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June 2017

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Hello Summer 2017!

• Flag Day • Father's Day • Summer Solstice • Ransom Oaks Garage Sale •

Ransom Oaks Annual Garage Sale

Fri & Sat, June 9 & 10, 9am to 4pm



See page 7 for a partial listing of sales.



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http://ransomoaks.com/ newsletter

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Learn What's Happening in Our Community

@ the ROCC Monthly Meeting

2nd Mondays June 12, Jul 10, Aug 14

(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@ransomoaks.com)
- Ransom Oaks Facilities Manager (including Clubhouse Rentals)
 Tom and Kathy Halter, 691.7352
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- Vandalism, Animal Control or Security Concerns Amherst Police, 689.1311
- Swormville Fire, 688.7055



Happy Birthday!

June Celebrations



Patrick Hourihan26 June 2
Jenise Dixon-McMillan51 June 2
George Attea
Maureen Hourihan
Billy Merrill IV 15 June 5
Tim Everett
Braden Mitri 10 June 5
Mitch Nass
Andy Lee
Kaity Swanekamp30 June 18
Madeline Nadrich15 June 20
Evan Henderson 30 June 21
Chris Jablonski48 June 21
Katherine Klein25 June 22
Kennedy Copeland 30 June 23
Stephanie Everett8 June 23
David Lyskawa20 June 24
George Orwell 113 June 26
Susan Howard

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.

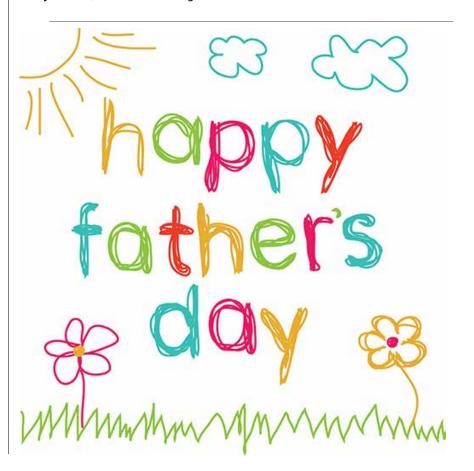
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RANSOM OAKS COMMUNITY CORPORATION (R.O.C.C.) Board of Directors consists of volunteer residents who are elected to office by a vote of the ROCC membership. The Board meets monthly at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Area, see calendar. Residents are 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

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 and so that we can make arrangements for life guards.

Parties must be booked at least two-weeks in advance.

Parties are to be held after closing hours—9 o'clock. ■

Ransom Oaks

Summer Party, Egg Hunt & Social

Thursday, July 20th, 6:30-8pm

We will begin the evening with our traditional Egg Hunt. There will be gift baskets, bounce house, games and food. Mark your calendar for this favorite event.

Ransom Oaks

Private Swim Lessons @ All Pools

Private swim lessons for children or adults are available at any Ransom Oaks pool. Please contact any of the life guards at your favorite pool to schedule your private swim lesson.

The cost is \$15.00 for a 40 minute lesson. ■

Ransom Oaks

Facilities Report

School will be out shortly, and we will be beginning another summer of activities at the facilities.



The activities that begin in June are as follows: (Please note that activities are for the residents of Ransom Oaks only.)

- First session of swimming lesson begins Monday, June 26th. Please talk to the guards for more information. Information will be available at any of the three pools. All lessons are held in the morning between 8:30 and 11. The cost is \$40/child.
- T-Shirt Day is Tuesday, June 27th! Come and join the fun! Staff will begin
 at Ransom Oaks from 11:00-12:30, Eveningwood from 1:00-2:30 and
 Greenwood from 3:00-4:30. Watch for signs with more details at the pools.
- Tennis courts are open and ready for you and your friends.

This is just the beginning of things that will be going on. Visit the pools for more information as well as postings of things happening around the community. It promises to be a fun summer as usual!

We would like to welcome all the guards back for another season. This year, there is some switching, but many of the same faces! Please give all our lifeguards a fair chance. We are very lucky to have a dedicated staff!

Lifeguards have been instructed to ask all residents for pool tags and instruct residents to print their names and addresses clearly for safety purposes. Please keep your tags in your possession. Please review all pool rules before using the facilities. Please be aware that there is no eating/drinking in the pool area; this will be strictly enforced. Residents who continually break the rules will be asked to leave the area. Please do not give the guards a difficult time about this procedure. They are doing what they have been instructed to do by the Ransom Oaks Board of Directors.

Don't forget pool tags must be worn when using any of the facilities - this includes the tennis courts. Guards have been instructed to ask to see tags if there are any problems.

If you have not paid your assessment fee, it will be turned over to the attorney mid-June. It is important that you contact us and make arrangements for payment. You cannot use any of the facilities until you have received pool tags.

Children "hanging" at facilities after hours, continues to be a problem. Please contact the Amherst police if you see anyone at the facilities after the posted hours of 9:00 PM and 7:00 AM. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer using all of the facilities.

Tom and Kathy Halter
Ransom Oaks Facilities Managers
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716.691.7352

Ransom Oaks

President's Corner



We have been looking into various things to add to our community. A resident has suggested a "Little Free Library". Basically it's a free book exchange. People leave books they have completed and pick up books others have left. Here's a picture of one that's in use in Farmington Woods (across Transit Road from Casey Road).



The address is 8221 Old Post Road East. There is a website with more information at: https:// littlefreelibrary. org.

Let us know what you think.

Another project that we have been trying to get some "traction" on is the Multiuse area at the end of Bramhill Court. We have solicited suggestions many times in the Newsletter and never get any responses. Perhaps the way to move this forward is to form a committee that will develop some options, evaluate the options and make a proposal. based on past experience, if we can't get a

committee to step up, this area will remain idle. Anyone interested in participating should use the contact information below.

Now for an idea that is "out of the box." that I have seen at another community Let's call it "Friday Night Music In the Park".

Picture this. It is a Friday night in the summer. The sun has set and it is starting to cool down. Families flock to the lawn at the Jurek Post. They spread their blankets and the children start to play with their old friends and make new friends. The adults also mix with friends and meet more fellow residents. There is a band getting set up. Not a "big name" band but some local group. Maybe they are just starting out and are glad to do it for the experience. There is an ice cream truck and maybe a taco truck.

The band starts to play. Maybe they are good, maybe they are not so good. Does it matter? It is about the event not the music. In an hour or so they finish. The families sit around talking and the kids play around. Gradually they pull up stakes and head home. A good family evening was had by all. A great "out of the box" idea for a summer night? Let me know.

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Pete Calinski pcalinski@ransomoaks.com
716-616-0088

if you SEE SAY Something Something™ used with permission of the NY Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Call the Amherst police if you see people hanging around the facilities after hours. Everyone has a vested interest in their community. Ransom Oaks is a great neighborhood with so much to offer.

Let's work together to stop this escalating situation. As a final reminder, facilities are closed from 9 pm until 8 am.

Around Town

Spring Highway Dept Updates

Starting April 1 residents can put out yard compost materials on their regular refuse day. The material must be properly bundled for pickup. In addition,

Amherst's annual spring brush pickup will begin on May 22nd.

Pickup will follow the same weekly schedule as residents' refuse pickup regarding the day of the week. However it may take approximately two to three weeks for us to complete the whole Town.

Please have brush, logs and stumps out for pickup by this date. The Town will collect large unmanageable piles of logs, brush, and tree stumps only. All material must be placed out the start of that week.

We are going thru all areas of the Town one time only.

No mixed piles containing lumber, concrete, railroad ties or nonorganic materials will be collected. Leaves, small trimmings and other yard waste should be put in containers, paper yard waste bags or bundled for collection by Modern Corporation on a weekly basis. The Highway Department will not pick up these materials during this spring brush pickup.



Ransom Oaks

Annual Garage Sale Listing

Fri & Sat, June 9 & 10 9am to 4pm

GARAGE SALE

SINGLE FAMILY HOMES:

21 Bramhill Ct. Miscellaneous Household items, take a look!

43 Glen Oak Dr. Household items, collectibles and more!

47 Inverness Cir. Miscellaneous Items - must see!

79 Odessa Dr. Household items, collectibles and more!

233 Old Oak Post Rd. Variety of items, something for everyone!

127 Primrose Ln. Wood veneer for furniture repair, Casters for office chairs, Quartz Halogen flood lights, Lawn spreader, Archery arrows with leather cases, Antique Asian Brass table, Vintage books on Antiques, Vintage books on Native Americans, Vintage classic children's books,

Vintage record albums, Vintage silver plated silverware, Vintage silver plated trays, Vintage wedding gown 1960, Many collectible items too numerous to mention!

293 Ransom Oaks Dr. Household Items and more!

35 Sweetwater Miscellaneous Items.

14 Whispering Ct. Household and miscellaneous items, come & see!

31 White Cedar Dr. Boys clothes, Toys, Household items, Christmas Items, Many BRAND NEW ITEMS in the box, Low pricing on all items!

CONDOS & TOWNHOMES:

1355 Charlesgate Cir. Miscellaneous Household items

363 Forest Edge Dr. Home interior

items, miscellaneous items and more!

601 Forest Edge Dr. Treadmills, household goods, Tools hand and garden, wood chairs, baby items toys, pack n play, kid gates, vacuum cleaners, fans, bamboo blinds and much more

703 Forest Edge Dr. Household and miscellaneous items

1102 Netherton Ct. Numerous household items and something for everyone!

1403 Netherton Ct. Miscellaneous Household Items, treasures for all!

PATIO HOMES:

23 Brendan's Dr. Household and miscellaneous items

26 Brendan's Dr. Household and miscellaneous items

Any Ransom Oaks residence may be part of the Annual Garage Sale, even at the last minute! Call 866-9959 if you need a kit.

Be sure to drive around Ransom Oaks so you don't miss sales not listed. ■



Maureen Mirand

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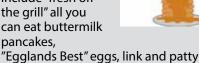
Pancake Breakfast

Jun 11

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,



Electronics Recycling

sausages, juice, coffee, and tea.

Sat June 10, 9:30am-1:30pm **Eastern Hills**

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Thinking about going sola

Solarize Amherst can help residents and businesses connect to local installers and get a discounted price on their solar panels



Father's Day

Flag Day **June 14**

Mark Your Calendar

hat is Solarize Amherst?

Solarize Amherst is a community campaign to make solar cheaper and easier for our residents and businesses.

Led by Town government, with support from the Energy Conservation Citizens Advisory Committee and numerous community partners, this program can help leverage group purchasing of solar installations between May 9th and July 31, 2017.

Solarize Amherst has vetted and negotiated reduced installation and material costs from three local installers, and our Building Department is waiving electrical permit fees for campaign participants, **for a limited time only!**As a result, if you go solar now, you can save money, reduce your carbon footprint and contribute to a more sustainable Amherst.



June 18

Summer **Solstice June 21**

Canada Day July 1



Why go solar with Solarize Amherst?

Going solar with Solarize Amherst helps you save money and connect with local installers.











Get started and schedule your free solar evaluation at your home or business today with no obligations!

Save money

Our installers will provide a discounted price for all installations through Solarize Amherst.

Get your permit fees waived

The Town of Amherst is waiving your electrical permit fees for a limited time during this campaign. This can amount to approximatel an additional \$200 savings!

Solarize Amherst includes the selection of three qualified local solar contractors and best-inclass materials so you don't have to research these things yourself.

Solarize Amherst includes a free solar evaluation from the installers. Including a roof evaluation, preliminary site design, preliminary site design, energy usage profile, financial analysis.

Limited Time Savings

Hurry now! The discount pricing is only available until July 31, 2017.

Ransom Oaks Garage Sale

Homes participating in the Garage Sale please print some copies of the listing on page 7 to help direct visitors to our sales.

> Thanks & Happy Selling! Maureen



A community campaign to make solar cheaper and easier for Town residents and husinesses



Learn more at SolarizeAmherst.org

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Fulie Brown is celebrating 150 families served by joining forces with the SPCA for their 150th anniversary.

Julie Brown

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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,** 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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- Full Page Ad: 3 Col. x 9.5" \$235/mo.

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June

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Next ROCC Meeting: Monday • June 12, 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 meeting are held at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Center, unless noted otherwise. ■

2017 Meetings

June 12 September 11
July 10 October 10
August 14 November 13
December 11

June 15
Deadline for
Ransom Oaks News
July issue

Charlesgate Meeting:

second Wednesday of each month.

Forest Edge Meeting:

fourth Tuesday of each month.

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