



# Ransom Oaks News

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## Spring Greetings!

• Tax Day • Easter • **Earth Day** • Passover Begins • Administrative Professionals Day • **Arbor Day** •

### Ransom Oaks

## Around Ransom Oaks



### Safety First



We frequently hear from residents on safety issues, it's always a concern and a priority.

With the change of seasons, it's time for us to emerge from our "dens."

Small children and pets stretching their spring legs may dart out into the street.

Runners, walkers and bikers are taking to the streets and sidewalks.

It's time to be outside and to take care as we drive through our community.

Share with newer drivers that spring brings everyone out of hibernation, especially children at play. Watch for our youngest and keep everyone safe.

***Please drive slow & with care, help keep Ransom Oaks a safe place to live & play.*** ■



Look for Summer Ransom Oaks Activities Coming in our May Edition... Along with Details & Tips for our June Garage Sale



## Join Us...

at the ROCC Monthly Meeting  
be a part of what's happening in Ransom Oaks

Mon, Apr 10  
Mon, May 10

(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, 204.2771
- **Briarwoods or Woodgate** Andruschat Real Estate Service, 688.4757
- **Ransom Oaks Architectural Matters** (regarding Single-family homes ONLY), 406.8557 (archcomm@ransom-oaks.com)
- **Ransom Oaks Facilities Manager** (including Clubhouse Rentals)  
Tom and Kathy Halter, 691.7352
- **Comments** President of R.O.C.C.,  
Pete Calinski, 616.0088
- **Vandalism, Animal Control or Security Concerns** Amherst Police, 689.1311
- **Swormville Fire**, 688.7055

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# Happy Birthday!

## Our April Celebrations



<b>Ann Merrill</b> .....	??
April 1	
<b>Juliette Bassanelli</b> .....	27
April 6	
<b>James Sawaya</b> .....	30
April 6	
<b>Ayden Hansen</b> .....	15
April 7	
<b>Danny Taylor</b> .....	24
April 7	
<b>Andrew Marsden</b> .....	19
April 7	
<b>Yosseline Eisenbaum</b> .....	19
April 9	
<b>Julia Tirone</b> .....	24
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<b>Allison Greiner</b> .....	12
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<b>Courtney Herlan</b> .....	15
April 12	
<b>Andrew Kissel</b> .....	15
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<b>Carl Copeland</b> .....	24
April 18	
<b>Chase Verrastro</b> .....	14
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<b>Sydney Deck</b> .....	18
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<b>Jessica Long</b> .....	30
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<b>William Shakespeare</b> .....	453
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<b>Paul Cook</b> .....	24
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<b>Meghan Taylor</b> .....	24
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<b>Chris Lester</b> .....	28
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<b>Grayson Wood</b> .....	1
April 26	
<b>Michael Moeller</b> .....	23
April 29	
<b>Elanor Harris</b> .....	18
April 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

<b>Kathy &amp; Tom Halter, Facilities Managers</b>	691.7352	tkhalter@ransomoaks.com
<b>Terry Collins, News Editor/Designer</b>	980.5470	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](http://RansomOaks.com/Facilities)



### Around Town

## Only Rain Down The Storm Drain

A friendly reminder from the Town of Amherst Highway Department.



It is illegal to dump any substance in to the storm sewers - this includes but is not limited to *cleaning solutions, paint, grease, or gasoline*.

If you have any questions on how to dispose of a specific substance please call (631-7117) or email the Highway Department.

Source: <http://www.amherst.ny.us>

### Ransom Oaks

## Facilities Report



Spring is just around the corner and with that comes all sorts of outside activities.

**Tennis courts will be available by mid-April;** buildings are available for your use by making reservations through Tom and Kathy Halter. The best way to plan a gathering at one of the buildings is to check the calendar on our website ([www.ransomoaks.com](http://www.ransomoaks.com)) for availability. The required form is also on our website for downloading. Once you have picked your date, give us a call. Please allow about two weeks for all reservations. Beginning in May we will start taking reservations for pool parties.

We are **currently contacting our staff** from last year to see who is returning. At this point we do not know if we will have any openings this season. If you would like to apply for any openings should they occur, please go to our website or contact us (Tom or Kathy Halter).

The May newsletter will contain pool/tennis rules as well as activities for the summer. We will try to keep everyone busy again this summer!

If you have not paid your 2017 Ransom Oaks Assessment, it is now past due. Please contact Tom or Kathy Halter to arrange for payment. These fees cover the calendar year and are mandatory for all Ransom Oaks residents.

Look for next month's newsletter for another year of fun and activities for all. Summer in Ransom Oaks is worth waiting for! Set some time aside to enjoy your facilities this coming season!

Tom and Kathy Halter  
Ransom Oaks Facilities Managers  
[tkhalter@ransomoaks.com](mailto:tkhalter@ransomoaks.com)  
716.691.7352

### Ransom Oaks

## Summer Employment Opportunities

Join us for fun and festivities at the pool this summer.

We are accepting applications for certified **Lifeguards**.

Certification is required for Lifeguards.

To **apply online**, visit our online application form directly at <http://www.ransomoaks.com/openings>.

For your convenience, the form is divided into multiple pages. Complete the form and "Submit" to easily apply. ■



**Around Town**

## Message from Amherst Green

Spring is a good time to schedule a **tune-up for your lawn mower**. It's a service at most Amherst hardware stores, or something that can be done by the homeowner (instructions on many DIY websites). According to manufacturer Briggs & Stratton, a tune-up can increase fuel economy by a third, extend the life of the engine, reduce repair costs and decrease emissions by up to 50 percent. It's also a good time to get ready for summer and schedule a **tune-up for your Air Conditioner**. Homeowners can make a window unit more efficient by cleaning the filter and exhaust panels, dusting the interior fins, and making sure that the outside drain hole is unclogged. For whole house units, annual service is recommended by the manufacturers. Air flow is key to the operation of the AC unit. Make sure you include the area around the AC during your spring cleanup around the yard. The unit needs to be free of debris. Plants and any other obstructions should be at least 1 foot away for maximum airflow. This maintenance can save you 5-10% on your cooling bills. Source: [www.amherst.ny.us](http://www.amherst.ny.us) ■

**Around Town**

## National Grid Tree Trimming

National Grid will start trimming trees in Amherst this Spring. The work will be performed by National Grid workers or certified arborists. If you have any further questions regarding this routine vegetation maintenance, please call National Grid at 1-800-642-4272. ■



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# Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 8, 2017**

**10am & 11am**

**Clearfield Community Center  
730 Hopkins Rd., Williamsville**

Join us on Saturday, April 8 at Clearfield Community Center for our annual egg hunt. The first hunt will begin at 10:00am followed by the second hunt at 11:00am.

The only thing you will need to bring is something to carry all the eggs you will find. Groups are broken down by age. Special guest appearance by the Easter Bunny! Weather permitting, hunt will be held outside.



No pre-registration required. Eggs are on a first come, first find basis.

Please be prompt for start times as we would hate for you to miss out!

**Town of Amherst Youth & Recreation Department**

## What is Arbor Day?



Arbor Day is an annual observance that celebrates the role of trees in our lives and promotes tree planting and care. As a formal holiday, it was first observed in 1872, in Nebraska, but tree planting festivals are as old as civilization. The tree has appeared throughout history and literature as the symbol of life. The idea for Arbor Day in the United States originated in Nebraska City by Julius Sterling Morton.

## When Is Arbor Day?

For many years, Arbor Day was celebrated on April 22, J. Sterling Morton's birthday. Today, National Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday in April. All fifty states, Puerto Rico, and some U.S. territories have passed legislation adopting Arbor Day, which is celebrated on a date appropriate for tree planting in their region. Visit [arborday.org](http://arborday.org) to learn when Arbor Day is celebrated in your state.

Source: [arborday.org](http://arborday.org)

## Mark Your Calendar

**Passover Starts**  
**April 11**



**Tax Day**  
**April 15**



**Easter**  
**April 16**

**Earth Day**  
**April 22**



**Administrative Professionals Day**  
**April 26**



**Earth Day** is an annual event celebrated on April 22. Worldwide, various events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First celebrated in 1970, Earth Day events in more than 193 countries are now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network. Source: [wikipedia.com](http://wikipedia.com)



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Around Town

# April

### Free 1st Fridays

1st Friday, every month

10am-10pm

Albright Knox Art Gallery  
1285 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, NY 14222

### Free 2nd Fridays

2nd Friday, every month

4pm-8pm

Burchfield Penney Art Center  
1300 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222

### Free 3rd Fridays

3rd Friday, every month

10am-8pm

The Buffalo History Museum  
1 Museum Ct, Buffalo, NY 14216 ■

## The Easter Express

Sat, Apr 15, 10:30am

Medina Railroad Museum, 530  
West Avenue Medina, NY 14103

Hop on over and join us for an Easter excursion. Kids will receive a themed goodie bag, museum admission, an hour long train ride and an Easter Egg Hunt! First Class & Coach available! Easter egg hunts at 11am & 12:30pm sharp.

Cost: \$19-\$35

Details: <http://medinarailroad.com> ■

## Pancake Breakfast

Apr 23, May 14, Jun 11

8am - 12:30pm

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American Legion,  
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Smith Road



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## Patriots Day Weekend

Sat & Sun, Apr 22-23, 10am-4pm

Old Fort Niagara

This family-friendly event launches Old Fort Niagara's reenactment season with a salute to veterans and patriotism. Learn about the Battles of Lexington and Concord that began April 19, 1775, and started the American Revolution.

Cost: General Admission

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



## Arbor Day Tree Tours

Fri Apr 28 4pm, Sat Apr 29  
9:30am

Buffalo & Erie County Botanical  
Gardens, 2655 South Park Ave,  
Buffalo

Celebrate Arbor Day by visiting trees in our outdoor collection while learning the basics of tree identification. Wear comfortable shoes/boots as the walk takes place rain or shine. Meet in the Botanical Gardens parking lot.

Cost: \$10

Details: <http://buffalogardens.com> ■

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or

**Mix** with something undesirable such as coffee grounds, cat litter or dirt

**Tape** up containers

**Toss** in your garbage



For full instructions or designated collection events visit:

[www.dontflushyourdrugs.net](http://www.dontflushyourdrugs.net)

## Spring Break Staycation Ideas

1. Quiet public library scavenger hunt. Give the kids a list of books to silently find in the library. Award cool prizes for quietest and most matches. Get the librarian in on the event - and have them suggest the best time of day for the hunt.
2. Take a hike over the Rainbow Bridge in Niagara Falls.
3. Visit the Guitar Exhibit at the Buffalo Museum of Science.
4. Invite extended family, neighbors and friends over for a game night. Let the kids plan the games, snacks and agenda of the evening.
5. Plan a Delaware Park Adventure. Bring your lunch to the Casino and then trek around the lake. No time to plan lunch? Try takeout.
6. Time for your first trip of the year to the Buffalo Zoo - possibly paired with the Delaware Park Adventure.
7. Help the kids to plan a family dinner... and then prepare it.

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**1. Call or email:**

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,** Maroon Technology, 1879 Whitehaven Road, Suite 110, 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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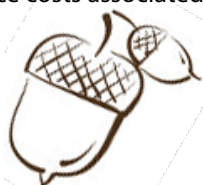
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# April

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**Next ROCC Meeting:  
Monday • April 10, 2017  
6:30pm @ Greenwood Facility.**

MEETINGS begin at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Center the 2nd Monday of each month except for the October 2017 meeting which is 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. ■*

**2017 Meetings**

April 10  
May 8  
June 12  
July 10

August 14  
September 11  
October 10  
November 13  
December 11

**Charlesgate Meeting:**

second Wednesday of each month.

**Forest Edge Meeting:**

fourth Tuesday of each month.

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