

# Ransom Oaks News

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**July 2016** 

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# Happy July 4th!

• Canada Day • Independence Day • Ransom Oaks Paint Party • Ransom Oaks Summer Party •

**Ransom Oaks** 

# Tree Felling & Removal

As we desire to maintain our community's park like setting, an Exterior Modification Application (EMA) is required for all proposed tree fellings and removals. Please see the Ransom Oaks website for EMA and Instructions for Completing EMA. When on website click on "Living In", then click on "Rules & Regulations", then click on "Exterior Modification Information." Be sure to include the reason as to why you believe the felling and removal is necessary and any plans you may have to replace a felled tree.

Architectural Committee

# 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 again this year on the Garage Sale. She puts much time into the event organizing, publicizing, and coordinating and it shows. Thanks Maureen!"

### Ransom Oaks Activities Seasonal Insert Available Online

http://ransomoaks.com/ newsletter

Select the 2016 Seasonal Insert from the list below the current edition



# Summertime is the Perfect Time to Join Us...

@ the ROCC Monthly Meeting

2nd Mondays Jul 11, Aug 8, Sept 12

(details on the back cover)

# Ransom Oaks Who-to-Call

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

 Charlesgate, Forest Edge or Glen Oak

Clover Management, 688.4503

- Briarwoods 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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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	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.

Age	Phone #	Completed Red Cross Babysitting Course
13	545.8831	yes
16	689.1150	yes
16	639.7703	yes
15	689.3050	yes
16	689.3050	no
13	430.1075	yes
16	636.7452	yes
13	689.7521	yes
14	949.0659	yes
14	636.4613	yes
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**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 anyone. 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

## Planning a Party or Event?



Let Ransom Oaks help with the location.

Host your event or party at one of our Ransom Oaks facilities.

Details at RansomOaks.com/Facilities

#### **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**

### **July Events**

#### **Paint Party**

Thursday, July 14th, 1-3pm

Eveningwood Pavilion (If it's raining, we will



Ages 8 and up—parents are welcome—this is a community

Join us for a fun afternoon of relaxation and painting. Kristin Fisher will provide step-by-step instruction. She is an excellent teacher who somehow knows how to bring out the talent in everyone. All supplies will be provided and you will take a home your "masterpiece". You must make a reservation by Tuesday, July 12th so that we can purchase supplies. There will be sign-up at the pool or you can and leave a message on the office phone—691-7352.

### **Summer Party**

Bike Parade and Ouiz Show



Thursday July 21st

Parade will leave Ransom Oaks at 6:15—Ouiz Show will start at Eveningwood at 7 o'clock.

We will begin the evening at the Ransom Oaks Facility for our annual bike parade from Ransom Oaks to Eveningwood. When we get to Eveningwood, there will be a cookout, prizes and entertainment. The Quiz Master will be visiting. Dennis George the host of Quiz Master will need your help in several family games. ■

# Resident's Forum

# Exploring the Purchase of the Glen Oak Golf Course

Apparently the plan for the Town of Amherst to purchase the Glen Oak Golf Course has fallen through. A number of residents of Ransom Oaks are interested in forming a consortium to purchase the golf course. If you might be interested or know someone, (resident of Ransom Oaks or not) who may be interested in such a venture send an email to:

AcquireGC@zoho.com

This group has no affiliation with any other organization associated with Ransom Oaks. ■

#### **Around Town**

### Lane Closing on Tonawanda Creek Road

The Erie County Highway
Department will be repairing the
bridge over Ransom Creek on
Tonawanda Creek Road between
Campbell Blvd and Hopkins Road.
Beginning Monday, June 27, 2016
there will be a lane restriction with
a temporary signal. Traffic will
be reduced to one lane as they
are replacing the decking. The
restrictions should last about a
month. Find an alternate route as
delays are expected.

Visit http://www.amherst.ny.us/ for further details. ■

#### **Around Town**

# Fourth of July Celebration

The Fourth of July Celebration will be held at UB Amherst Campus – Lee Bookstore with performances by Tom Stahl and the Dangerfields at 7 PM and the Erie County Wind Ensemble at 8:45 PM followed by a fireworks display at 10 PM. ■



#### **Around Town**

# Limited Number of 35 Gallon Recycling Totes Available

There are a limited number of 35 gallon recycling totes for household recycling available. If you would like to exchange your larger recycling tote for a smaller 35 gallon tote, please call our refuse department at (716) 631-7119.

#### **Around Town**

### **Senior Rummage Sale**

The Rummage Sale will take place on Friday, July 15 from 9:00 AM − 6:00 PM AND Saturday, July 16 from 8:00 AM − 11:00 AM at the Amherst Center for Senior Services.





#### Saturday, July 9th, 10am-4pm

For a map of participating gardens, the Amherst Garden Walk Overview Map, visit http://www.amherst.ny.us/pdf/announce/dept\_14\_110712a.pdf ■

#### **Around Town**

# Electronic Recycling Reminder

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING As of January 1, 2015 it is New York State Law that: Electronic devices are NO longer accepted curbside.

Items must be taken to the Amherst Highway Department 1042 North Forest Road, 7 days a week from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

These items include but not limited are to: DVD/VCR's Stereo equipment including speakers Record players Computers & printers Telephones & answering machines Chargers & radios of all types Copy machines microwaves

TELEVISIONS: Televisions will be picked up by the Amherst Highway Department by appointment only! To schedule a pick-up, please call 631-7117. Televisions are not to be left curbside more than one (1) day before your scheduled pick-up day.



# **Fourth of July**

### **Safety Tips**

#### **FIREWORKS SAFETY**

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a



public fireworks show put on by professionals. Stay at least 500 feet away from the show. Many states outlaw most fireworks. If someone is setting fireworks off at home, they should follow these safety steps:

- Never give fireworks to small children, and always follow the instructions on the packaging.
- Keep a supply of water close by as a precaution.
- Make sure the person lighting fireworks always wears eye protection.
- Light only one firework at a time and never attempt to relight "a
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from children and pets.
- Never throw or point a firework toward people, animals, vehicles, structures or flammable materials.
- Leave any area immediately where untrained amateurs are using fireworks.

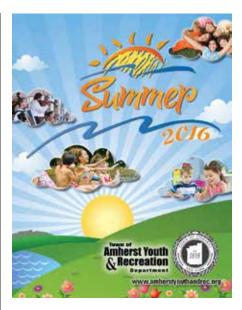
#### **GRILLING SAFETY**

Every year people in this country are injured while using backyard charcoal or gas grills. Follow these steps to safely cook up treats for the backyard barbecue:



- Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use.
- Never grill indoors not in your house, camper, tent, or any enclosed area.
- Make sure everyone, including the pets, stays away from the
- Keep the grill out in the open, away from the house, the deck, tree branches, or anything that could catch fire.
- Use the long-handled tools especially made for cooking on the grill to keep the chef safe.
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already been ignited.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using grills.

Source: www.redcross.org



### **Quick Summer Day Trips**

#### Toronto, Ontario

Toronto Zoo, Toronto Islands, Science Center, Blue Jays baseball game, shopping, stop on the way home for meatballs @ Ikea!

#### Erie, Pa

Presque Isle State Park. Swimming on beautiful Lake Erie beaches, biking, walking, running, kayaking it's all here. They rent bikes and kayaks too.

#### Chautaugua, NY

Sundays are free at the Chautaugua Institute.

#### Around Ellicottville, NY

On the way or way back, stop at Griffiss Sculpture Park. Hiking in Alleghany State Park, Lunch



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> Minutes from Ransom Oaks Dine in or Take out

#### Ransom Oaks Resident Exclusives Monday-Thursdays

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#### **Around Town**

# July

# Explore & More Children's Museum at Canalside

Fridays, thru Sept 2, 11a-2p Canalside, Buffalo, NY

Join Explore & More every Friday for FREE interactive outdoor fun! A new theme each week. Games, activities, crafts and FUN for the whole family.

Cost: free

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

#### Farmers' Market at the Mill

Saturdays, thru October 29th, 8 am -1pm Island Park, Williamsville, NY Rain or Shine

Note we'll be in *Island Park again this year*. Local produce, crafts, flowers, baked goods and more for sale on the Island.

**Details:** http://williamsvillefarmersmarket.com.

# Fitness in the Parks at Larkin Square

Mondays & Thursdays 5:30pm thru Aug 25, Larkin Square, Buffalo, NY

Mondays: Yoga

Thursdays: Cardio Kickboxing
Take your workout outside and join
us for this FREE community exercise
program on Mondays and Thursdays
on Larkin Square. Everyone is
welcome to participate in these FREE
60-minute fitness classes taught by
YMCA-certified instructors:

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

# Fitness in the Parks at Bassett Park

Mondays & Fridays 6pm thru Aug 27, Bassett Park, Amherst, NY

Zumba ® – Mondays, 6 p.m. Cardio Kickboxing – Fridays, 6 p.m. Classes located near the bandstand.

**Details:** https://www.independenthealth.com/IntheCommunity/Programs/ FitnessintheParks.

# **Mark Your Calendar**

Canada Day July 1





Independence Day July 4

Bastille Day July 14





Paint Party July 14

Summer Party July 21



# **Ransom Oaks Homeowners!**

Hi! Are you thinking of selling your home and downsizing? I would like to introduce myself, I am Maureen Mirand and I have lived in Ransom Oaks for 20+ years, raised my triplets here and know the challenges of now having to downsize as they grow up & move out!

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#### 1. Call or email:

Terry Collins, Editor, 980.5470 (be sure to leave a messsage), 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.

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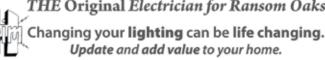




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# July

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#### Next ROCC Meeting: Monday • July 11, 2016

6:30pm @ Greenwood Facility.

MEETINGS begin at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Center the 2nd Monday of each month except for Oct 2016 when it's on 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. ■

#### 2016 Meetings

July 11 October 11(Tues)
August 8 November 14
September 12 December 12

July 15
Deadline for
Ransom Oaks News
August issue

#### Charlesgate Meeting:

second Wednesday of each month.

#### Forest Edge Meeting:

fourth Tuesday of each month.

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

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