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Welcome August!

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.



Ransom Oaks Activities Seasonal Insert Available Online

<http://ransomoaks.com/newsletter>

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

First Day of Classes for Williamsville Central School District



Tuesday,
September 6



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), 406.8557 (archcomm@ransomoaks.com)
- **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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something to share

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Meeting

2nd Mondays
Aug 8, Sept 12

(details on the back cover)

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Happy Birthday!

Our August Birthday Celebrations



Caroline Jones	14
August 1	
Brian Long	21
August 1	
Tyler Nadrich	17
August 2	
Jennie Sims	
August 5	
Elizabeth Merrill	22
August 6	
Victoria Sims	20
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James McMillan	
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Ellen Erman	24
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Brett Butler	23
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Alissa Lewis	21
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Benjamin Hemmer	8
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Jacob Agro	15
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Nick Galluzzo	16
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Orville Wright	15
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Jack Smith	11
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Brendan Walsh	25
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Tyler Casuccio	7
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Mason Odachowski	9
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Matthew Harrison	23
August 26	
Ben Paolini	27
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Gianna Galluzzo	18
August 27	
Kristina Zheng Qin Yan	13
August 28	
Lucas Everett	5
August 30	
Ashley Lyskawa	21
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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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

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, 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 5th.

Please note that we may have several days that pools may be 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.

Tom and Kathy Halter
Ransom Oaks Facilities Managers
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Around Ransom Oaks

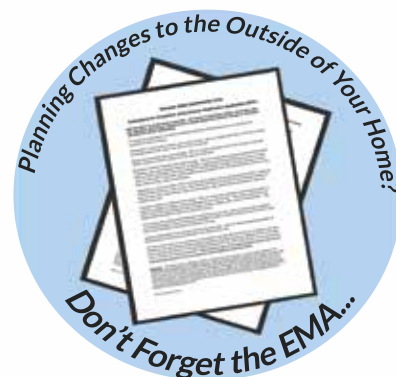
Girl Scout? Boy Scout? School Group? Church Group? Volunteer?

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. ■



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

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. ■

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

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

Summer Concerts

Wed., Aug. 3

Amherst Symphony Orchestra (light classical) - 7:00 p.m.

Wed., Aug. 10

Beatle Magic (Beatles Tribute) – 7:00pm

Wed., Aug. 17

Bobby Militello (Jazz) – 7:00 p.m.

All concerts at Bassett Park. 359 Klein @ Youngs Road, Amherst

Rain Site: Clearfield Community Center small gym

Call 631-7132 for details. ■



Around Town

Family Summer Blast

Sun., Aug. 14

"Summer Blast"

Noon-3:00 p.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!

Call 631-7132 for details. ■

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 are not limited 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. ■



SWIMMING POOL OWNERS:

Help us monitor the invasive Asian Longhorned Beetle by participating in a pool filter survey.

Contact DEC to participate in the pool survey JULY-AUGUST
email: foresthealth@dec.ny.gov

The Asian longhorned beetle has destroyed tens of thousands of trees in New York City and Massachusetts. Now it threatens New York's forests.
For more information about the Asian Longhorned Beetle and the pool survey: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7255.html>

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Board Meeting Highlights

July 11, 2016

- Four residents attended the meeting. Topics discussed:
- Lifeguards are not checking tags or enforcing sign in.
- A part time person was hired to circulate and check tags and signatures.
- The lifeguard's PRIME responsibility is the swimmer's safety.
- The resident knew a swimmer did not live in Ransom Oaks but did not report it to the lifeguard or the Facilities Managers.
- A resident was hit by a basketball from the court at Greenwoods.
- We should consider banning smoking on all Ransom Oaks property.
- To get approval to modify a home, file a Exterior Modification Application. The form and instructions are available on the website or call the Architectural Committee, 406-8557
- A resident's son was not chosen to be a lifeguard.
- Only two new lifeguards were hired this year and one was to replace an injured lifeguard.
- There were swimmers in a pool and a lifeguard didn't seem to be around
- There is a bee/hornet nest. It was sprayed as soon as it was reported.
- According to New York State law, the only consumable allowed inside the pool area is water in a plastic container. Please don't complicate the lifeguard's duties.
- Of 25 letters notifying residents of problems with their property, 23 have corrected the problem(s).
- The audit of the 2015 books was completed successfully.
- We are about \$8,500 over budget. It is due to \$15,000 of Capital Improvements we decided to do after the budget was established. Last year we returned \$22,000 to the Reserve Fund so this is not a problem but we will continue to show this over budget item for the rest of the year.
- 30 liens were placed for non-payment of assessments.
- The Health Department will be checking the pools July 12. They want an update to the 40 page plan, including separate plans for each baby pool.
- Pickle Ball is noisy and disturbing residents.

University Express Class

Attend an upcoming UNIVERSITY EXPRESS CLASS at the Amherst Senior Center — FREE Lifelong Learning for Adults Age 55+

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- GI Bill of Rights & Post World War II America
- The Psychic Highway: How the Erie Canal Changed America
- Understanding the New Dietary Guidelines
- Finding Whole Grains
- Statins

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Around Town

August

Taste of Williamsville

Sunday Aug 7, 12pm-8pm

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Details: <http://www.walkablewilliamsville.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>.

Artisan Row at Canalside

Saturday, Aug 20, 10a-5p

Canalside, Buffalo, NY

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



Fitness in the Parks at Bassett Park

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Details: <https://www.independenthealth.com/IntheCommunity/Programs/FitnessintheParks>.

Erie County Fair

Aug 10-21

Hamburg, NY

Looking forward to the best 12 days of summer!

Details: <https://www.ecfair.org/>.



Taming of the Shrew-Shakespeare in Delaware Park

Tues-Sun, through August 21, 7:30pm

Delaware Park Rose Garden

Bring your blanket, drink and a snack. Enjoy the classic William Shakespeare play, The Taming of the Shrew outdoors in the fresh summer air of Delaware Park.

Cost: Voluntary donation.

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

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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Terry Collins, Editor, 980.5470 (be sure to leave a message), 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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August

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Next ROCC Meeting:
Monday • August 8, 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 meetings are held at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Center, unless noted otherwise. ■

2016 Meetings

August 8
September 12
October 11(Tues)

November 14
December 12

Charlesgate Meeting:

second Wednesday of each month.

Forest Edge Meeting:

fourth Tuesday of each month.

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