

Ransom Oaks News

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Celebrating October 2016

Rosh Hashanah • Columbus Day • Yom Kippur • National Boss' Day • United Nations Day • Halloween

Resident's Forum



Cleaning Up

Our community lends itself to long walks, especially with our four-legged, furry family members.

Please help keep our community healthy by picking up after your pets and taking that final step to dispose of bags in your own garbage.



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For your convenience, the Ransom Oaks News is always *available online* at http://RansomOaks.com/ newsletter.

You'll also find an archive of past editions.





Mark Your Calendar



Columbus Day Oct 10

Halloween Oct 31



Ransom Oaks Who-to-Call

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

- Charlesgate, Forest Edge or Glen Oak Clover Management, 204.2771
- Briarwoods or Woodgate Andruschat Real Estate Service, 688.4757
- Ransom Oaks Architectural Matters (regarding Single-family homes ONLY), 406.8557 (archcomm@ransomoaks.com)
- 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

Join Us...

@ the ROCC Monthly Meeting learn what's happening in Ransom Oaks

> *Tues*, Oct 11 Mon, Nov 14

(details on the back cover)

Happy Birthday!

October Celebrations



Cara Diati
Heather Lewandowski
October 2 Heather DelGaudio
October 3 Kimberly Berus
October 4 Keegan Gillman
October 4 Shannon Gestwick
October 5
Allison Janczak
Jack Manzella
Emma Wiepert
Kelsey Swanekamp
October 7 Andrew Koginos
October 9 Scott Sims
October 12
Mark Rapp. 7 October 13
Gabrielle Marong13 October 15
Nathan Kwandras
October 16 Abigail Gnozzo
October 17 Katie Elkan
October 23
Sydni Winters
Theodore Roosevelt
Alexis Zee
Caitlin Butler
October 28 Delaney Gillman
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

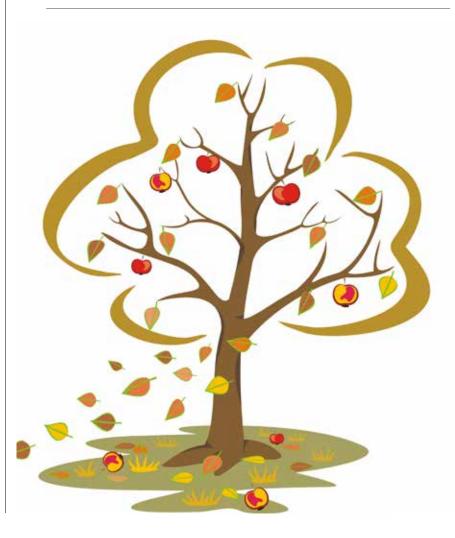
RANSOM OAKS is a planned community of 1,100 families. We value its location and believe it is a great place to live and raise a family.

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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're now in the process of closing the recreational facilities.

It was a wonderful summer, hope you were able to enjoy our facilities.

With Halloween around the corner, please keep safety first. Watch out for the younger members of the community . If you see vandalism, call the Amherst police.

Ransom Oaks

Oaks

fund raiser?

in the newsletter.

It's easy... drop an email to

Around Ransom

Girl Scout? Boy Scout? School

Group? Church Group? Volunteer?

Can we help publicize an event or

Let us know what's going on with

newsletter@ransomoaks.com.

vour group and we can feature you

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

To maintain the beauty of

our Community, lawn signs

are prohibited in Ransom

Oaks except "House for

Sale" signs.

Help maintain the beauty especially during this election season.



if you SEE something



If You See Something Say Something^w used with permission of the NY Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Ransom Oaks Board Meeting Highlights

September 12, 2016

- Two residents attended the meeting.
- Residents in the Lilybrooke Court, Ginger Court, and Honeysuckle Way area are concerned that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is proposing to declare an area near their properties to be "Wetlands". They have no objection to that proposal however, the DEC also requires a 100 foot buffer zone. This buffer zone will encroach onto their properties and will restrict what they can do with their property. They are asking that everyone send a letter or email to the DEC. A template for this letter can be downloaded from: http:// ransomoaks.com/wp-content/ uploads/user/WetlandsLetter. doc.
- The Board will be working on the budget for 2017 over the next few months. If residents have any suggestions for the improvements to the facilities please contact Tom or Kathy Halter at TKHalter@ransomoaks. com or 716-691-7352.

Planning a Party or Event?



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

Details at RansomOaks.com/Facilities

Community Volunteer Fair

Whether you're an adult or senior looking to enhance your life by helping others, or a high school / college student needing to complete community service hours—this event is for YOU!!

Over 100 organizations invited to participate

Around Town

Sunday Walks & Talks Series

Ashes to Ashes, Tracking the Emerald Ash Borer, Patrick Marren, Forester, Department of Environmental Conservation

Details

Sunday, October 9, 2016

Amherst State Park, Mill Street Meet at the kiosk by the parking lot

Sunday afternoons at 2:00 pm Rain or Shine

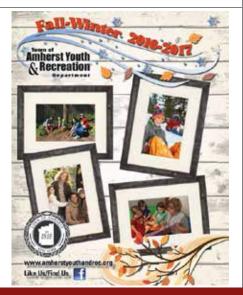
Please wear weather appropriate clothing

• Great opportunity for all ages to find quality volunteer projects

• Gather information & talk with agency representatives to learn more

Details

Wednesday, October 5, 2016 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM Amherst Center for Senior Services 370 John James Audubon Parkway (behind Audubon Library) Amherst, NY 14228 716-636-3055 ext 3126



Around Town

Fall Leaf Collection

Town-wide leaf collection starts **October 15th**.

If you have leaves to be picked up before that put them in your yard waste containers. If you use a landscape contractor please ask them to take them to the compost facility at NO COST to the contractors. Thank you; this will help us to keep our streets and receivers clear of leaves until the Town crews start their pickup!



Learn more at http://www. amherst.ny.us/pdf/announce/ dept_11_130923a.pdf. ■

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!

Give me a call today to discuss your options! (716) 866-9959

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Looking To Downsize?

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

from http://www.safekids.org

Walk Safely

Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.

Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.

Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.

Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.

Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to

the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.

Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

Trick or Treat With an Adult

Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.

Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.

Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.

When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.

Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.

Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.

Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.

Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.

Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

10 Most Searched Costumes from 2015

Source: USA Today

- 1. Harley Quinn
- 2. Star Wars
- 3. Super Hero
- 4. Pirate
- 5. Batman





Tips for a Healthy Fall

from http://health.usnews.com

1. Think beyond pies and jack-olanterns.

All hail the Great Pumpkin! The pulp of this favorite is packed with vitamins A & C, the seeds, called pepitas, are rich in phytosterols which may help lower cholesterol. Try at least one new pumpkin recipe.

2. Get your flu shot.

Before the weather turns ugly and the germys get spreading, cross this off your to-do-list.

3. And while you're at it, steer clear of the common cold...

Hydrate with tons of water to keep those germs from landing. The probiotics in yogurt help to boost your immune system. Even a little seaweed and that favorite pumpkin can help boost your immune system.

4. Sign out of Facebook, ditch the fall line-up and head outside.

Besides being just fun, spending time outdoors boosts your vitamin D, makes you happier and improves your concentration.

5. While you're outside, grab a workout...

Take in the scenery on a walk, hike, run or bike ride. Consider this - for a 150 lb person, 30 minutes of raking leaves, 30 minutes of playing with the kids or 30 minutes of planting and gardening burns roughly 150 calories.

6. Scare off those Halloween candy cravings.

Keep the sweets out of the house until just before Halloween day. Don't be tempted by that extra bag of treats.

6. Swap out those half time treats for a better alternative.

Swap chips for fruits and vegetables with that dip. You'll feel better and your closet will thank you!

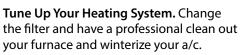
7. Hit up the Farmers Market for fall favorites.

Fall is great for root vegetables, all varieties of squash, apples and of course cider. The potatoes have their winter coat and are ready for storage in a cool, dark place. Pick up a little of each!

Preparing Your Home for Winter

from http://www.kiplinger.com/

It's hard to think white on these gorgeous falls days! It's always better to be prepared so we better get to it. Here are some steps to take now to prepare your home for winter and beyond.



Reverse Your Ceiling Fans. Run those fans in a clockwise directions after your heat is turned on to move the warm air down into your room.

Prevent Ice Dams. Insulation is the key to preventing ice dams. If you had problems last year, consult a pro to insulate those trouble areas.

Hit the Roof. Check that everything is find on the roof before the cold, snow and ice hits.

Caulk Around Windows and Doors. Keep the breezes at bay by calking where needed.

Clean the Gutters. Leaves, twigs and more get stuck in your gutters. Clean them out to allow flowing water through the winter and spring.

Divert Water. Send that water away from your foundation, and sump pump. This is a perfact fall project.

Turn Off Exterior Faucets. Just in case, walk down to the basement and turn them off on the inside.

Drain Your Lawn-Irrigation System. For best performance next year and to reduce any potential cold weather breaks, consult a professional to drain your irrigation system.

Around Home

4 Things Buyers Love and Sellers Sometime Fail to Mention

In Real Estate, the term "under market" is used to describe a home that is priced or purchased for less than its fair market value. Sometimes an unrelated real estate phenomenon that perhaps Webster would rank as a second definition for "undermarketing": to list a home and fail to mention features the homes have, which buyers would have been attracted to, had they seen them in the home's listing description, flyer or online marketing.

If your home has commercial-grade European appliances, sits on a beautiful piece of land, or is has a \$50,000 updated kitchen, it's pretty easy to know what to lead with in your marketing. But if you have a normal house in a normal neighborhood, there could very well be things you take for granted which a first-time or relocating buyer might be magnetically drawn to – if you mention it in the listing.

Storage. Showcasing your home in its best light is not just about what you love about it. You might already have outgrown the place, and started to see its flaws more than its finer points: that's why you're moving. But the goal of good marketing is to highlight the things that will allow your home to shine in the eyes of your target buyers and against the competition.

Organizing systems. If you have made the investment in upgrading your home with customized or built-in closet, kitchen or garage organizer systems, desks or bookshelves make sure buyers see and know this from your home's online listing. **Proximity.** You might be thinking the right buyers for your home will be finding it online precisely because of where it's located, so it's silly to call out the



Mulch Leaves When You Mow. Nature's fertilizer and free to boot. Win-Win.

Prepare to Stow Your Mower. After that last round the yard, stow it of swap it out for the snow blower. Be sure to drain the gasoline.

Don't Prune Trees or Shrubs Until Late-Winter. Horticulturalists advise waiting to prune until late winter for most plants, when they've been long dormant and just before spring growth begins. Consult your local nursery for advice on specific plants.

Test Your Sump Pump. Slowly pour several gallons of water into the sump pit to see whether the pump turns on. You should do this every few months, but especially after a long dry season or before a rainy one.

Call a Chimney Sweep. Get your chimney clean before it's winter workout.

Restock Winter Essentials. Don't wait for the first winter storm to restock cold-weather essentials, such as salt or ice melt.

property's proximity to amenities and attractions. Not so fast. Don't assume: if your home is particularly well-located vis-a-vis major employers, universities, recreational amenities or walkable shopping and dining districts showcase this in your listing.

Senior-friendly features. Boomers are not necessarily looking for homes with built-in disability features, but they are often looking for homes they could live in for the rest of their lives, "aging in-place," without necessarily being located in senior-only communities. Similarly, the movement toward aging-in-place has caused many more families to move aging relatives in with them, versus moving them out to retirement homes. If your home has multiple bedrooms with bathrooms en suite or completely independent living quarters, marketing these features to extended families is a must.

Excerpted from HGTV.com

Around Town October

Trick or Treat Weekend

Sat & Sun Oct 8 & 9, 12-3pm Buffalo Zoo

Trick or treat stations throughout the Zoo will be FREE with Zoo admission. Additional activities such as \$2 hayrides, face painting, costumed characters & a special animal enrichment schedule will be available to guests on both days.

Details: (716) 995-6133.

Symphonic Spooktacular

Sun, October 23, 1:30pm

Kleinhans Music Hall

Scary music and Halloween fun at the BPO! Wear your costume and parade across the Kleinhans stage at the end of the concert.

Designed for children ages 5-10, Stefan Sanders has created the perfect introduction to classical music.

Details: bpo.org.

2016 Fall Fest

Sat, October 8 10am-10:00 pm Canalside

Join us for the 2016 Fall Fest at Canalside . A day full of fun and fall activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Details: www.canalsidebuffalo.com.

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Halloween Trick or Treat

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Details: http://bnhv.org. ■

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Terry Collins, *Editor*, 980.5470 (be sure to leave a messsage), 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, Maroon Technology, 1879 Whitehaven Road, Suite 110, 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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- 2 Col. (4.75" x 3" high) Ad: \$65/mo.
- 1/3 Page Ad: 3 Col. x 3″ \$85/mo.
- 1/2 Page Ad: 3 Col. x 4.5" \$125/mo.
- 2/3 Page Ad: 3 Col. x 6″ \$155/mo.
- Full Page Ad: 3 Col. x 9.5" \$235/mo.

Bakers Dozen - Buy any 12 months of single-size ad & receive 1 month free

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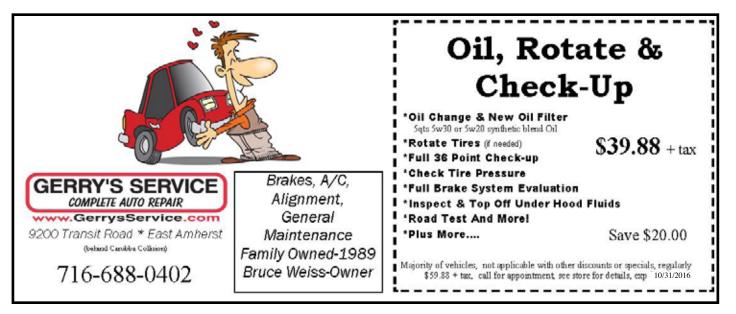
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October

Please visit our web site at www.ransomoaks.com

Next ROCC Meeting: Tuesday • October 11, 2016 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 meeting are held at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Center, unless noted otherwise. 2016 Meetings October 11(*Tues*) Nove

November 14 December 12 *Charlesgate Meeting:* second Wednesday of each month. *Forest Edge Meeting:* fourth Tuesday of each month.

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