



**WELCOME TO THE NEW AND IMPROVED RAVENA PLANT QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER! THIS IS PART OF OUR ONGOING EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN OUR LOCAL TIES AND KEEP RESIDENTS INFORMED ABOUT OUR OPERATIONS, VOLUNTEER AND GIVING EFFORTS, AND FUTURE PLANS.**

## **FROM HOLCIM TO AMRIZE: NEW NAME, SAME VALUES**

You probably noticed that things look a little different around here; this is the plant's first newsletter under its new name – Amrize Ravena.

Amrize is the spin-off of Holcim's North American business. It is an independent, publicly traded company that aims to be the region's leading building solutions provider – from foundation to rooftop.

The name "Amrize" blends two concepts that are core to our company's work: Ambition – the commitment to high-performance and innovation – and Rising – the drive to lead vital construction projects forward across our service area.

The Amrize motto - "build your ambition" – captures the passion of our employees and our customer-focus on being the partner of choice for the builders of North America.

Holcim announced the planned spin-off of Amrize last February. The transformation was completed

on June 22, when Amrize shares began trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and the SIX Swiss Exchange under the ticker symbol "AMRZ."

Amrize has more than 1,000 sites across the U.S. and Canada and more than 19,000 employees, serving a wide range of construction markets – from infrastructure, commercial and residential to new build, repair and refurbishment.

Though the company name and logo have changed, our commitment to excellence at the Ravena plant and support of the community remain the same. The official rebrand of our site is a number of months off, but we expect that there will be a formal announcement and celebration when that moment comes.

We'll keep you posted!

*NOTE: The three photos you see at the top of this newsletter are examples of projects in which our cement was used. They are: The Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge (formerly known as the Tappan Zee), The High Line (a linear park in Manhattan), and Little Island (an artificial island and public park on the Hudson River off Manhattan's West Side).*



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## BYE-BYE BOOMER'S GARAGE

The plant recently marked another big milestone and a closing of a significant chapter in its decades-long history: The demolition of the former Boomer's Garage.

The building, once owned and operated by Oscar H. Boomer, who started his business in 1946, was used for storage but had fallen into disrepair. Its contents were emptied, and the structure was dismantled and removed between April and May of 2025.

Mr. Boomer was the lead plaintiff in a 1969 lawsuit against one of the plant's former owners, Atlantic Cement. Along with several other landowners, Mr. Boomer claimed that the plant constituted a nuisance because it was generating dirt, smoke, and vibrations that disrupted the community.

A trial court ruled in favor of Mr. Boomer et al. and awarded the group damages but also rejected their request for an injunction that would have resulted in the plant's closure. On appeal, New York State's highest court considered for the first time whether permanent damages were the appropriate remedy rather than an injunction.

The high court weighed the fact that the closure of Atlantic Cement's plant would threaten its more than \$45 million investment in the facility as well as 350 jobs. In the end, it granted an injunction due to the nuisance the plant constituted but vacated the injunction upon the payment of some \$185,000 in permanent damages to the plaintiffs.

This was a landmark, precedent-setting case that is still cited today in economic research and legal cases.

The demolition of Boomer's Garage allows the plant to turn a page in its history and recommit to being a good neighbor by focusing on implementing sustainable practices in keeping with the company-wide pledge to attain net zero emissions by 2050.



## SUPPORTING LOCAL YOUTH BASEBALL

We were happy to support the dedication Q1 operator Justin Grygas has for coaching and managing his son's 13U baseball team, the Capital City Clippers, by donating \$2,000 for the purchase of new player uniforms.

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The contribution enabled the team to buy two different uniforms – one in blue camouflage, the other a patriotic red, white, and blue. The camo is a digital version used by the U.S. Navy and was adopted by the team in honor of Mr. Grygas' deceased Navy veteran brother.

The uniforms – jerseys, pants, and hats – were made by the Colonie-based company Built2Win Sportswear.



## COOKING THINGS UP AT THE SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Project of Ravena was recently able to purchase a new, commercial-grade oven, thanks to

a \$13,000 contribution from the plant. The existing oven was on its last legs, and this new, high-end version will make cooking and baking meals for hungry seniors faster and easier than before.

The oven contribution furthers an already strong relationship between the plant and Senior Projects of Ravena. Last year, as you might recall, the plant contributed \$20,000, which was matched by \$24,000 from local individuals and business donors, to help the organization purchase two new SUVs.

The new vehicles enable Senior Projects of Ravena to provide a wide variety of services – from transportation to medical appointments and assistance with shopping and small chores to in-person wellness checks. It also allows for the delivery of about 80 hot meals to homebound seniors in Southern Albany County, supplementing the 200+ meals served on-site at the senior center every week.



## FOSSIL HUNTING AT THE QUARRY

In tandem with the Ravena-Coeymans School District, the Ravena plant recently hosted local 3rd graders for a fossil hunt at the quarry.

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This STEM-focused event focused on geology and archaeology, with a dose of biology thrown in for good measure thanks to the animal skeletons that can sometimes be found in the area.

This educational and fun event, which also featured snacks, was made possible by quarry manager Brian Soeffing, who has been with the plant since 2018.



When he's not coordinating educational field trips for local students, Brian develops training plans for operators, procures the heavy equipment necessary to run the quarry, and ensures that all the product produced at the quarry meets our quality and quantity goals.

Thanks for all you do to make the plant a success and to foster stronger ties to the community, Brian!



## HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!

Keep an eye out for our billboard on I-787, close to the I-90 exit (if you're traveling toward Albany), which features our new Amrize logo and colors! We hope you and your family and friends enjoy a safe and happy summer season. Stay hydrated and don't forget the sunscreen!

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you want to learn more about the plant or perhaps are interested in joining the Community Advisory Committee, please contact us at [ravena@amrize.com](mailto:ravena@amrize.com).





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