



Ransom Oaks News

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2015 Thirty-Five Years of Ransom Oaks News

April 2015

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

Spring Welcome!

The Ransom Oaks Board of Directors consists of volunteers &



residents who are elected to office by a vote of the ROCC membership. They strive to keep Ransom Oaks strong and vital for the coming generations and invite you to attend any monthly meeting, as listed on the back cover of each newsletter. ■

Ransom Oaks... a great place to live.

Ransom Oaks Annual Garage Sale

As we come out of hibernation and celebrate the start of Spring, it's time to start thinking about warmer days and you know what that means... Spring cleaning!

Please keep the June **Annual Ransom Oaks Garage Sale** in mind while you clean. Many seasoned Garage Sellers from across Western New York look forward to our community-wide sale!

Watch for details in upcoming issues of *Ransom Oaks News!* ■



Resident's Forum Safety First



With some luck, the snow has made its last appearance for this year and it's time to emerge from our winter hibernation.

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

Neighbors disguised as runners, walkers and bikers are taking to the streets and sidewalks.

As we move outside take a few extra moments for added care driving through our community.



Share with newer drivers that spring brings everyone out of hibernation, especially children at play.

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

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Who-to-Call

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

- **Charlesgate or Glen Oak**
Clover Management, 688.4503
- **Briarwoods, Forest Edge, or Woodgate**
Andruschat Real Estate Service, 688.4757
- **Ransom Oaks Architectural Matters** (regarding Single-family homes ONLY!) Mike Hartman, 406.8557
- **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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Happy Birthday!

Our April Celebrations



Ann Merrill	??
April 1	
Juliette Bassanelli	25
April 6	
James Sawaya	28
April 6	
Ayden Hansen	13
April 7	
Danny Taylor	22
April 7	
Andrew Marsden	17
April 7	
Yosseline Eisenbaum	17
April 9	
Julia Tirone	22
April 9	
Allison Greiner	10
April 9	
John Killigrew	20
April 11	
Courtney Herlan	13
April 12	
Andrew Kissel	13
April 14	
Carl Copeland	22
April 18	
Chase Verrastro	12
April 18	
Sydney Deck	16
April 21	
Michael Goodrich	27
April 22	
Matthew O'Connor	21
April 22	
Jessica Long	28
April 22	
Matt Lester	24
April 22	
Erica Lyskawa	22
April 23	
William Shakespeare	451
April 23	
Paul Cook	22
April 26	
Meghan Taylor	22
April 26	
Chris Lester	26
April 26	
Michael Moeller	21
April 29	
Elanor Harris	16

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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* Member Architectural Committee

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



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Facilities Report



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

Tennis courts will be available at the first sign of nice weather. 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) 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 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! We are in contact with the Town of Amherst and are hoping they will return to Eveningwood with Imagine Station.

If you have not paid your 2015 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. Lien proceedings will begin in May.

Look in next month's newsletter for another seasonw 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
716.691.7352 ■

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Summer Employment Opportunities

This year we are hiring **Lifeguards** and a dedicated **part-time Cleaning Person**.

Certification is required for Lifeguards. Cleaning Person applicants must have experience & references.

To **apply online**, visit our online application form directly at <http://www.ransomoaks.com/openings>. For your convenience, the form is broken into multiple pages. Complete the form and "Submit" to easily apply. ■

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Around Ransom Oaks

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

Let us know what's going on with your group and we can feature you in the newsletter.

Our monthly deadline is the 15th for delivery between the 1st-3rd. Include a picture or two.

It's easy... drop an email to

newsletter@ransomoaks.com. ■

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Canned Food Drive

Girl Scout Troop 30786 will visit Ransom Oaks April 17 and 18 for our annual "Scouting for Food" canned goods drive.

On the **afternoon of April 17**, we will distribute bags to the North end of Glen Oak Drive, Honeysuckle Way, Ruby Lane, Odessa Drive/Court and Opal, Ginger, Topaz and Lilybrook courts. We will return the morning of April 18 to collect bags of food from your front porches.

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Building Rental

Consider hosting your event at one or our Ransom Oaks facilities.

Begin by visiting <http://www.RansomOaks.com> to check the calendar for availability. Next print, complete and send the Building Request Form to Tom & Kathy Halter, 38 Maricrest Drive, Amherst, 14228. If you have questions, do not hesitate to call Tom & Kathy at (716)691-7352.

The Building Request form must be received two weeks prior to the requested date. ■

Around Town
April Events



Carriage Rides @ Canalside

Fri (6-9pm), Sat(12-3pm, 6-9pm), Sun(12-3pm) through April

Canalside

Eden Carriage is bringing a whole new way to experience Canalside. On Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through April, old fashion horse and carriage rides will be available for \$5 per person. Take a 15 minute romantic or family ride around the area and see everything the district has to offer.

Cost: \$5 per person.

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

Pancake Breakfast

Apr 19, May 10, June 14 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, "Egglands Best" eggs, link and patty sausages, juice, coffee, and tea.

Cost: Adults \$7.00/ Children ages 5-12, \$3.00. Children under 5, free. ■

Quarterly Book Club

Thurs, Apr 23 7-9pm

Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village

Our chosen book for the month of April is The Secrets of Mary Bowser by Lois Leveen.

Cost: \$30 for year, includes annual membership to BNHV.

Details: <http://www.bnhv.org>

Mark Your Calendar

Passover Starts April 3



Easter Sunday April 5



Tax Day April 15



Earth Day April 22

Administrative Professionals Day April 22



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-Ben and Annessa Kujawinski, White Cedar Dr.

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-Lindsay and Jeremy Mang, Whispering Ct.

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-Robert Muzzio, Periwinkle Ct.

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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:

Terry Collins, Editor, 980.5470, 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.

CLASSIFIED AD RATES

Promote your service or sell an item. Thirty word maximum per ad.

RESIDENTS: ■ \$8/mo.

NON-RESIDENTS: ■ \$11/mo.

DISPLAY AD RATES

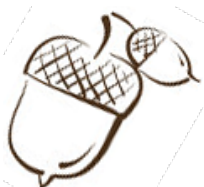
- 2 Col. (4.75" x 1.5" high) Ad: \$37/mo.
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- 1/3 Page Ad: 3 Col. x 3" \$85/mo.
- 1/2 Page Ad: 3 Col. x 4.5" \$125/mo.
- 2/3 Page Ad: 3 Col. x 6" \$155/mo.
- Full Page Ad: 3 Col. x 9.5" \$235/mo.

Bakers Dozen - Buy any 12 months of single-size ad & receive 1 month free

Advertising Notes

Residents who place an ad in the Ransom Oaks News will no longer receive a duplicate copy mailed to their home. This is in an effort to be more green by not generating extra paper to be recycled and to reduce costs associated with printing. ■

Note: The R.O.C.C. Board of Directors and Staff do not necessarily have personal knowledge, nor are they able to recommend the advertisers who choose to advertise in this newsletter. ■





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Car Corner Did you know? ...



As the days continue to warm up, April is the month to check in with your local mechanic before the days get filled with our warm weather activities.

Is it time for an oil change, air conditioning check or charge, periodic maintenance or a NY State inspection?

When you drop off your car, remember to ask to have your wipers checked and fluids topped off. ■

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April

Please visit our web site at www.ransomoaks.com

**Next ROCC Meeting:
Monday • April 13, 2015
6:30pm @ Greenwood Facility.**

MEETINGS begin at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Center the 2nd Monday of each month except for Oct 2015 when it's the 2nd 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. ■

2015 Meetings

April 13
May 11
June 8
July 13

August 10
September 14
October 13
November 9
December 14

Charlesgate Meeting:

second Wednesday of each month.

Forest Edge Meeting:

fourth Tuesday of each month.

**April 15
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