

# Ransom Oaks News

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# Reserving a Ransom Oaks Facility for your event or meeting?



Selling your Ransom Oaks home?





Check out changes on p. 3

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# We're doing some Cool Things

Join us at our ROCC Monthly Meeting

Due to the holiday, it's Tuesday Oct 10.

Meeting Details on p. 8



## **Mark Your Calendar**



Columbus Day Oct 9

ROCC Meeting Oct 10





Halloween Oct 31

# Ransom Oaks Who-to-Call

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

- Ransom Oaks or Brendans Court (Facilities) LMM Properties, 693-4670 facilitiesmanager@ransomoaks.com
- Charlesgate, or Glen Oak
   Clover Management, 204-2771
- Forest Edge R & D Property Management of WNY, cindy@rdmanagementofwny.com, 688-2083
- Briarwoods or Woodgate Andruchat Real Estate Service, 688-4757
- Ransom Oaks Architectural Matters (regarding Single-family homes ONLY) archcomm@ransomoaks.com)
- Comments President of ROCC, André Lam, alam@ransomoaks.
- Vandalism, Animal Control or Security Concerns Amherst Police, 689-1311
- Swormville Fire, 688-7055



Happy Columbus Day

### **Happy Birthday!**

# October Celebrations



Cara Diati28	3
October 1	
Heather Lewandowski27	7
October 2	
Heather DelGaudio	)
October 3  Kimberly Berus	_
October 4	-
Keegan Gillman	5
October 4	
Shannon Gestwick	3
October 5	
Allison Janczak19	)
October 6	
Jack Manzella19	)
October 6	
Emma Wiepert 19	)
October 6	
Kelsey Swanekamp28	3
October 7	
Andrew Koginos 26	5
October 9	
Scott Sims	1
October 12	
Mark Rapp	3
October 13	
Gabrielle Marong	1
October 15	
Nathan Kwandras23	3
October 16	
Abigail Gnozzo	)
October 17	_
Katie Elkan	-
Sydni Winters	
October 26	)
Theodore Roosevelt159	
October 27	7
Alexis Zee23	2
October 27	-
Caitlin Butler	7
October 28	
Delaney Gillman	2
October 31	9

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**

LMM Properties, Facilities Manager	716-693-4670	facilitiesmanager@ransomoaks.com
Terry Collins, Newsletter		newsletter@ransomoaks.com



# Changes to Reserving a Facility

We've made changes to how you reserve a Ransom Oaks Facility for your meeting or event.

# Three ways to reserve a Ransom Oaks Facility

 Print, complete and send the *NEW* form available on the website by navigating to Living In => Forms => Reserve a Facility Form



- 2. E-mail cbogdan@ ransomoaks.com
- 3. Call (716) 508-ROCC. Please leave a message and someone will return your call ASAP.

We're working on updates to the External Modification process.

Contact archcomm@ ransomoaks.com or a member of the



architectural committee if you have any questions.

**Ransom Oaks** 

## **President's Update**

The ROCC board is continuing to work with LMM Properties to resolve issues related to house closings, architectural requests, and scheduling of our recreational facilities.



The winterization of the pools will be completed by the end of September. Due to an unfortunate miscommunication with the previous property managers, our regularly scheduled pool maintenance company took us off the schedule. While we were able to rectify the issue, the pool closings were moved later in the schedule and closed later than usual. We will work to ensure that this process is improved in the future.

On September 9th a group of neighbors organized by Karen Lawton and Nancy MacDonald cleaned up Bramhill Court's playground and former tennis court. The transformation is amazing. The board is reviewing proposals for repurposing the existing courts. The proposed plans will be part of our budget planning process.

At the last board meeting we shared a presentation that shows the aging of some of our recreational facilities. We are addressing any critical safety issues immediately and developing a long term plan to repair and upgrade the remaining items as the budget allows.

We are forming committees that will require participation of residents to make them successful. We will post information on our web site and FaceBook when we have more information available.

André
President ROCC

## **Selling Your Ransom Oaks Home**

In our community there are steps when you sell your Ransom Oaks Home. It is necessary for the seller to insure the following documents are made available to the buyer at closing:

- A) Copy of the most current Ransom Oaks Covenants and Restrictions
- B) Certificate of Compliance issued by Ransom Oaks Architecture Committee
- C) Copy of the most current Certificate of Assessment, confirming that all your ROCC annual assessments have been paid in full and there are no arrears for any year.

To complete requirements for closing on your sale, ask your lawyer to contact Mary at LMM Properties, 716-693-4670 or facilitiesmanager@ransomoaks. com once your property is sold and a closing date has been established. An exterior inspection will be performed to insure that your home and property are in compliance with all current covenants and restrictions. Once the inspection has been performed and your property is deemed to be incompliance and all assessments are up to date, we will forward the required documents to your attorney, who in turn will make them available to the purchaser at the closing. Note, we require 10 days notice to accomplish these tasks.

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**Around Town** 

# Health Insurance & Wellness Fair

The Town of Amherst Senior Services is sponsoring a Health Insurance & Wellness Fair on Saturday, October 21, 2017 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Amherst Center for Senior Services, 370 John James Audubon Parkway.

Questions? Please visit http://www.amherst.ny.us/pdf/trackus/attachments/wellness.pdf or call 636-3050.

#### **Around Town**

## **Fall Leaf Pickup**

Question: Can I rake leaves into the street?

Answer: NO. It's unsafe. It plugs the receivers with leaves during rain events and it causes vehicles to swerve into traffic unexpectedly causing an unsafe condition. They are also hard to pick up after they are driven over repeatedly, taking more time and slowing the pickup process.

**Question**: How many times do you go through the town?

Answer: Leaf pickup will begin in late October as crews become available to switch to leaf pick up duties. We will do our due diligence to accommodate pick up of leaves before our official November 1st start date. Pickup will continue until all the leaves are picked up or until snow prevents us from doing so. We also keep a log of what street we are on and the date.

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- 2. Pay via PayPal or major credit/ debit card via PayPal.com to payments@ransomoaks.com. Indicate which month(s) to apply your payment.
- **3. 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.

#### **CLASSIFIED AD RATES**

Promote your service or sell an item. Thirty word maximum per ad.

**RESIDENTS:** ■ \$8/mo. **NON-RESIDENTS:** ■ \$11/mo.

#### **DISPLAY AD RATES**

- 2 Col. (4.75" x 1.5" high) Ad: \$37/mo.
- 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

#### **Advertising Notes**

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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# Julie Brown

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# October

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#### Next ROCC Meeting: Tuesday • October 10, 2017 6:30pm @ Greenwood Drive Recreation Center.

MEETINGS begin at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Drive Recreation Center the 2nd Monday of each month except for the October 2017 meeting which is 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

#### 2017 Meetings

October 10

November 13 December 11

Oct 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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- **Briarwoods or Woodgate** Andruschat Real Estate Service, 688-4757
- Vandalism, Animal Control or Security Concerns Amherst Police, 689-1311
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