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## Ransom Oaks

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### Our August Celebrations



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## 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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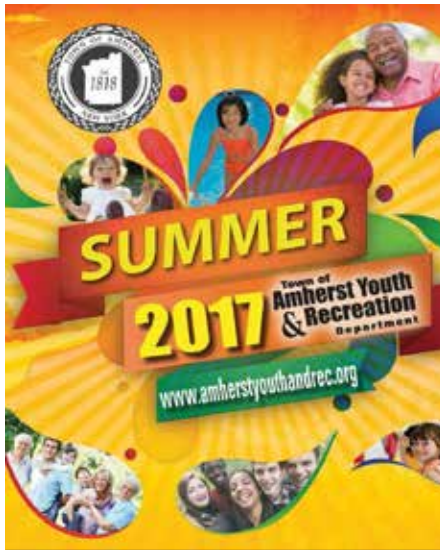
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## Ransom Oaks Staff

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### Ransom Oaks

## Facilities Report



If things go according to plans, by the time you read this Tom and Kathy Halter will have discontinued their association with Ransom Oaks. In order to keep the pools open, two board members, Jim Burke and Tony Ippolito will assume the roles of Tom and Kathy. In addition a number of residents have volunteered to assist the process. They are determined to fill the roles of Tom and Kathy and keep the pools open.

Keep in mind that toward the end of the season many of the lifeguards will be going off to school and will not be available. In all likelihood we will have to cut back hours at some of the pools like we always have. The hours will be posted at the pools and email messages will be sent. Be sure you have subscribed to our email list(s). See [RansomOaks.com](http://RansomOaks.com), the lower right.

Tom and Kathy were the “go to” persons for many items associated with Ransom Oaks. Until we hire a Property Management Company, any communications that would have gone to Tom or Kathy should be directed to:

Pete Calinski

[pcalinski@ransomoaks.com](mailto:pcalinski@ransomoaks.com)

716-616-0088

This would include scheduling of the meeting rooms and all other “Halter” associated items.

Some Board members will be responsible for writing checks to pay our various vendors and suppliers. Also, some Board members and a resident will assume the duties that the Halters performed for the Architectural Committee.

We hope to have a property Management Company on board by the time you read this. ■

### Ransom Oaks

## Bramhill Court Committee

There is an empty concrete space on Bramhill Court that can be repurposed as a fun and practical recreational area for residents. The board suggested that community members **form a committee to come up with options for the space.**

Currently, 6 people have expressed interest in being part of the committee. More members are welcome to join and **we want to extend the invitation to anyone in Ransom Oaks who would like to have input.** We'll look at the various alternatives, costing, maintenance and feasibility for the project. Some exciting ideas have already been shared.

To provide feedback or join the committee contact Karen Lawton at [karenlynn@yahoo.com](mailto:karenlynn@yahoo.com) or (716) 400-1705. ■

# Allan Davis hopes to enter Guinness Book with 11 Day Power Play



Ransom Oaks resident, Allan Davis, is hoping to become one of the latest members of the Guinness Book of World Records. Allan, along with 39 other players, skated in The 11 Day Power Play, skating over 250 continuous hours at Harbour Center from June 22nd, to July 3rd. He had begun skating at the age of 5, joining the Squirts Hockey League in Nova Scotia, Canada, at age 7.

The 11 Day Power Play had been brewing in the mind of Mike Lesakowski. Mike's wife, Amy, is a breast cancer survivor and Mike's Mother, Evelyn, lost her battle to cancer in 2016. After the passing of Mike's mother, Lesakowski decided it was time to do something since cancer had affected his close family members. Lesakowski began recruiting players who had a passion for hockey, loved Buffalo and wanted to help find a cure.



All 40 players lived, slept, ate, and skated at Harbour Center for 11 straight days. Each team had 20 players, including 2 goalies. Players would skate for 4 ½ hours, rest for 8½ hours, and then hit the ice for another 4 ½ hour skate. Occasionally player had shifts with only a 4 hour turn around before their next 4 ½ hour skate.

The overall goal - to raise 1 MILLION dollars - for cancer research at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Opening night, June 22nd, Mike and Amy were proud to announce they had reached their goal of \$1 Million dollars. Currently the monies raised are over \$1.2 million dollars with donations still being accepted. Each player was tasked with a personal fund raising goal of \$10,000 plus securing a Jersey sponsor of \$5,000. Allan's sponsor, Window World, stepped up to the plate. To date TEAM Davis has received over \$22,000 in donations.

Fellow Ransom Oak neighbors donated money and visited during Allan's skating shifts. Personal friend and neighbor, Lori Hogg, created a card campaign to help Davis stay motivated. Cards were delivered daily to a shoe box placed by the front door at the Davis house. Tammy, Allan's wife, would then sneak the cards to Allan's bed for him to read.

Guinness will take about 6 weeks to verify all tapes and statistics before declaring The 11 Day Power Play as a record breaking event. For more information or to make a donation, visit [www.11daypowerplay.com](http://www.11daypowerplay.com). ■



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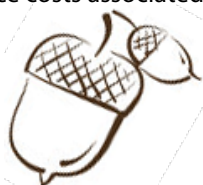
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**Monday • August 14, 2017**  
**6:30pm @ Greenwood Drive Recreation Center.**

MEETINGS begin at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Center the 2nd Monday of each month except for the October 2017 meeting which is on 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. ■*

## 2017 Meetings

August 14  
September 11

October 10  
November 13  
December 11

## Charlesgate Meeting:

second Wednesday of each month.

## Forest Edge Meeting:

fourth Tuesday of each month.

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