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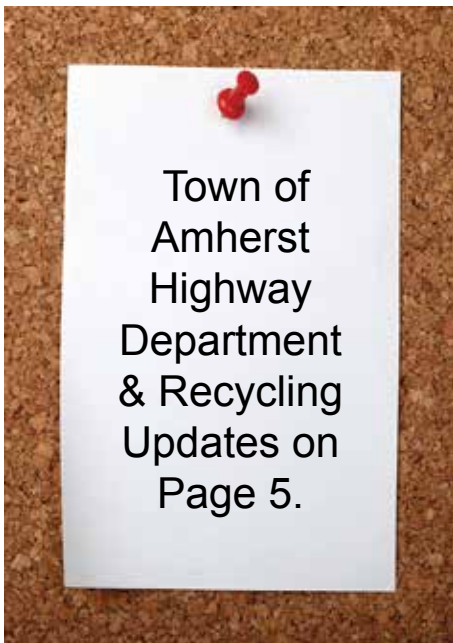
2016 Thirty-Six Years of Ransom Oaks News

March 2016

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Hooray for March!

• Daylight Saving Time begins • St. Patrick's Day • Spring Begins • Purim • Good Friday • Easter •



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Annual Garage Sale

As we come out of hibernation and celebrate the start of Spring, it's time to start thinking about warmer days and you know what that means... Spring cleaning!



Please keep the June **Annual Ransom Oaks Garage Sale** in mind as you clean. Many seasoned Garage Sellers from across Western New York look forward to our community-wide sale!

Watch for details in upcoming issues of *Ransom Oaks News*! ■

Spring Ahead March 13



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Who-to-Call

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

- **Charlesgate, Forest Edge or Glen Oak**
Clover Management, 688.4503
- **Briarwoods 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, 406.7008
- **Vandalism, Animal Control or Security Concerns** Amherst Police, 689.1311
- **Swormville Fire**, 688.7055

Learn About What's Up in Our Community

Join Us @ the ROCC Monthly Meeting

2nd Mondays
Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9

(details on the back cover)

Happy Birthday!

Our March Birthdays



Dr. Seuss	112
March 2	
Logan Marino	1
March 3	
Gabrielle Rose	22
March 4	
Taylor Vogel	15
March 7	
Alex Perry Ciambella	9
March 8	
Zachary Toner	16
March 9	
William Walkowski	20
March 9	
Benedict Gregory IV	14
March 11	
Aurora Tyska	10
March 13	
Catherine Walkowski	16
March 14	
Bradley Toner	21
March 15	
Lauren Greiner	17
March 18	
William Rapp	8
March 18	
Sydney McKinley	17
March 20	
Tyler Penberthy	21
March 20	
Andrew White	22
March 22	
Doug Newman	40
March 23	
Alexandra Tubbs	25
March 23	
Kaitlyn Vogel	13
March 27	
Isabella Fueter	19
March 29	
Todd Witt	15
March 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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* Member Architectural Committee

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	tkhalter@ransomoaks.com
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Facilities Report



The better part of winter is behind us, we hope, and warm weather plans are in the works.

We are currently in the process of **contacting our life guarding staff** from last year to see who will be interested in returning to work for the community. This is the time you should be **getting certified to become a lifeguard**. Please go to [Http://www.ransomoaks.com/openings](http://www.ransomoaks.com/openings) to complete & submit the application. Please remember that all life guards must be certified by May. At this time, we do not know how many openings we will have, but all applications will be kept on file.

Assessment notices were sent out in the beginning of January and were due by February 28th. You can expect a **late notice in early March** if you have not paid this year's assessment. Please remember this assessment is for the calendar year of 2016 and mandatory for all ROCC residents. At this point, all **assessments must be paid by mail**, not online.

Please note that we will not send pool passes to residents with unpaid service charges or liens on their property.

Last, all building rentals are handled by contacting us at 691-7352. Please do not call after 9 p.m.

Tom and Kathy Halter
Ransom Oaks Facilities Managers
tkhalter@ransomoaks.com
716.691.7352 ■

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Around Ransom Oaks

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

Can we help publicize an event or fund raiser? Raise awareness of a cause you are working on?

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

It's easy... drop an email to newsletter@ransomoaks.com. Please include date, time, cost, contact info and a brief description of your event. Email pictures in jpg or pdf format. ■

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Volunteer Activities Planners Needed

We're looking for energetic, idea-filled people interested in getting involved with their community to coordinate events, make new friends and have some fun!

We need you! Your help with ideas and planning are what will take this from a great idea to some fun evenings with new & old friends. From social evenings to outings around town - a show, museum or new restaurant or brewery tour - anything is possible.

Coordinating an event takes a fun idea, a bit of time & planning ahead and promotion in our Ransom Oaks News. No big deal.

If you have an idea for an event and can help with planning an adult community event, please give Tom & Kathy Halter a call (691-7352) or email at tkhalter@ransomoaks.com. ■

Planning a Party or Event?



Let Ransom Oaks help with the location.

Host your event or party at one of our Ransom Oaks facilities.

Details at RansomOaks.com/Facilities.



St. Patrick's Day Tidbits

You know you need to wear green, but what don't you know about Saint Patrick and his big day?

1. *We should really wear blue.*

Saint Patrick himself would have to deal with pinching on his feast day. His color was "Saint Patrick's blue," a light shade. The color green only became associated with the big day after it was linked to the Irish independence movement in the late 18th century.

2. *St. Patrick was British.*

Although he made his mark by introducing Christianity to Ireland in the year 432, Patrick wasn't Irish himself. He was born to Roman parents in Scotland or Wales in the late fourth century.

3. *It used to be a dry holiday.*

For most of the 20th century, Saint Patrick's Day was considered a strictly religious holiday in Ireland, which meant that the nation's pubs were closed for business on March 17. (The one exception went to beer vendors at the big national dog show, which was always held on Saint Patrick's Day.) In 1970, the day was converted to a national holiday, and the stout resumed flowing.

4. *There's a reason for the shamrocks.*

How did the shamrock become associated with Saint Patrick? According to Irish legend, the saint used the three-leafed plant as a metaphor for the Holy Trinity when he was first introducing Christianity to Ireland.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Source: <http://mentalfloss.com/> ■

Spring (aka The Earth, the Sun & a Great Revolution)

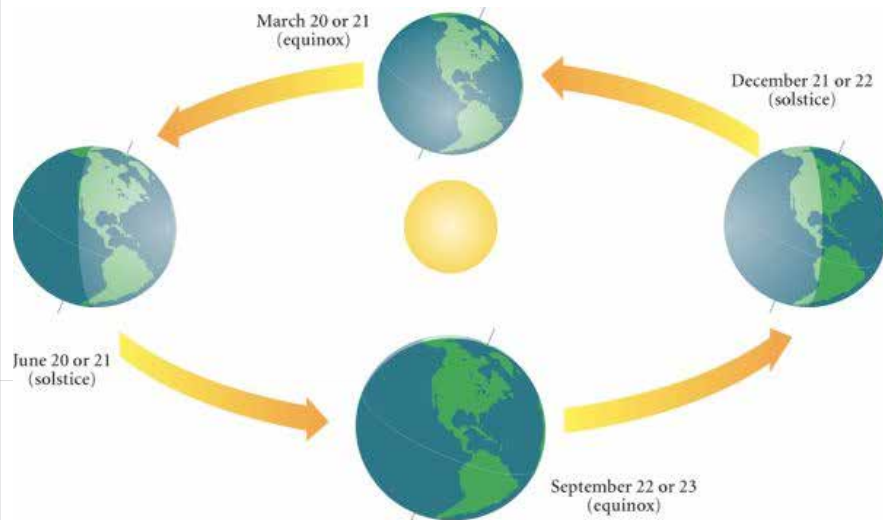
How do we know when Spring occurs? For that matter, Summer, Fall or Winter? Well, let me tell you a short story about the Earth, the Sun and a little rotation... err... revolution.

We know the Earth revolves around the Sun, with a complete trip taking a year. The seasons mark "milestones" in that year. Think of them like birthdays - only you get to have four in a year. The seasons can be divided into two groups.. Yea, it's starting to get a little confusing. But let's make it easy.

We can use the amount of sunlight or daylight as a measure. As the Earth travels around the Sun there are positions where the daylight equals the dark and positions where the daylight is longest or shortest.

The position where the daylight equals the dark is called an equinox. Equinox comes from a latin word (equinoxium) meaning equality between day and night. Spring and Fall are equinox.

The position where the daylight is longest or shortest is called a solstice. Solstice is from another latin word, solstitium, which translates to 'Sun



Robin Storemund

standing still', which is what it appears to do on these days. Once when the daylight is longest, Summer, and once when the daylight is shortest, Winter.

Consider that the season depends on where in the world you are. Summer in the southern hemisphere is Winter in the northern hemisphere. I know, a little confusing again.

For us, Spring marks the Vernal Equinox, the time the sun crosses the Earth's equator from south to north.

reference: <http://dictionary.reference.com> ■

Around Town

Tire Disposal Changes in the Town of Amherst

As of February 25, 2016, the Amherst Highway Department will no longer be accepting tires for drop-off on our premises.

This is a necessary change due to the increasing cost of disposal. If you are looking for a place to disposal tires the businesses listed below DO accept tires. They can and do charge a nominal fee.

- LIBERTY TIRES
490 Ohio Street
Lockport, NY 14094
(716) 433-3017
- GEITER DONE 300 Greene Street Buffalo, NY 14206 (716) 895-8121



Source: <http://www.amherst.ny.us/> ■

Around Town

Electronics Recycling

Wondering where you can take your old electronics? Check out this link - <http://www2.erie.gov/recycling/index.php> - for a list of places that accept items for electronic recycling and their individual guidelines.



Source: <http://www.amherst.ny.us/> ■



Around Town

Amherst Highway Working To Address Potholes

Superintendent Pat Lucey is working to address the potholes on Town roads as the safety of motorists is a top priority.

Residents are asked to contact the Amherst Highway Department Dispatch directly at 631-7117 to report potholes or other road safety concerns.

If pothole concerns are called in directly to Amherst Highway Dispatch they can be addressed as expediently as possible. The Amherst Highway Department currently has patch trucks surveying and addressing the potholes in the Town. Numerous roads throughout the Town of Amherst are maintained by Erie County or New York State.

If a road reported is not a Town maintained road then we will forward the location on to the proper agency.

Source: <http://www.amherst.ny.us/> ■



Around Town

TV Dropoff Changes

Effective February 2016 the Amherst Highway Department is discontinuing the drop off of televisions at their premises located at 1042 North Forest Road, Williamsville, NY.

Any Amherst resident in need of disposal of their television can call the Amherst Highway Department at (716) 631-7117 to give their address for curbside pickup. Televisions will then be picked up in a timely manner as weather permits.

The Highway Department would like to thank the Amherst residents in advance for their cooperation in regard to this policy change.



Source: <http://www.amherst.ny.us/> ■



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Daylight Savings Time
March 13

St. Patrick's Day
March 17



Spring Begins
March 20

April Fools Day
April 1



Ransom Oaks Homeowners!

Hi! Are you thinking of selling your home and downsizing? I would like to introduce myself, I am Maureen Mirand and I have lived in Ransom Oaks for 20+ years, raised my triplets here and know the challenges of now having to downsize as they grow up & move out!

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Details: <http://www.canalsidebuffalo.com>. ■

MONET AND THE IMPRESSIONIST REVOLUTION, 1860-1910

Closes Sun, March 20
Albright Knox Art Gallery

One of the founders of French Impressionism, Monet painted outside en plein air (in the open air), where he refined his use of color to reveal the ambiance of natural light. Using visible brushstrokes and developing open compositions, the Impressionists were the pioneers of "action painting" long before the time of Abstract Expressionism in the mid-twentieth century.

Cost: Special museum admission is required to view this special exhibition, including on M&T FIRST FRIDAYS @ THE GALLERY.

Details: Call 716.270.8292, <http://www.albrightknox.org>. ■

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Mar 13, Apr 17, May 8, Jun 12
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St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday, March 20, 2pm
Delaware Avenue, Buffalo

The Parade is Sunday, March 20th at 2PM on Delaware Avenue. The Parade route is north on Delaware Avenue from the McKinley Monument to North Street. ■



Krolick's Fish Fry

Friday, Mar 4
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Terry Collins, Editor, 980.5470 (be sure to leave a message), 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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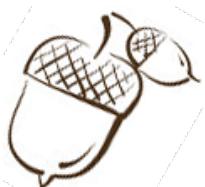
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March

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Monday • March 14, 2015
6:30pm @ Greenwood Facility.**

MEETINGS begin at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Center the 2nd Monday of each month except for Oct 2016 when it's 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. ■

2016 Meetings

March 14	August 8
April 11	September 12
May 9	October 11(Tues)
June 13	November 14
July 11	December 12

Charlesgate Meeting:

second Wednesday of each month.

Forest Edge Meeting:

fourth Tuesday of each month.

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