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2014 Thirty-Four Years of Ransom Oaks News

November 2014

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Happy Thanksgiving!

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.

Coming Soon...

Online Assessment Payment

To make assessment payment easier for Ransom Oaks residents, online payment via major credit card or PayPal through the Ransom Oaks website will be offered in 2015. Similar to town and county taxes, transaction charges will apply. Look for details in upcoming issues.



ROCC Board of Directors Seeks Volunteer Directors

The annual election for Ransom Oaks Board of Directors will take place on **Monday, January 12, 2014**. To learn more about serving a three-year term as a Director, please contact ROCC At-Large Board Member **Forrest Benson** at 688.4688 or email fbenson@ransomoaks.com.

Please **notify Forrest by November 9, 2014** in order to be reviewed by the Nominating Committee. Potential candidates should plan on submitting a biography (250 words or less) by November 17, 2013.

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



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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December
Board Meeting
has been
moved to
Tuesday, Dec 9

Happy Birthday!

Our November Friends



Stephen Berus	26
November 2	
Sarah Morison	22
November 2	
Mike Elkan	
November 3	
Melissa Bonvissuto	30
November 6	
Erin Haltan	18
November 7	
Matthew Mancini	26
November 7	
Margaret Mitchell	114
November 8	
Max Cassaro	33
November 8	
Sarah Nowakowski	20
November 10	
Kyle Lort	21
November 12	
Joshua Moore	24
November 12	
Kathryn O'Malley	20
November 14	
Laura Goodrich	34
November 15	
Kathleen Goodrich	25
November 15	
Megan Knowles	31
November 18	
Lindsey Hawkins	22
November 22	
Gabrielle Alexis Ciambella	12
November 24	
Victoria Egleston	14
November 24	
Richard Long	24
November 24	
William Gregory	11
November 27	
Joey Maruca	24
November 28	
Janet Woser	27
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.

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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

Kathy & Tom Halter, Facilities Managers	691.7352	thalter@ransomoaks.com
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Ransom Oaks Facilities Report



All facilities are closed for the season, and we are now in the process of preparing the budget for the 2015 season. This year, we had approximately 10,000 swimmers through the course of the summer. This shows what a great neighborhood Ransom Oaks is to live and how busy the facilities are!

As we look ahead to next year, there are two things that we are thinking about for next season.

First, at several of our meetings last season we talked about **more adult activities**. We would like to get a committee together to begin planning adult activities for next summer. If you are interested in helping and planning with events, please give us a call to volunteer at 691-7352—leave your name and number.

Second, if you are considering being a **lifeguard now is the time to get certified**. Usually courses are offered through continuing education and the Red Cross. If you are interested in finding out more about summer positions, please give us a call at 691-7352. You must be committed to work the entire summer for the community. Hiring will take place in April of 2015.

Lastly, we need to talk about **vandalism**. It is in the community's best interest to notify the Amherst 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

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. ■

Happy
Thanksgiving from
the ROCC Board
and Staff to each
of you and your
families!



Around the US Why Nov 4?

The answer lies with America's 19th-century farmers. Americans first began the custom of weekday voting in 1845, when Congress passed a federal law designating the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November as Election Day. Before then, states were allowed to hold elections any time within a 34-day period before the first Wednesday in December. Knowing the early voting results could affect turnout and sway opinion in states that held late elections, and those same last-minute voters could potentially decide the outcome of the entire election. Faced with these issues, Congress created the current Election Day in the hope of streamlining the voting process. Excerpted from www.history.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.



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Around Town

November Events

Aging from the Neck Up

Saturday, Nov 15, 9am-noon

Amherst Senior Center

Free health fair at the Amherst Senior Center including retina care, dentistry, dermatology, hearing, low vision, physical therapy and others, as they relate to the aging process. Many professionals will be giving informative talks and are available for Questions and Answers during the fair.

Cost: Free. Details: <http://hbackoftheyemd.com>

Bubblefest

Saturday, Nov 15 10am-4pm

Buffalo Museum of Science

All four floors of the Museum will be filled with bubble activities. Immerse yourself in bubble crafts, bubble demonstrations, and bubbles so big you can stand in them!

Cost: Free with admission. Details: <http://www.sciencebuff.org>

Pancake Breakfast

Nov 16 & 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. ■



Victorian Tea

*Sunday, November 16, 2014
1pm - 3pm*

Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village

Join BNHV for a delightful sit down lunch with tea, scones, sandwiches and desserts served by Joseph's Catering.

Cost: \$35 Members, \$40 Non-Members Reservations required, 689-1440. Details: <http://www.amherstmuseum.org> ■

Around the US

Thanksgiving Tidbits

Celebrated the **fourth Thursday of November** in the US and the second Monday of October in Canada.

The first celebration was **1621 at Plymouth** in present-day Massachusetts.

George Washington proclaimed the **first nation-wide thanksgiving** celebration in America marking **November 26, 1789**, "as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favours of Almighty God".

In modern times the President of the United States, in addition to issuing a proclamation, will "**pardon**" a turkey, which spares the bird's life and ensures that it will spend the duration of its life roaming freely on farmland.

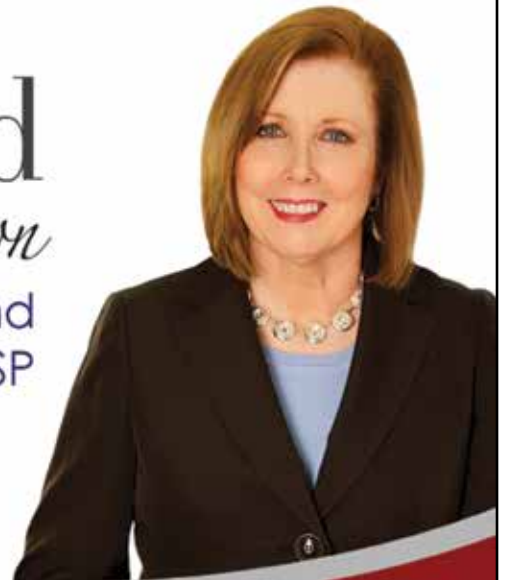
The reason for the earlier Thanksgiving celebrations in Canada has often been attributed to the earlier onset of winter in the north, thus ending the harvest season earlier.

Source www.wikipedia.org

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Nov 2

Election Day
Nov 4



Veterans Day
Nov 11

Thanksgiving
Nov 27



Around Home

Black Friday Tips

Before you head out for your Black Friday experience, here are some tips to help you make the most of the sales and discounts so you get a bigger bang for your buck on Black Friday.

Do Your Research

Planning on purchase of a big-ticket item based on a Black Friday sale? Check Consumer Reports and read consumer reviews of the item before you decide to make the purchase.

Browse the Deals Before You Go

Knowing which retailers has what on sale & when before the big day will save you time and help with budgeting.

Compare Products and Prices

Check to see what usually comes with the item you are looking for,

and what the store is offering. Many stores offer "stripped down" versions of products at a reduced price.

Shop in Your PJs

Stores offer many items online. Check your watch, some stores offer sales such as Early Bird or Night Owl online too.

Bring Ads with You

Bring sales ads with you in case you need to match or beat a lower advertised price. You'll need to show the ad as proof to process the price difference.

Don't Forget the Gift Receipt

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1. Call or email:

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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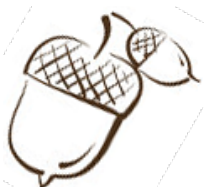
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- 2/3 Page Ad: 3 Col. x 6" \$155/mo.
- Full Page Ad: 3 Col. x 9.5" \$235/mo.

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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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November

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**Next ROCC Meeting:
Tuesday • December 9, 2014
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. ■

2014/2015 Meetings

December 9	July 13
January 12	August 10
February 9	September 14
March 9	October 12
April 13	November 9
May 11	December 14
June 8	

November 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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