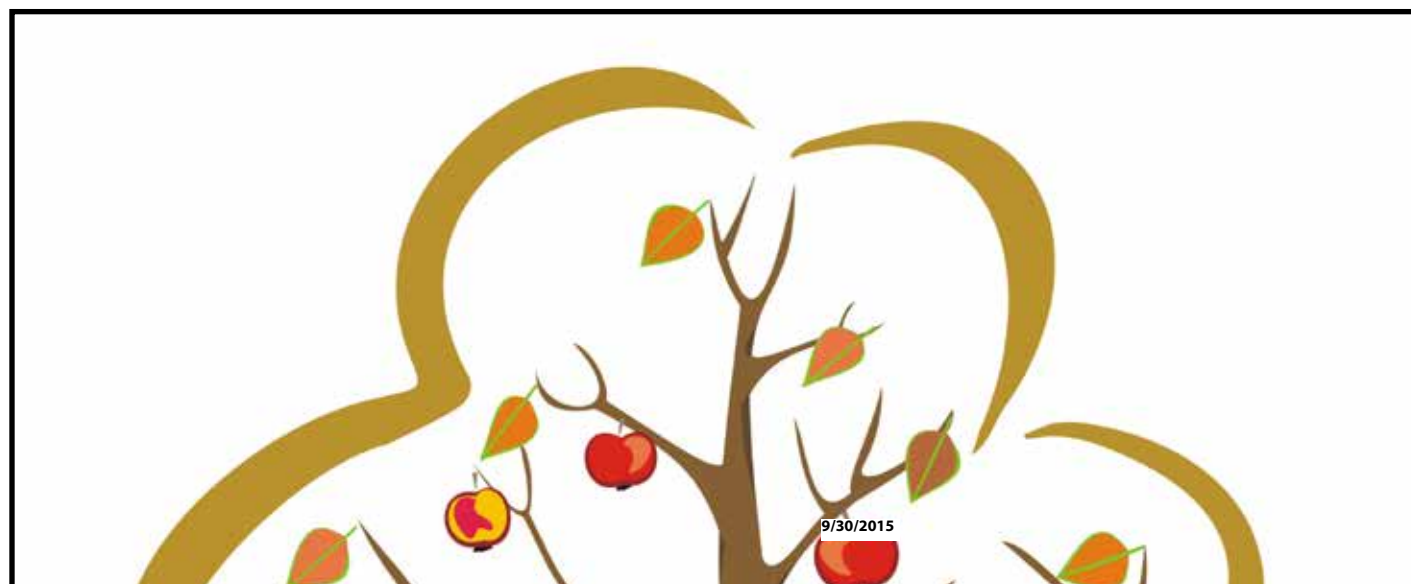
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September

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Next ROCC Meeting:
Monday • September 14, 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

September 14
October 13

November 9
December 14

Charlesgate Meeting:

second Wednesday of each month.

Forest Edge Meeting:

fourth Tuesday of each month.

Sept 15
Deadline for
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