



# Ransom Oaks News

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2018 Thirty-Eight Years of Ransom Oaks News

July 2018

Ransom Oaks Community Corporation · 101 Ransom Oaks Drive · East Amherst, New York 14051

## Around Ransom Oaks

### Take it Slow...

School's Out.

It's that time of year for frivolity and summer fun.

Please watch for children playing, biking and having summer fun.

Sometimes it can be hard to be mindful of traffic and running in the street when your focus is fun.

**School's Out, Drive with Care. ■**



Best Wishes  
for a  
Happy & Safe  
July 4th  
Celebration



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## Around Town

### Fourth of July Celebration

Tens of thousands of spectators will flock to the North Campus on July 4 to watch a spectacular fireworks display over Lake LaSalle and celebrate Independence Day.

UB has been collaborating with the Town of Amherst since 1991 to put on the show. The entertainment will begin at 7 p.m., artist to be announced. The Erie County Wind Ensemble will perform at 8:45 p.m. until the fireworks begin at 10 p.m. ■



### Ransom Oaks Food Truck Thursday



Chef's Food Truck re-scheduled *July 21st 5:30-7:30pm @ Greenwood.*

Menu at [ilovechefs.com](http://ilovechefs.com) ■

## Ransom Oaks

### Who-to-Call

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

- **Ransom Oaks (Facilities)** 716-508-ROCC, [facilitiesmanager@ransomoaks.com](mailto:facilitiesmanager@ransomoaks.com)
- **Brendans Court LMM Properties**, 693-4670
- **Charlesgate, or Glen Oak** Clover Management, 204-2771
- **Forest Edge R & D Property Management of WNY**, [cindy@rdmanagementofwny.com](mailto:cindy@rdmanagementofwny.com), 688-2083
- **Briarwoods or Woodgate** Andruchat Real Estate Service, 688-4757
- **Ransom Oaks Architectural Matters** (regarding Single-family homes ONLY) [archcomm@ransomoaks.com](mailto:archcomm@ransomoaks.com))
- **Comments** President of ROCC, André Lam, [alam@ransomoaks.com](mailto:alam@ransomoaks.com)
- **Vandalism, Animal Control or Security Concerns** Amherst Police, 689-1311
- **Swormville Fire**, 688-7055

**Join Us for the next  
Ransom Oaks Meeting  
Monday, July 9  
6:30pm @  
Greenwood Facility**

## Our July Birthdays



<b>Leah Heffter</b> .....	18
July 1	
<b>Nina Santarpia</b> .....	21
July 1	
<b>Nicole Attea</b> .....	24
July 2	
<b>Bonnie Orr</b> .....	
July 2	
<b>Robert Hawkins</b> .....	17
July 4	
<b>Julianna Hogg</b> .....	10
July 4	
<b>Connor Stroth</b> .....	15
July 4	
<b>Jillian Drake</b> .....	31
July 6	
<b>Ryan Brown</b> .....	28
July 7	
<b>Isabelle Ann Ciambella</b> .....	17
July 7	
<b>Jessica Prater</b> .....	25
July 13	
<b>Anna Grace Planter</b> .....	12
July 13	
<b>T. Zachary Cook</b> .....	25
July 14	
<b>Ashley Dixon-McMillan</b> .....	29
July 14	
<b>John Tirone</b> .....	22
July 17	
<b>Sydney Capote</b> .....	22
July 17	
<b>William Greiner</b> .....	23
July 19	
<b>Colin Flanagan</b> .....	26
July 22	
<b>Jerry Tubbs</b> .....	
July 22	
<b>Kaitlyn Hogg</b> .....	18
July 25	
<b>Tessa Santarpia</b> .....	19
July 26	
<b>Ijeoma Obianwu</b> .....	23
July 28	
<b>Tyler Brown</b> .....	24
July 29	
<b>Keifer McKinley</b> .....	12
July 29	
<b>Peter Gerace III</b> .....	18
July 30	
<b>Cameron Agro</b> .....	14
July 30	
<b>Taylor McEachon</b> .....	23
July 31	

**Join the list!** Send your name and birth date (*and age if you prefer*) to [newsletter@ransomoaks.com](mailto: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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**Vacant**, *At-Large*

**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

*Facilities Manager* - please see contact info on page 1 for your community  
*Newsletter* [newsletter@ransomoaks.com](mailto:newsletter@ransomoaks.com)



## Ransom Oaks

# President's Update



I want to thank Conner Stroth for the progress that has been made in improving the Bramhill Court playground. On Friday June 15th Conner, his fellow Boy Scouts, and a number of community members worked hard to move 20 cubic yards of playground mulch onto the playground. With many hands helping we were able to get the giant pile moved in less than 2 hours. Maintenance on the other playgrounds will continue throughout the summer. The Greenwood playground needs drainage installed before we can make any major changes. That will have to wait till next year for funding.

I am happy to report that the pools are looking better with every week. The discoloration that has penetrated the concrete is starting to fade. This is a combination of the bromine in the water and the UV from sun shine. The board in conjunction with the manager is continuing to investigate conversion to salt water. There are many advantages in the long run to switch to salt water. The pool chemicals will be less expensive, and the treatment is safer, and more gentle on skin and swimwear. The only thing preventing this conversion is the significant cost. This will have to be planned and phased in over a few years.

Our managers in coordination with the board and committee members have come up with a wide variety of events that are planned throughout the summer. So far we have had ice cream socials every Saturday evening. We are rotating between pools, so check out the schedule. We have also had our first "movie under the stars" at the Ransom Oaks playground.

Please consider making a donation to Conner Stroth, our Eagle Scout candidate who is raising funds so he can fix up the Bramhill Court playground.

We continue to look forward to working with community members, to continue make Ransom Oaks a great place to live.

André Lam

ALam@RansomOaks.com  
President ROCC ■

## 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 on the website at [RansomOaks.com/Facilities](http://RansomOaks.com/Facilities)



## 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.*

*Thanks Maureen!" ■*

## Ransom Oaks

# Gardening Committee

*If gardening's your thing, please join our Ransom Oaks Gardening Committee.*

Email [jstewart@ransomoaks.com](mailto:jstewart@ransomoaks.com) for information on the gardening committee. ■



## 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 30 minute lesson. ■

## Around Ransom Oaks

# Ransom Oaks Management Update

Summer is in full gear and a staycation here at Ransom Oaks could be a ton of fun. Please check out the calendar and review the chalk boards at each of the pools to get a look at what is happening in Ransom Oaks. Ransom Oaks Recreation Director, Jennifer Stewart and a few volunteers are planning events and programs throughout the summer, but we want to expand on this. Ransom Oaks is looking for people interested in hosting events that interest them. If you have an idea that you can spearhead, please let us know.

We are aware that there are still some folks that do not have **pool tags**. If you have not received pool tags, please contact management at 508-7622. Some tags were lost by USPS. If you did not submit information with payment or survey, then there was no information available to send the correct number of tags for residents. Some payments were mistakenly sent to incorrect billing address and some were late. A few bank checks were submitted with no name or local address to link payment to correct property. Also, a significant number of checks have been lost by USPS. If your check has not yet cleared at the bank, then we have not received it. Please cancel check and reissue, such that we can issue you pool tags. We have worked with USPS to resolve these problems. If you notice a problem with your mail, please submit written letter to USPS, such that they get required documentation to investigate further.

**Programming for the pool parties and swim lessons** has changed a bit.

**Pool parties** must be booked the same as the clubhouses are reserved. You must go on-line and print the form for Facility Use and submit to Ransom Oaks Community Corporation, along with your deposit of \$100. Deposit money is only held until the following day inspection and then your check is shredded, assuming there is no damage. In addition, you must now make your payment for lifeguard duty during pool parties to Ransom Oaks Community Corporation and not to the guards. The guards will receive the higher rate of pay for working a pool party and they get bonus points for the extra work. For parties of less than 40 people, 2 lifeguards are required, and the cost is \$95. If you are looking to book a party with 40 or more people, please leave your name and contact information on the Ransom Oaks message line at 508-7622. You must provide 2 weeks notice for pool parties.

Similarly, **private swim lessons** are paid to Ransom Oaks, but can be arranged with your lifeguard of choice. This can be planned at anytime before noon when your lifeguard of choice is not on lifeguard duty and they will be paid for their lesson by Ransom Oaks. Please complete the Private Swim Lesson form that you can get at the pool from lifeguards and submit with payment. Cost for private lessons is \$15/30 minute session and payable to Ransom Oaks Community Corporation.

**Group swim lesson** are offered during 2 different sessions and each of the 10 sessions is 30 minutes duration at a cost of \$40/child. **The first session begins June 25 and runs through July 6th.** The second session begins **July 9th and runs through July 20th.** Eveningwood and Ransom Oaks will offer this at 10:30am and Greenwood at 11am. Please make all checks payable to Ransom Oaks Community Corporation and either leave with guard or mail to 101 Ransom Oaks Drive, East Amherst, New York 14051.



## 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://ransomocks.com/calendar>; then print the form for 'Facility Use' from the website and submit to ROCC along with your \$100 deposit to book the reservation and allow us to make arrangements for life guards. See details in the Management Update.

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

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



SUN  
LOVES  
SUMMER

Arts and Crafts will begin on June 28, 2018 and will be every summer Thursday at the following times: Greenwood at 9am; Eveningwood at 10am; and Ransom Oaks at 11am.

We appreciate all the residents who are helping with all these events and projects.....

Thank you!

Michelle

ROCC Management

716-508-ROCC

FacilitiesManager@RansomOaks.com ■

# Bramhill Playground Eagle Scout Project Update

Bramhill Playground Eagle Scout Project Thanks to some great organizing by Connor Strong (and his mom!) the re-mulching of the playground was very successful! Many thanks to the volunteers that came ready to transport "Mount Mulch" from the street to it's designated area. The job was completed fairly quickly with several teens operating a "wheelbarrow train", back and forth. It was wonderful to have older kids lending hands to make the job go smoothly! Several adults were on hand to shovel up the mulch pile and spread it out at the other end.

Connor had water, snacks, and pizza ready for this event and everyone had a pleasant time refueling after a job well done!

Keep an eye out for more of Connor's progress as he shapes up the "dinosaur playground".

*Keep up the great work Connor!!* ■



If you're a Boy Scout, Girl Scout or group looking for volunteer opportunities around our community like Connor, contact Michelle at 716-508-ROCC & leave a message or email at [facilitiesmanager@ransomoaks.com](mailto:facilitiesmanager@ransomoaks.com). ■

# Summer 2018

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**Independence Day**  
 July 4

**ROCC Mtg**  
 July 9



**Bastille Day**  
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**Food Truck**  
 July 21



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Classes located near the bandstand.

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

## **Farmers' Market at the Mill**



**Saturdays, thru October 27th, 8 am -1pm**

**Amherst Town Hall Parking Lot, Williamsville, NY**

**Rain or Shine**

Local produce, crafts, flowers, baked goods and more for sale on the Island.

**Details:** <http://williamsvillefarmersmarket.com>. ■

### **Around Town**

## **Town of Amherst Student Slogan Contest**

The Town of Amherst, NY is seeking slogans from all Amherst residents attending public, private, and home school high school students that best describes what makes Amherst a great place to live. The slogans should be short phrases comprised of two to eight words.

All entries must be received by Friday, September 14th, 2018 by 4:00 p.m.

[http://www.amherst.ny.us/pdf/trackus/attachments/dept\\_08-180611a.pdf](http://www.amherst.ny.us/pdf/trackus/attachments/dept_08-180611a.pdf).

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### **Around Town**

## **Street Light Repair**

If you come upon a streetlight that is out or not functioning properly please record the pole # and report it to Amherst Highway at 631-7117. We will then notify National Grid on your behalf. ■



2018 Amherst Garden Walk, July 7  
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Details: [www.facebook.com/BloomingAmherst](http://www.facebook.com/BloomingAmherst) ■



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**JULY** — movies start at 9:00pm

- 6 - Despicable Me 3 @ Bassett Park
- 13 - Jumanji @ Bassett Park
- 20 - Coco @ Island Park
- 27 - Paddington 2 @ Willow Ridge Park

**AUGUST** — movies start at 8:30pm

- 10 - Wonder @ Bassett Park
- 17 - Sherlock Gnomes @ Bassett Park
- 24 - Beauty and the Beast @ Island Park

*Rain Site Locations:*

- Bassett Park—Clearfield Indoor Gym
- Island Park—Williamsville Meeting House
- Willow Ridge Park—Willow Ridge Elementary

[www.amherstyouthandrec.org](http://www.amherstyouthandrec.org)

## Around Town Yard Waste Pickup

Each year from April 1st through November 30th your yard waste will be collected separately on your designated collection day.

All yard waste must be placed within five feet of the curb, but not in the street. It must be separate from garbage and trash.

Material must be placed in containers with two manufactured handles such as garbage cans or bushel baskets with covers removed. Yard waste totes are also acceptable. Containers must not exceed 60 pounds in weight or 40 gallon capacity.



Yard waste will NOT be collected in plastic bags. Branches and shrub trimmings up to 6 inches in diameter should be cut into easily handled lengths, no greater than 4 feet even if placed in cans or securely bundled. ■

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JULY	AUGUST
<b>11</b> <b>ALEX RENE BIG BAND</b>	<b>1</b> <b>FRIENDS OF HARMONY</b> (Barbershop)
<b>18</b> <b>BEATLEMAGIC</b> <i>Sponsored by Aesthetic Associates Centre</i>	<b>8</b> <b>BUFFALO NIAGARA CONCERT BAND</b> <i>Sponsored by the Jolly Boys</i>
<b>25</b> <b>AMERICAN LEGION BAND OF THE TONAWANDAS</b> (Patriotic) <i>Sponsored by Amherst Police Club</i>	<b>15</b> <b>BOBBY MILITELLO</b> (Jazz)

# 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:** Ransom Oaks Community Corp (716) 508-ROCC (be sure to leave a message), newsletter@ransomoaks.com

**2. Pay via PayPal or major credit/debit card** via PayPal.com to payments@ransomoaks.com. Indicate which month(s) to apply your payment.

**3. 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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# July

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## Next ROCC Meeting:

**Monday • July 9, 2017**

**6:30pm @ Greenwood Dr Recreation Center.**

MEETINGS begin at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Center the 2nd Monday of each month except for Oct & Nov 2018 which are 2nd Tuesdays.

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. ■*

## 2018 Meetings

July 9  
Aug 13  
Sept 10

Oct 9\*  
Nov 13\*  
Dec 10

## Charlesgate Meeting:

second Wednesday of each month.

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

- **Charlesgate, Glen Oak** Clover Management, 688-4503
  - **Forest Edge** R & D Property Management of WNY, 688-2083
  - **Briarwoods or Woodgate** Andruschat Real Estate Service, 688-4757
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