



# Ransom Oaks News

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November 2015

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

## Happy Thanksgiving!

Election Day • Thanksgiving • Black Friday • Daylight Saving Time Ends • Veterans Day

### ROCC Board of Directors Seeks Volunteer Directors

The annual election for Ransom Oaks Board of Directors will take place on **Monday, January 11, 2015**. To learn more about serving a three-year term as a Director, please contact ROCC At-Large Board Member **Forrest Benson** at 310.4984(c), 688.4688(h) or forrestbenon4@gmail.com.

Please **notify Forrest by November 8, 2015** in order to be reviewed by the Nominating Committee. Potential candidates should plan on submitting a biography (250 words or less) by **November 17, 2015**.

The election is open to Ransom Oaks Community Corporation property owners who have paid their assessments and have no outstanding liens against their property. ■



Happy Thanksgiving from the Ransom Oaks Board & Staff to each of you & your families!



### Join us for our Monthly ROCC Meeting

Learn what's happening in Ransom Oaks  
Next meetings  
Nov 9, Dec 14

### Ransom Oaks

### 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 November Birthdays



<b>Stephen Berus</b> .....	27
November 2	
<b>Sarah Morison</b> .....	23
November 2	
<b>Mike Elkan</b> .....	
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<b>Melissa Bonvissuto</b> .....	31
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<b>Margaret Mitchell</b> .....	115
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November 10	
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November 12	
<b>Joshua Moore</b> .....	25
November 12	
<b>Kathryn O'Malley</b> .....	21
November 14	
<b>Laura Goodrich</b> .....	35
November 15	
<b>Kathleen Goodrich</b> .....	26
November 15	
<b>Megan Knowles</b> .....	32
November 18	
<b>Lindsey Hawkins</b> .....	23
November 22	
<b>Gabrielle Alexis Ciambella</b> .....	13
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<b>Victoria Egleston</b> .....	15
November 24	
<b>Richard Long</b> .....	25
November 24	
<b>William Gregory</b> .....	12
November 27	
<b>Joey Maruca</b> .....	25
November 28	
<b>Janet Woser</b> .....	28
November 29	

**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.

<b>Mark Walsh, President</b>	406.7008	mwalsh@ransomoaks.com
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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

<b>Kathy &amp; Tom Halter, Facilities Managers</b>	691.7352	tkhalter@ransomoaks.com
<b>Terry Collins, News Editor/Designer</b>	980.5470	newsletter@ransomoaks.com



## Ransom Oaks

# Facilities Report

All facilities are closed for the season, and we are now in the process of **preparing the budget** for the 2016 season.

This year, we had approximately **11,000 swimmers** through the course of the summer. This emphasizes what a great neighborhood Ransom Oaks is to live in and how busy the facilities are.

As we look ahead to next year, we will continue to budget updating the common ground areas that will ultimately enhance the values of properties within Ransom Oaks.

If you are **considering being a lifeguard** this is the time to get certified. Usually courses are offered through continuing education and the Red Cross.

Lastly, we need to talk about **vandalism**. It is in the community's best interest to **notify the police** if you see people hanging around the facilities after hours or vandalizing any areas within our community.



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

## Ransom Oaks

# Around Ransom Oaks

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

Can we help publicize an event or fund raiser? Raise awareness of a cause you are working on?

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. Email pictures in jpg or pdf format. ■



## Ransom Oaks

# Adult Activities 2016

We would like to begin planning and budgeting more adult activities within the Ransom Oaks Community for 2016.

**We need you!** Your help with ideas and planning are what will take this from a great idea to some fun evenings with new & old friends. From social evenings to outings around town - a show, museum or new restaurant or brewery tour - anything is possible.

If you're interested in being on a committee or would like to plan a adult community event, please give Tom & Kathy Halter a call (691-7352) or email at tkhalter@ransomoaks.com. ■

## Ransom Oaks

# 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. ■

## Ransom Oaks

# Baby-Sitting Info Update

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

Please forward an email to:

[newsletter@ransomoaks.com](mailto: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](mailto:newsletter@ransomoaks.com) ■

## Town of Amherst Fall Leaf Collection

### Correction

Town of Amherst-wide leaf collection begins **the week of October 19.**

All leaves at this time should be taken away by a resident's landscaper or the leaves can be placed in open garbage cans to be picked up during weekly garbage pickup. Open garbage cans will be picked up if there is brush in with the leaves.

The Highway Department will not begin leaf pickup until the week of October 19th. Leaf pick will continue systematically throughout the Town until Friday, December 4th weather permitting.



As a reminder, please keep leaves out of the street so that they do not plug the receivers and flood the streets.

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

**Veterans Day,  
November 11,  
Thank You to All Who  
Served!**



### Around Home

## Thanksgiving Fun Facts

Though many competing claims exist, the most familiar story of the first Thanksgiving took place in Plymouth Colony, in present-day Massachusetts, in 1621. More than 200 years later, President Abraham Lincoln declared the final Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving. Congress finally made Thanksgiving Day an official national holiday in 1941.

Sarah Josepha Hale, the enormously influential magazine editor and author who waged a tireless campaign to make Thanksgiving a national holiday in the mid-19th century, was also the author of the classic nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

In 2001, the U.S. Postal Service issued a commemorative Thanksgiving stamp. Designed by the artist Margaret Cusack in a style resembling traditional folk-art needlework, it depicted a cornucopia overflowing with fruits and vegetables, under the phrase "We Give Thanks."



Source: [www.history.com](http://www.history.com)



**This Black Friday  
& Small Business  
Saturday,  
Keep it Local!**

## Holidays Challenges

As we experience health issues, changes in mobility or aging-related issues, the holidays can transition from a loving, fun family time to a stressful time of the year. Here are some tips to relieve the stress.

- If one or two person meals has become the routine, cooking for the family may be easier if **everyone shares the job**.
- Get in the holiday spirit and get out by **planning holiday events**. If you enjoy a holiday concert or a drive to see the holiday lights, make a plan with a friend or family member to get in the holiday spirit.
- When gift giving becomes more work than joy, **consider the gift of time**. Share a family tradition by making a favorite recipe or sharing your stories over lunch. The gift of time is the most precious of all.

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## Around Town November

### Grain Elevator Illumination - Premiere

Wednesday, Nov 4, 5-9pm  
Canalside, Buffalo, NY

Join us from 5:00-9:00 pm on Wednesday November 4 to celebrate as we "flip the switch"- turning the Connecting Terminal Grain Elevator into a canvas for a modern-day work of art!

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

### Performance with Young Audiences of WNY: Kevin McCarthy, "Friends Forever Show"

Friday, Nov 6, 5:30pm  
Albright Knox Art Gallery

Celebrate friendship with Kevin McCarthy's upbeat, musical program, "Friends Forever Show!" This family-friendly concert promotes the simple keys to making joyful and enduring friendships.

Cost: Free.

Details: <http://www.albrightknox.org>. ■

### Pancake Breakfast

Nov 22, Dec 13

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.

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### Dino Daze

Saturday, November 14th, 10am -4pm

Museum of Science, Buffalo, NY

Join us for the unveiling of our newly restored Allosaurus, become a paleontologist for a day, get your photo taken with costumed dinosaur greeters, dive into our giant dig pit, celebrate Seymour and Stanley's 4th birthday, and more! All activities are included with general Museum admission and free for members.

Cost: Included with general Museum admission and free for members.

Details: <http://www.sciencebuff.org>. ■

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End of Daylight Savings Time

Nov 1

Election Day  
Nov 3



Veterans Day  
Nov 11

Thanksgiving  
Nov 26



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**1. Call or email:**

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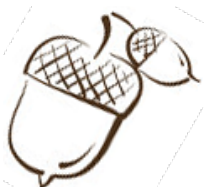
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- Full Page Ad: 3 Col. x 9.5" \$235/mo.

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**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. ■

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# November

Please visit our web site at [www.ransomoaks.com](http://www.ransomoaks.com)

**Next ROCC Meeting:**  
**Tuesday • November 9, 2015**  
**6:30pm @ Greenwood Facility.**

MEETINGS begin at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Center the 2nd Monday of each month.

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**  
November 9  
December 14

**Nov 15**  
Deadline for  
*Ransom Oaks News*  
**Dec issue**

**Charlesgate Meeting:**  
second Wednesday of each month.  
**Forest Edge Meeting:**  
fourth Tuesday of each month.

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