

## Ransom Oaks News

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#### 2016 Thirty-Six Years of Ransom Oaks News

**November 2016** 

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## Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy
Thanksgiving
from the
Ransom Oaks
Board & Staff
to each of you &
your families!



Election Day • Thanksgiving • Black Friday • Daylight Saving Time Ends • Veterans Day

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# ROCC Board of Directors Seeks Volunteer Directors

Here's your opportunity to be active in our community. To put in action any changes you've been pondering, to get to know your neighbors and volunteer for a cause close to home.

The annual election for Ransom Oaks Board of Directors will take place on **Monday, January 9, 2017.** To learn more about serving a three-year term as a Director, please contact ROCC At-Large Board Member **Forrest Benson** at 310.4984(c), 688.4688(h) or forrestbenson4@gmail.com.

Please **notify Forrest by November 6, 2016** in order to be reviewed by the Nominating Committee. Potential candidates should plan on submitting a biography (250 words or less) by **November 15, 2016**.

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, 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

Mon, Nov 14 Mon, Dec 12

(details on the back cover)

## **Happy Birthday!**

## November Celebrations



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<b>Kathleen Goodrich</b>
Megan Knowles33 November 18
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Victoria Egleston16 November 24
Richard Long26 November 24
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Joey Maruca26 November 28
Janet Woser29 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 tkhalter@ransomoaks.com **Terry Collins**, *News Editor/Designer* 980.5470 newsletter@ransomoaks.com



#### **Ransom Oaks**

## Facilities Report



This is one of the areas that Kathy has done over the year with my one article every year or two. This month, in the spirit of changing things up here's one from me, Tom, Ransom Oaks by the numbers.

The first numbers that you may want to know are that is Ransom Oaks is made up of 1127 units. There are 546 single-family homes, 394 condominiums, 20 patio homes and 167 townhouses. Five facilities are available for your use. The Eveningwood facility has two tennis courts, a playground, large pool and baby pool. The big pool is 24 x 40 and holds approximately 42,000 gallons of water. The bathing capacity for the facility is 63 people. The baby pool is 16 x 16 and holds 550 gallons of water. There is parking for 12 cars and plenty of room to park your bike. Last but not least four picnic tables to enjoy a snack on these beautiful summer days.

Ransoms Oaks has a community building which is large enough to hold approximately 30 people. The playground is the first of five community built playgrounds you will find throughout the neighborhood. The picnic area is nestled in the back of the property and has 2-picnic tables for your use. This facility has a single tennis court, large pool and baby pool. The big pool holds approximately 56,000 gallons of water and the baby pool 550 gallons. The bathing capacity for this facility is 116. In between swimming and sunning you can play chess with the life size chessboard on the patio.

Greenwood is the largest pool and includes a community building which holds approximately 30 people. If you would like to have your next event in the building call us at 691-7352 to make your arrangements. Just a few things to remember, Ransom Oaks does not allow alcohol at any of the facilities and private pool parties can only be held after 9:00 PM. Greenwood has two-tennis courts, playground and two-picnic tables. The baby pool is 16 x 16 and holds 550 gallons of water. The big pool is 42 x 70 and holds approximately 156,000 gallons of water. When we drained the pool this spring it took 6 days to fill with the garden hose.

Bramhill Court has a multiple purpose court and a playground. Have you ever been here? If you go to the back end of the court you will find a sidewalk that will take you back to this well-hidden facility.

The newest facility is the Glen Oak Drive playground, which you will find at the very end of Glen Oak Drive where it deadends before getting to Transit Road. Here you will find the newest of the five playgrounds and a basketball area. With most of the activities at the pools, this is a great place to bike ride with the kids for some quiet playground fun.

We had a staff of 14 lifeguards for the summer and let me take a minute to congratulate all of the guards for keeping the residents and guest safe this summer. Can you guess how many pool tags have been issued this season? Just a reminder tags are for people residing in Ransom Oaks and tags are not to be lent out. Pool tags are required on each visit to the pool. The number of tags issued this summer was 3174 and 1065 guest passes. The pool uses were 4,603 visits for Eveningwood, 4787 visits for Ransom Oaks and 9855 visits for the Greenwood pool. Bring the total for the season to 19,245 pool visits.

I am sure I have a few more useless facts, but I better save them for the next time Kathy makes me write the newsletter. Please feel free to contact Kathy or I and let us know about your experience at the facilities or suggestion for the community.

Tom and Kathy Halter

Ransom Oaks Facilities Managers
tkhalter@ransomoaks.com
716.691,7352



#### **Around Town**

#### **Fall Leaf Collection**

Town-wide leaf collection starts **November 1ST**.

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**

## Around Ransom Oaks

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

Can we help publicize an event or fund raiser?

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.



## **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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FRIENDLY REMINDER from the Town of Amherst Highway Dept. -

Please keep leaves out of the street and off of receivers especially when it is raining to prevent street flooding.





#### **Around Town**

#### **Amherst Police Free Lectures in November**

Wednesday, November 2, 2016 Illicit Drugs

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 Personal Safety

Hosted by the Amherst Police Department and Town of Amherst Community Development at:

**Amherst Center for Senior Services** 

370 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst, NY 14228

Each informative lecture/presentation will start at 6:30pm, be approximately 45 minutes in length and will be followed by a question and answer session held by the Amherst Police officers and a member of the administration. Feel free to attend all of them or just the lectures that interest you. For additional information please contact Amherst Community Development at 631-7082 or at communitydevelopment@amherst.ny.us.

Hope to See You There!

#### **Around Town**

### **Suspending Curbside Pickup of Televisions**

Effective November 1, 2016 the Amherst Highway Department is suspending pick up of televisions at the curb side. Previously, any Amherst resident in need of disposal of their television has been able to call the Amherst Highway Department to give their address for curbside pickup. However, due to the demands placed on our manpower during leaf season and snow/ice control season we do not have the resources to continue this program during these seasons. The Highway Department would like to thank the Amherst residents in advance for their cooperation in regard to this policy change. Stay tuned for more information regarding disposal of televisions and other electronics.





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#### **Around Home**

### Ina Garten's Thanksgiving Tips

- 1. Write out a menu, then go through and simplify it. If a recipe has a huge ingredient list, forget it. (Do you really need five vegetables? No, you only need three.) Also think about what people don't eat — nuts, for example. Can you make a crumble without nuts? You don't want to make a dish for each person; you want a menu everyone can eat.
- 2. Never, ever test a new recipe on guests for any reason. This is particularly true on Thanksgiving, when there's so much to do.
- 3. Make a game plan. I take a big piece of paper and write my timing on it, working backward. If I want to serve the meal at four o'clock, I think, the turkey must go in the oven at noon, come out at three, and then rest for an hour. Then I look at the carrots and parsnips: Can I make them in advance? Yes, they can be reheated while the turkey rests. I pencil that into the schedule. I make sure that there are some things in the oven, some things atop the stove, some things I can make in advance and reheat, and some things I can serve at room temperature.
- 4. Next, take every recipe and write an aisle-by-aisle shopping list. Put all the dairy in one column, all the vegetables in another, and so forth, so you won't be racing around the store. I save a few perishables (e.g., raspberries) for the Wednesday before, but I get everything else a few days ahead.
- Do as much food prep as you can in advance, even just cutting the carrots two days before — put them in plastic containers with a little water; they'll be perfect.
- 6. Set the table a day or so before. Get it out of the way. Also, if you have flowers as a centerpiece, they'll look better when they've fully opened.
- For a quick centerpiece, put out a bowl of clementines it looks gorgeous. I have a friend who adds dates, and everybody eats them for dessert.
- 8. I love to order cookies with people's names on them as place cards.
- 9. Skip complicated appetizers; just serve nuts, good olives, or figs and prosciutto with wine or Champagne.
- 10. Ask each guest to bring a dessert. They'll feel like they're part of the team (and they'll enjoy their favorite sweet).

Excerpted from GoodHousekeeping.com ■

Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov 6 - Turn the Clocks Back



#### **Around Home**

### **Veteran's Day**

Veterans Day is an official United States public holiday, observed annually on November 11, that honors military veterans, that is, persons who served in the United States Armed Forces.

It coincides with other holidays, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I; major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. The United States previously observed Armistice Day. The U.S. holiday was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day; Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who died while in military service.

Excerpted from Wikipedia.com ■

#### **Around Town**

### November

#### Free 1st Fridays

1st Friday, every month 10am-10pm

Albright Knox Art Gallery

1285 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, NY 14222

Visit the Albright Knox 1st Friday for free general admission (special exhibits extra). More than a century old, the Albright-Knox is perhaps one of the most well known and reputable museums in WNY; with over 6,5000 pieces in its collection, the Knox houses both an extensive collection of fine art and contemporary exhibits.

**Details**: www.albrightknox.org.

#### Free 2nd Fridays

2nd Friday, every month 4pm-8pm

**Burchfield Penney Art Center** 

1300 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222

The Burchfield Penney holds art ranging from the 19th century up until the contemporary era. Named after the artist Charles Burchfield himself, the Penney has the largest collection of Burchfield's works in the world.

**Details:** burchfieldpenney.org.

#### Free 3rd Fridays

3rd Friday, every month 10am-8pm

The Buffalo History Museum

1 Museum Ct, Buffalo, NY 14216

A historical artifact in itself, the Buffalo History Museum has been in operation since 1862. Within its collection, the museum holds 100,000 artifacts, 200,000 photographs, and 20,000 books! With such an extensive collection, the museum is the perfect place to visit if you're looking to learn more about the historical and cultural traditions in Western New York.

**Details**: buffalohistory.org. ■

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**Details**: Free admission daily, edenkazoo.com. ■



#### Holiday Live at Larkin

Fri Dec 2, 5-8pm

Larkin Square, Buffalo, NY

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**Details**: larkinsquare.com.

#### Breakfast with Santa

Sun Dec 4, 9:30-12:30pm

Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village, Amherst, NY

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**Details**: 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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#### Next ROCC Meeting: Monday • November 14, 2016 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 meeting are held at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Center, unless noted otherwise. ■

#### 2016 Meetings

November 14

December 12

November 15
Deadline for
Ransom Oaks News
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#### **Charlesgate Meeting:**

second Wednesday of each month.

#### Forest Edge Meeting:

fourth Tuesday of each month.

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- Briarwoods or Woodgate
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