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2014 Thirty-Four Years of Ransom Oaks News

October 2014

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Welcome Fall!

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 the coming generations and invite you to attend any monthly meeting, as listed on the back cover of each newsletter. ■

Ransom Oaks... a great place to live.

Board of Director's Meeting Highlights September 8, 2014

- Two Residents attended the meeting. The topics discussed:
 - Water main concerns.
 - The number of guests allowed at the pool
- We are about \$4,000 below budget.
- A water line at the Ransom Oaks pool had to be repaired for \$2,000.
- Steps are being taken to have signs removed from vehicles and debris removed from around homes.
- The budget for 2015 is being prepared.



Resident's Forum



Ransom Oaks is a great place to... Walk Your Dog

The messy part is cleaning up after. It has become increasingly annoying to find plastic bags of dog excrement dropped along the sidewalks and roadways around Ransom Oaks, most notably on Glen Oak Drive.

Please remove your animal's waste to a refuse container on your own property.

A Concerned Resident



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, 636.6242
- **Vandalism, Animal Control or Security Concerns** Amherst Police, 689.1311
- **Swormville Fire**, 688.7055

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Happy Birthday!

Our October Friends



Cara Diati	25
October 1	
Heather Lewandowski	24
October 2	
Heather DelGaudio	26
October 3	
Kimberly Berus	24
October 4	
Keegan Gillman	13
October 4	
Shannon Gestwick	15
October 5	
Allison Janczak	16
October 6	
Emma Wiepert	16
October 6	
Jack Manzella	16
October 6	
Kelsey Swanekamp	25
October 7	
Andrew Koginos	23
October 9	
Scott Sims	21
October 12	
Mark Rapp	5
October 13	
Gabrielle Marong	11
October 15	
Nathan Kwandras	20
October 16	
Abigail Gnozzo	16
October 17	
Katie Elkan	24
October 23	
Sydni Winters	13
October 26	
Theodore Roosevelt	156
October 27	
Alexis Zee	20
October 27	
Caitlin Butler	24
October 28	
Delaney Gillman	15
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

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Ransom Oaks 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 were able to make the time to enjoy the facilities.

The we are currently getting prices for the 2015 budget. We will publish this years “wish list” in an upcoming issue.

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 this community.

Buildings are clean and ready to be rented for group meetings and “get-togethers”. Please call Tom or Kathy Halter to make reservations. There is a deposit and building use form that must be signed before you will be permitted to use the buildings. The deposit will be returned to you upon inspection of cleanliness. Please follow all rules for building use posted at each facility. It is very important that everyone who have weekly rentals clean up and take their garbage with them. The buildings are used almost every day.

Fall also brings political campaigning. Please remember that it is against your covenants and restrictions to have signs on your lawn or common grounds in the Ransom Oaks community. This will be strictly enforced.

Tom and Kathy Halter
Ransom Oaks Facilities Managers
716.691.7352 ■

Fall Leaf Collection

Town of Amherst-wide Leaf
Collection begins

October 15, 2014

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



Ransom Oaks Around Ransom Oaks

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

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

Have an event coming up you'd like
to publicize? Let us know and we can
include your event in an upcoming
Ransom Oaks News issue.

It's easy... drop an email to
newsletter@ransomoaks.com. ■

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

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

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

**To maintain the beauty of
our Community, lawn signs
are prohibited in Ransom
Oaks except “House for
Sale” signs. In this election
season, please respect this
restriction.**



Around Town

October Events

Marble Orchard Ghost Walks

Saturdays in October, 7pm

Peace Garden, 476 Center Street, Lewiston

Lewiston's Marble Orchard Ghost Walks showcase Lewiston's rough and tumble frontier past as well as its gloriously ghost-filled present. During the 1 1/2 hour walk, the Marble Orchard Players, a volunteer cast of 11, will take you back in time as they share ghost stories, myths and tales of tragedy, crime, mayhem and murder, the grim and ghastly deeds of Lewiston's best...and worst. You'll hear secrets, both funny and sinister, of events that happened a long time ago... yet ghosts still haunt Lewiston.

Cost: \$15/\$12 LCA members/\$6 kids under 12. **Details:** <http://www.artcouncil.org/>

(Over)Night at the Museum

Saturday, Oct 18 at 5:30pm to Sunday, Oct 19 9am

Buffalo Museum of Science

Have you ever wanted to experience the museum at night after the lights dim and the doors close? While using flashlights as their guides, guests help the museum's security guards complete science activities to gather clues and solve a museum mystery.

Cost: \$32 per person (1 adult required for every 1-3 children attending)

Details: <http://www.sciencebuff.org/news/55>

Pancake Breakfast

Oct 19, Nov 16 and Dec 14

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.

Cost: Adults \$7.00/ Children ages 5-12, \$3.00. Children under 5, free.

Halloween Trick or Treat

Friday, Oct 24, 5 - 7:30pm

Saturday, Oct 25, 4 - 7:30pm

Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village

Meet our gently spooky villagers and safely trick-or-treat in the historic village! Reservations are required. Children receive (with paid admission): a Trick-or-Treat bag, TREATS at historic buildings, and FREE refreshments and snacks. This is a fun OUTDOOR event set in a safe environment. It is designed for, but not limited to, children between the ages of 3 and 12. Children should wear costumes appropriate for this outdoor event.

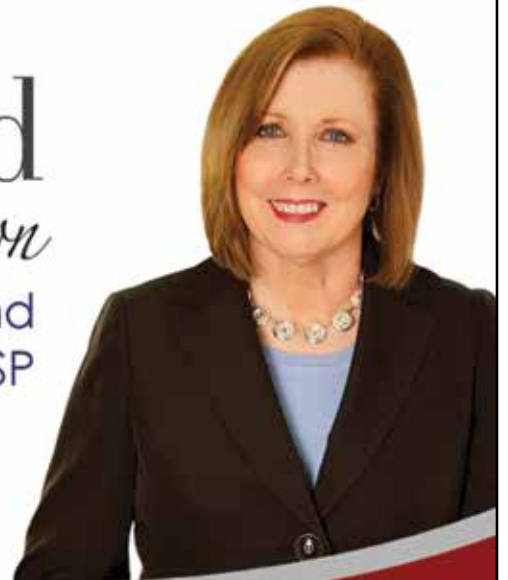
Our free trick-or-treat bags help identify who is to receive treats. Please leave other treat bags or pumpkins at home. Children MUST be accompanied by an adult. It takes approximately 1 hour to trick-or-treat through the village. Adults should bring a flashlight. Due to safety concerns, treats will not be given to children under the age of 3. Food treats and refreshments may contain nuts or nut products. No strollers please.

Cost: \$8 children 12 & under, \$5 adults. Reservations required. **Details:** <http://www.amherstmuseum.org/events/halloween-trick-or-treat>

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Columbus
Day
Oct 13

Halloween
Oct 31



Around Home

Spicing Up Your Home for Fall

Fall means it's time to move inside, to prepare for the holidays. Easy tips for fall decorating from hgtv.com.

Warm things up with **your choice of fabrics and colors**. Heavier fabrics in fall colors are an easy addition.

Add **a bouquet of fall flowers** to bring fall inside. The colors add to your decor and the fragrance freshens up your newly closed inside space. Be sure to remove all the leaves below the water line and freshen the water every few days.

Create **a wall grouping with fall flair**. Change out that wall decor for a fall-themed grouping. Include pictures, leaves and fall word art.

Change up your entry way. Holiday entertaining is just around the corner. Take a close look around and clean

up any marks or scuffs. The entry way is a perfect spot for one of your fall bouquets.

Dress up any space with **a new wreath**. Fall colors, flowers, decor and scents can be combined into a beautiful fall wreath.

It's time to **fire up the fireplace**. Before lighting the first log, have the chimney and firebox inspected by a professional.

Freshen up the front door. As the decor on the inside is changing up, don't forget to freshen up the outside too. A fall wreath with colorful ribbons sets the tone for a grand entryway.

Relax and enjoy the change of seasons!

Source: <http://www.hgtv.com>



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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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October

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Next ROCC Meeting:
Tuesday • October 14, 2014
6:30pm @ Greenwood Facility.

MEETINGS begin at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Center the 2nd Monday of each month except Oct 2014.

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. ■

2014 Meetings

October 14 (Tues)
November 10
December 8

October 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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