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### Ransom Oaks Gardening Committee

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Community Meeting  
Monday, August 13  
6:30pm @  
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## Ransom Oaks

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School District



Tuesday, September 4

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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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**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

*Facilities Manager - please see contact info on page 1 for your community Newsletter* [newsletter@ransomoaks.com](mailto:newsletter@ransomoaks.com)



## President's Update



On behalf of all the board members, we pass along our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the victim of the recent Smith road fatality. As a result of this terrible accident I will spend this month's newsletter discussing road related safety

Many of the streets within Ransom Oaks have sidewalks, but many others don't. Roads such as Smith and New were planned and built exclusively with cars in mind. Over the decades our communities have grown. Traffic has increased significantly yet the roads have not changed. On any given day you can will see people walking, running and cycling along these roads. We are all legally permitted to use the road. We cannot change the physical layout of our roads, but our attitude and our actions can greatly improve road safety.

Safety involves all parties so I will break it down by Motorist, Pedestrians and finally Cyclists.

### Motorists:

First and foremost pay attention! Keep a look out for kids that might run into the street. When you do come upon a pedestrian or cyclists, please pass with care. There is no need to honk your horn when passing. Slow down and pass with care. NY State only specified passing with care, 27 other States have a 3-foot passing rule. Even if this is not a legal requirement here, it is a great rule to follow. It is very easy to underestimate the amount of space you give pedestrians or cyclists when passing. From inside the car it may seem fine, but always remember that those outside the car have nothing around them to protect them. Any accidental contact could have devastating consequences. Therefore, be considerate and pass with care.

### Pedestrians and runners:

If possible please use the sidewalks. Always walk or run AGAINST traffic. As a pedestrian or runner you need to see a vehicle approaching. Don't wear headphones in both ears. You need to be able to hear and have full situational awareness. If you will be on streets without sidewalks, wear bright clothing. Even on sunny days, shade from trees can make a pedestrian or runners hard to see. The more visible you are, the more time a motorist has to move out of your way. If you will be on the road during low light conditions consider purchasing an ANSI rated safety vest. Many products sold at sporting goods stores do not carry the ANSI rating and therefore may not provide much visibility. These ANSI rated vests guarantee proper reflectivity and can be purchased on-line or locally at stores such as Harbor Freight for under \$5. If you will be on the road in cold weather, consider purchasing an oversized vest and put it over your clothing.

### Cyclists:

Always ride WITH traffic. Ride straight and predictable as far to the right of the lane as road conditions allow. When you approach intersections, line up with the cars. After clearing the intersection, move back over to the right side of the lane. Avoid sidewalks, in many municipalities riding a bike on a sidewalk is illegal. By riding with traffic, cars have more time to see you and react. If you want to see what is coming up behind you, there are a variety of mirrors available to either mount into your bike or helmet for under \$20.

As with pedestrians and runners, do not wear headphones or earbuds in both ears, it is illegal. Wear bright clothing so you can be seen. If you are riding in low light conditions wear an ANSI rated safety vest. If you will be riding after dark, front and rear lights are mandatory under NY State law. You don't have to spend a fortune, but you need to make sure that you can be seen. A personal favorite of mine are Planet Bike's rear "Super Flash" and front "Blaze" lights. You can get a set for under \$75.

I hope everyone is enjoying the great summer weather we have been experiencing. Please come out and participate in one of the events being organized through ROCC.

André Lam

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President ROCC ■

## Party or Meeting Coming Up ?

Let Ransom Oaks help with the location.

Details on the website at [RansomOaks.com/Facilities](http://RansomOaks.com/Facilities) ■

### Ransom Oaks

## Private Swim Lessons @ All Pools

Private swim lessons for children or adults are available at any Ransom Oaks pool. Please contact any of the life guards at your favorite pool to schedule your private swim lesson.

The cost is \$15.00 for a 30 minute lesson. ■

## Around Ransom Oaks

# Ransom Oaks Management Update

This has been terrific summer weather, if you have a pool to cool off in. We are fortunate to have these community pools. Maintaining them requires vigilance. This year we have had to replace 2 pumps, large gasket, one pool heater, pool lights, and several smaller items. Between the various inspections by Department of Health, Town Electrical inspector and Fire Inspector, we have been asked to fix, add and update numerous smaller items to assure compliance. All is good and we have been told by some knowledgeable residents that the pools are great.

We all hope you enjoy your summer and find some fun right here in Ransom Oaks. We have had ice cream socials almost every Saturday this summer, several movie nights and there is still more to come. Look for community notes on the lifeguards chalk boards and on FaceBook. ■



## Ransom Oaks

# Private Pool Party Info

Private pool parties can be held at any of the Ransom Oaks pool facilities.

Begin by visiting the calendar on our website at <http://ransomocks.com/calendar>; then print the form for 'Facility Use' from the website and submit to ROCC along with your \$100 deposit to book the reservation and allow us to make arrangements for life guards. See details in the Management Update.

Parties must be booked at least two-weeks in advance.

Parties are to be held after closing hours—9 o'clock. ■



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***Mondays & Fridays 6pm thru Aug 25, Bassett Park***

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 27 - Paddington 2 @ Willow Ridge Park

**AUGUST** — movies start at 8:30pm  
 10 - Wonder @ Bassett Park  
 17 - Sherlock Gnomes @ Bassett Park  
 24 - Beauty and the Beast @ Island Park

**Rain Site Locations:**  
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All entries must be received by Friday, September 14th, 2018 by 4:00 p.m.

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- 2. Pay via PayPal or major credit/debit card** via PayPal.com to payments@ransomoaks.com. Indicate which month(s) to apply your payment.
- 3. 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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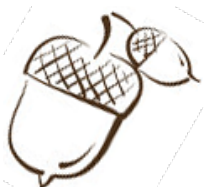
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# August

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**Next ROCC Meeting:**  
**Monday • August 13, 2017**  
**6:30pm @ Greenwood Dr Rec-  
reation Center.**

MEETINGS begin at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Center the 2nd Monday of each month except for Oct & Nov 2018 which are 2nd Tuesdays.

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 meeting are held at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Center, unless noted otherwise. ■*

## 2018 Meetings

Aug 13	Nov 13*
Sept 10	Dec 10
Oct 9*	

## Charlesgate Meeting:

second Wednesday of each month.

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  - **Forest Edge** R & D Property Management of WNY, 688-2083
  - **Briarwoods or Woodgate** Andruschat Real Estate Service, 688-4757
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