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October 2015

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

October Fall Greetings!

Casey Cougar Country 5K • Columbus Day • National Boss' Day • United Nations Day • Halloween

Around Town

Casey Cougar Country 5K Run

Join us Sunday, October 25 at 1:00pm for the Casey Cougar Country 5k. We'll take you on an exhilarating and challenging Fall Cross Country run through Cougar country. Imagine running through the beautiful October foliage to conquer the North Peanut Trail.

The race is to benefit the Casey Middle PTA. If you are interested in being a sponsor or volunteer please contact Shelly Cavalier at cavaliershelly@gmail.com.

Awards will be presented to the first place overall male and female finisher along with the top male and female runner in age groups.

Runners can register online at <http://www.racemanagementsolutions.com> until October 22. Paper applications will be available on race day right up to race start. ■



Resident's Forum



Thank you to Tom & Kathy Halter for yet another wonderful summer season at the Ransom Oaks pools & facilities.

We enjoyed relaxing, fun-filled hours at the pool and are looking forward to next year.

Thanks Again! ■

Mark Your Calendar



Columbus Day
Oct 12

Halloween
Oct 31



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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!

Celebrating October Birthdays



Cara Diati	26
October 1	
Heather Lewandowski	25
October 2	
Heather DelGaudio	27
October 3	
Kimberly Berus	25
October 4	
Keegan Gillman	14
October 4	
Shannon Gestwick	16
October 5	
Allison Janczak	17
October 6	
Jack Manzella	17
October 6	
Emma Wiepert	17
October 6	
Kelsey Swanekamp	26
October 7	
Andrew Koginos	24
October 9	
Scott Sims	22
October 12	
Mark Rapp	6
October 13	
Gabrielle Marong	12
October 15	
Nathan Kwandras	21
October 16	
Abigail Gnozzo	17
October 17	
Katie Elkan	25
October 23	
Sydni Winters	14
October 26	
Theodore Roosevelt	157
October 27	
Alexis Zee	21
October 27	
Caitlin Butler	25
October 28	
Delaney Gillman	16
October 31	

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



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Facilities Report

Pools closed as of Labor Day and we are now in the process of closing the recreational areas.

It was a good summer—we hope you made time to enjoy the facilities.

With Halloween just around the corner, we just want to mention that if you do see vandalism occurring, please call the police immediately. Don't be afraid to call if you see children hanging on the "common grounds" of Ransom Oaks. This is the only way we are going to stop the mischief that is occurring.

Please remember that trailers, commercial vehicles, and political signs are not allowed in front of your home. Please be a good neighbor and adhere to the covenants of our community.

Tom and Kathy Halter
Ransom Oaks Facilities Managers
tkhalter@ransomoaks.com
716.691.7352 ■



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Around Ransom Oaks

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

Can we help publicize an event or fund raiser?

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

It's easy... drop an email to newsletter@ransomoaks.com. Please include date, time, cost, contact info and a brief description of your event. ■



Join us for our

Monthly ROCC Meeting

Learn what's happening in Ransom Oaks

Next meetings

Oct 13 (Tues), Nov 9, Dec 8

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Casey Middle Night @ Alex & Ani

Get a jump on Holiday Shopping!

Can't get enough of those Alex and Ani bangle bracelets? Need gift ideas for Sweetest Day, Christmas, Hanukkah, dance recitals & concerts, First Communion, Confirmations, Bat Mitzvahs, birthdays, and other celebrations?

Monday, October 19, 6:00-8:00 pm
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Williamsville, NY 14221

A percentage of the sales will benefit our students at Casey Middle School. Invite your friends & family! Have out-of-town friends call in and place orders (716-204-8836) for that night (must mention Casey Middle when ordering).

Questions? Contact Andrea Stepien at aastepien@yahoo.com.

Check out the store at www.alexandani.com. ■

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Building Rental

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

Visit <http://RansomOaks.com/calendar> to check the calendar for availability. Next print, complete & send the Building Request Form to Tom & Kathy Halter, 38 Maricrest Drive, Amherst, 14228. The Building Request form must be received two weeks prior to the requested date. ■

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Baby-Sitting Info Update

We're updating the Ransom Oaks Baby-Sitting Information Network information.

Please forward an email to:

newsletter@ransomoaks.com

to update age, phone number or Red Cross Babysitting Course Completion. Thank You!

Any names not updated will be removed with the December edition.

Terry Collins
Ransom Oaks News Editor
newsletter@ransomoaks.com ■

Board of Director's Meeting Highlights

September 14, 2015

- Seven residents attended the meeting. Topics discussed:
 - Will the pool furniture be washed? Yes, it has been.
 - Lifeguards are sometimes intimidated by adults. Well, typically they are raised to respect adults and seldom encounter adults that don't merit respect.
 - Food in the pool area:
 - Some residents have almost a picnic in the pool area.
 - Guards have had a pizza while working. It may be that they didn't get a lunch break. That is better than closing the pool so they can eat.
 - Lifeguards were talking to each other while on duty.
 - An adult was doing laps in the crowded pool, interfering with swimmers.
- On windy days the umbrellas should be put down so they don't fly away and hurt someone.
- Parents don't discipline their children. When a lifeguard speaks to a child the parent should reinforce the lifeguard and not allow the misbehaving to continue.
- The pools were cleaner this year and the temperature was controlled better.
- Perhaps a table could be put under the awning at Greenwood.
- There were thirteen lifeguards this year. The head guards work 40 hours a week and perhaps a few others also. The rest work less hours.
- A guard was seen texting while on duty. Guards can retain their cellphones because a guard had one stolen when it was left out of her possession. But they should use it only in emergency situations.
- The budget for guards pays for 13 guards to guard three pools, 10 or more hours a day for over 100 days.
- The lawsuit against the resident that sold part of their property is still waiting for rulings by Judge Michalski.
 - Qui iustitiam moratur iustitiam negat
 - Iustitiam morari iniustitia est
- We are running about \$23,000 under budget but \$11,000 is an accounting issue. We are actually about \$12,000 under budget due primarily to delayed capital improvements, gas and electricity savings and lower legal expenses.
- We are considering a "Town Meeting" to discuss what can be done to improve the "pool experience." More information to follow.
- For the last days of the pools, hours were restricted because only six lifeguards remained.
- There have been some reassignment of duties amongst board members.

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Fall Leaf Collection

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To learn more about fall leaf pickup, visit the website at http://www.amherst.ny.us/pdf/announce/dept_11_130923a.pdf.

Around Town

October

Farmers' Market at the Mill

Saturdays, through October 31st, 8 am - 1pm

Island Park, Williamsville, NY

Rain or Shine

Note our *move to Island Park.*

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

Haunted History Ghost Walk

Fridays in Oct, 9-10:30pm

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



AARP Safe Driving Course

The Alfred J. Jurek Post 1672 at 655 New Rd. will again host the AARP Safe Driving Course on **November 7, 2015**. This 6 hour, 1 day course should entitle you to a liability insurance premium reduction.

The class will start at 8:30am. Registration check in is at 8:00-8:15. The cost is \$20.00 for AARP members and \$25.00 for non-members. Be sure to bring your AARP membership card with your check or cash payment.

Lunch will be available at noon @ \$5.00 and coffee, donuts & hard rolls will be for sale in the morning. Space is limited.

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Oct 11, Nov 22, Dec 13

8am - 12:30pm

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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.

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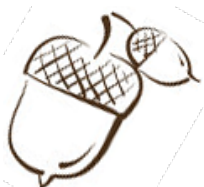
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Residents who place an ad in the Ransom Oaks News will no longer receive a duplicate copy mailed to their home. This is in an effort to be more green by not generating extra paper to be recycled and to reduce costs associated with printing. ■

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October

Please visit our web site at www.ransomoaks.com

Next ROCC Meeting:
Tuesday • October 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

October 13
November 9
December 14

Oct 15
Deadline for
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Charlesgate Meeting:

second Wednesday of each month.

Forest Edge Meeting:

fourth Tuesday of each month.

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