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Happy April

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 generations to come and invite you to attend any monthly meeting, as listed in each newsletter. ■
Ransom Oaks ... a great place a live.

March Board, Meeting Highlights

Highlights from the March 12, 2012 Board of Director's Meeting.

- Three residents attended the meeting. They discussed:
- Concern about the condition of the Pinehurst court where vehicles and dead leaves damage the grass resulting in large areas that have to be mulched.
- Pinehurst has been dug up many times and could use repaving. The Town has a schedule. Perhaps the Town can tell when it will be resurfaced.
- The condition of the court on White Cedar.
- Stones are from the Town
- The dying trees are Austrian Pines which are suffering from blight in this area. We will contact the Town (which owns the courts) to see if they can provide replacement trees
- Cleanliness of some of the pools.
- Various budget items and expenditures.
- We are looking for ways to strengthen our ability to enforce the Covenants and Restrictions.
- Bike Path Survey forms are still coming in and being counted.
- The ROCC income taxes are completed. We owe no Federal Tax but we owe \$291 to the State.
- An additional bid is needed before we can select a contractor to remodel the Greenwood meeting room.
- A new pool heater will be installed at Eveningwood.
- If the weather holds the Tennis courts could open in April.
- The audit of our 2011 financial status is in process.



Ransom Oaks Who-to-call

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

- **Charlesgate, Forest Edge or Glen Oak** Clover Management, 688.04503
- **Briarwoods or Woodgate Andruschat** Real Estate Service, 688.4757
- **Ransom Oaks Architectural Matters** (regarding Single-family homes ONLY!) Mike Deck, 689.0988
- **Ransom Oaks Facilities Manager** (including Clubhouse Rentals) Tom and Kathy Halter, 691.7352
- **Comments** President of R.O.C.C. Mark Walsh, 636.6242
- **Vandalism, Animal Control or Security Concerns** Amherst Police, 689.1311
- **Swormville Fire**, 688.7055

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Happy Birthday!

April Friends

Ann Merrill	??
April 1	
Juliette Bassanelli	22
April 6	
James Sawaya	25
April 6	
Danny Taylor	19
April 7	
Andrew Marsden	14
April 7	
Yosseline Eisenbaum	14
April 9	
Julia Tirone	19
April 9	
Allison Greiner	7
April 9	
John Killigrew	17
April 11	
Courtney Herlan	10
April 12	
Andrew Kissel	10
April 14	
Carl Copeland	19
April 18	
Chase Verrastro	9
April 18	
Sydney Deck	13
April 21	
Michael Goodrich	24
April 22	
Matthew O'Connor	18
April 22	
Jessica Long	25
April 22	
Matt Lester	21
April 22	
Erica Lyskawa	19
April 23	
William Shakespeare	448
April 23	
Paul Cook	19
April 26	
Meghan Taylor	19
April 26	
Chris Lester	23
April 26	
Michael Moeller	18
April 29	
Elanor Harris	13
April 30	

Join the list! Send your name and birth date (and age if you prefer) to jkursten@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

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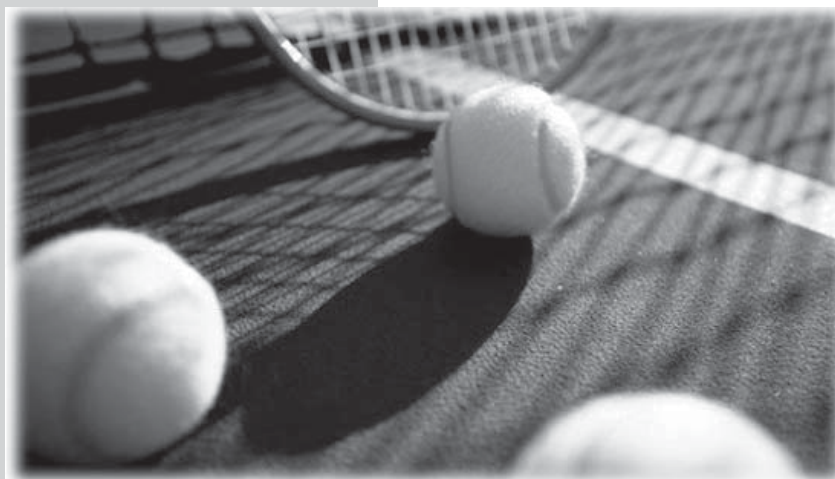


Earth Day Every Day!

Ransom Oaks

Facilities Report

Spring is just around the corner and with that comes all sorts of outside activities. Tennis courts are opened thanks to the nice March 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 web site for availability. The required form is also on our web site 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!

If you have not paid your 2012 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.

Look for next month's newsletter for another year 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
691.7352

Tifft Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd, Buffalo 14203, www.sciencebuff.org/tifft-nature-preserve/

Musicians From Marlboro

Tue. Apr 17, 8 pm

Will perform works by Haydn, Mendelssohn and Shostakovich on the Buffalo Chamber Music Society Series. A pre-concert talk with the artists begins at 7:15. Tickets are \$20, \$10 for students and may be purchased online at www.bflochambermusic.org or at the door. *Mary Seaton Room - Kleinhans Music Hall*, One Symphony Circle, Buffalo 14201, www.bflochambermusic.org 716-462-4939.

Volunteer Opportunities Fair

Sat. Apr 21, 11a - 3p

Learn more about volunteer opportunities. Info tables from over 20 area organizations. *Walden Galleria*, 1 Galleria Drive, Cheektowaga 14215, www.vawny.org.

Life Size Wooden Maze

Sat. Apr 21 to Sun. Sep 16

Third weekend of each month from April to Sept. Bring the family for a tractor pulled wagon ride. Work together to master the maze. Play games and weather permitting spend time in the bounce house. *Fergus Farm*, 1810 Porterville Rd, East Aurora 14052, 716-997-2503, www.fergusfarmofwny.com.

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April Events

A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING

Wed. Apr 11 to Sun. May 20
W 7pm; TH 7pm; F 8pm; SA 4pm & 8pm; SU 2pm. Marks the return of Rodgers & Hammerstein to the MusicalFare stage for the first time in 18 years! *MusicalFare Theatre*, 4380 Main Street, Amherst 14226, 716-839-8540, www.musicalfare.com.

Hello Dolly!

Fri. Apr 13 to Sun. Apr 22, 7:30pm and 3pm
Hello Dolly tells the story of Dolly, matchmaker living at the turn of the 20th century in New York City. Tickets Range from \$13 to \$18. Senior day

time show on April 19 at 10am.
Historic Palace Theatre, 2 East Ave, Lockport 14094, 716-438-1130, www.lockportpalacetheatre.org

Nature's Circle: Bunny Bounce

Mon. Apr 16, 10:30-11:15AM
Read a story and have some fun during an outdoor circle time at Tifft. Silly songs, games and lots of fun help little ones comfortably engage in a natural setting. Let's learn to enjoy nature together! Ages 2-3. 10:30-11:15AM. Non-Members: \$4 per child and adult, \$2 additional children with same adult. Buffalo Museum of Science Members Save 10%. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338.

Staging to Sell or Stay in Spring

The promise of a fresh start, a new beginning and warmer days around the corner make spring an ideal time for buyers to hone in on a home. Get your property ready to sell or for you to enjoy this spring with these 10 seasonal staging tips from professionals.

1. **Start Spring Staging with a Spring Cleaning:** Scrub your home until it sparkles - and don't forget the windows. Then, get out of winter "nesting" mode and declutter, declutter, declutter until your space is light, airy and spacious.
2. **Buff the Floors and Wash the Walls:** Floors take a lot of abuse over the winter from wet boots, snow and dirt. Give your carpets a thorough cleaning, and buff worn spots on wood floors. A bucket of warm water with a few drops of mild soap and a sponge will clean off most wall marks.
3. **Swap Dark and Cozy for Bright and Cheery:** Put away your snug winter blankets, throws and dark-colored accessories, and bring in the spring with bright shawl throws, flower-printed pillows and bright cloths for dark wood tables. Items like towels and washcloths, throw pillows, candles and table settings in lavender, yellow, sage green and pale blue colors make your home feel light and airy.
4. **Let the Sun Shine In:** Nothing says spring like sun-drenched rooms. Pull back curtains and drapes and raise blinds and shades for instant brightness.
5. **Accent with Spring-Like Aromas:** Try a scent that evokes fresh and clean feelings. Think cotton, sand and beach-scented candles or aromatherapy diffusers.
6. **Bring Blooms Indoors:** Botanical colors and prints in light green and yellow shades give rooms a spring-like, peaceful feel.
7. **Clear off the Counters:** You like the convenience of the toaster, mixer, spices and coffee maker on the counter, but it just looks cluttered. Stash counter items in the cupboard and decorate the counter very simply (i.e. a bowl of fresh seasonal fruit).
8. **Don't forget the Front Door:** You may go in and out through the garage, but buyers and guests enter your home through the front door. Hang spring wreaths, put down a cheery welcome mat and make sure your porch is swept clean.
9. **Or the Back Door:** Especially in early spring, when many backyards are still sporting bare branches and spotty grass, you want the same cheery feeling. Put containers of potted bulbs on a deck table or the back steps to add color to spaces that haven't fully grown in.
10. **Invest in a Landscaper:** With most families running constantly, there's little time left to take care of the outside property. Think about investing in a landscaping service for spring cleanup or to maintain your lawn.

Excerpted from Frontdoor.com.

For more tips on staging your home for sale or a free home market analysis, please call, text 866-9959 or email mmirand@realtyusa.com. More information about buying and selling can be found on my web site www.topbuffalorealtor.com.

Maureen Mirand,
Your Ransom Oaks Realtor



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Gathering of the Clans

Sat. Apr 21, 10:30 am to 2 pm
Gathering of the Clans - hosted by the Buffalo Irish Genealogical Society (BIGS). Genealogical displays. Holy Cross Cemetery stories. Funeral Mass Cards. Genealogical advice. Open to the Public. FREE. Visit <http://bigslimewebs.com> or call 662-1164 for meetings and more information.
Buffalo Irish Center, 245 Abbott Rd., Buffalo 14220, 716 662-1164, www.bigslimewebs.com.

Earth/Arbor Day Celebration

Sat. Apr 28, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Annual Earth/Arbor Day Celebration. Demonstrations, give-aways, soil testing.
Glen Park Noll Nature Building, Glen Ave., Williamsville 14221, 716-632-4120

Flea Market

Sat. Apr 28, 9am - 3pm
Flea Market, Saturday, April 28th. 9am - 3pm. Admission is FREE. To rent a table for \$15.00, please call 684-8731.
St. Stephens Church, 750 Wehrle Drive, Amherst 14225, www.ssbucc.com, 716-632-4226

Ransom Oaks Classifieds

How to Advertise with Us...

If you would take advantage of the opportunity to affordably reach over 1,100 residents, please follow the instructions below to start advertising your business or service in the Ransom Oaks News:

1. Call or email:
Jennifer Kursten, Editor, 716-434-0994
jkursten@ransomoaks.com
2. Write check to :
Ransom Oaks Community Corporation
Indicate which month(s) to apply payment.
3. Mail payment to:
PO Box 777, Lockport, NY 14095-0777
4. Deadline: All ad payments must be received by the **18th of the month prior** to publication. Without receipt of payment for the upcoming month by the 18th, the ad will not run.

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- 2/3 Page Ad: 3 Col. x 6" \$150/mo.
- Full Page Ad: 3 Col. x 9.5" \$225/mo.

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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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April & November together count as one (1) month.

Regardless of weather conditions, you will be billed as follows:

April + November = 1 month + May-October = 6 months. TOTAL= 7 months.

For the health of your lawn, service may be skipped during hot dry conditions to ensure regrowth.

Lawn clippings (*and leaves*) will be bagged when necessary, primarily in the spring & fall.

In October, clippings, will be left curb side for town pick-up.

Call Jay today for your FREE estimate!

369-5296

APRIL

Please visit our web site at www.RansomOaks.com

Next Meeting:

Monday, April 16, 2012

(April meeting delayed one week due to school recess.)

MEETINGS are at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Monday of the month. RESIDENTS are welcome and encouraged to attend.
See you there!

2012 Meeting

May 14
June 11
July 9
August 13
September 10
October 9
November 12
December 10

April 18
Deadline for
Ransom Oaks News
May issue!

PLEASE NOTE: New Meeting Time

6:30 pm

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.



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