

Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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From the Supervisor's Desk

The Town Board is beginning to work on the 2013 budget, and hopes to keep the tax rate about the same as last year.

Preliminary discussions for water are beginning for Swamp and Cole Roads. The Town is working with Stu Brown Associates and Chatfield Engineering to seek Rural Development and Small Cities funding for the water district. The Town will also be working to secure funding for the N. Bergen Road, Warboys Road and Merrill Road water district.

Several residents have inquired about the lack of holiday decorations on the telephone poles in Town. We are researching the feasibility and expense of putting decorations on the poles for the Christmas season and hopefully this Christmas you will see some beautiful new decorations up.

The Planning Board and Town Board are in the final stages of completing the revisions to the proposed Zoning Ordinance. Please watch for notices regarding public informational meetings and hearings in order to voice your opinion on the proposed changes. The current Zoning Ordinance has been in affect since 1997 with minimal amendments. Please remember it is the homeowners/businesses responsibility to maintain their property for the betterment of the community, and possible future residential and commercial growth.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, or any Town Board member, if you have any questions or concerns.

Robert Crnkovich, Supervisor

Town Clerk

Hunting licenses went on sale on August 13th, so that means the first round of doe permits has begun. October 1st is the deadline for the 1st round of doe permits, with another round starting November 1st, if there are any left. The price for a hunting license has remained the same as last year.

The Heritage Festival Committee would like to thank the community for your support of another great Festival this year! Please consider volunteering, we are always looking for volunteers.

The Youth Recreation Summer Program was another great success this year with over 30 children enjoying the six week park program.

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Gillam-Grant Community Center

September 20th Thursday from 7:15-8:15pm: Haven't found your sport yet? This coed team is for beginners, intermediates, and ALL ages 9 and up. All equipment is provided. Taught by EnGardeBatavia.com. Fee: \$65 M / \$75 NM.

September 29th: Celebrate the area's grape harvest, talented artisans, wine makers, local and regional music and cuisine. Bus transportation will leave the Center at 9am and return approximately 3pm. Call Gillam-Grant for details 494-1621.

October 6th: Karate starts at Gillam-Grant! New this year, Jeet Kune Do and Kung Fo. Call for details 494-1621

October 16th from 6:30-9pm: This class is an introduction to professional voice overs. Class participants will have a chance to record a commercial script under the direction of our Voice coach. Registration closes 10/9. Instructed by *Voice Coaches*. Fee: \$16M/\$26NM

October 17th - Visit the largest Railroad and Toy Train Museum in NY State & then enjoy a 2hr. train ride through the historic Erie Canal Corridor between Medina and Lockport and feast on a box lunch provided. Bus will leave the Center at 9am and return approximately at 2pm. Cost: \$46.50M/\$51.50NM includes admission to Railroad Museum, train ride, lunch and transportation.

October 18th from 3:30 – 5pm: Explore Italy! We will be creating a Mediterranean Herb Garden. and play an exciting 'Pizza' game and have an Italian snack. Suggested for grades 2– 6. Call Gillam-Grant to register, 494-1621. *This program was made possible in part with funds from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the NYS Council of the Arts, administered by the Genesee-Orleans Art Council.*

OKTOBERFEST! October 26th at 6:30pm - Chef Brandon Smith is back to serve an ethnic German fest with fried sauerkraut balls, German Pork Roast with vegetables and salad and German Chocolate torte for dessert. Entertaining after dinner is Melody Lane, a talented trio, rich in culture and customs of German, Polish and many more! Cost: \$12M/\$15NM *These entertainment was made possible in part with funds from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the NYS Council of the Arts, administered by the Genesee-Orleans Art Council.*

November 14th from 3:30-5pm: Nordic Adventure: come learn about Norway! Norwegian tradition reveals numerous tales about trolls. Hear some stories about the tricky troll. You can test your knowledge about trolls and craft your own cork troll and have a snack. Call Gillam-Grant to register, 494-1621. *This program was made possible in part with funds from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the NYS Council of the Arts, administered by the Genesee-Orleans Art Council.*

TOT TIME ADVENTURES:

September 26th: **Festive Fall Fun** ~ Fall crafts and games

October 29th: **Little Goblins Party** ~ "Trick or Treat" at the Center, games & a spooky craft

November 14th: **Teddy Bear Picnic** ~ Fun and games with your stuffed friend

December 14th : **Donuts with Mrs. Claus** ~ Stories and snack with Mrs. Claus!

All TOT TIME ADVENTURES run from 6:30-7:30pm and cost \$3 per person. Register by calling Gillam-Grant, 494-1621.

Byron-Bergen Public Library

This year's summer reading program "Dream Big- Read!" was a success!!! Over 150 children participated by reading more than 1800 books! Thank you to all our junior volunteers!! We couldn't have done it without your help!

Thank you for your continued support of our summer reading program: Demo's Truck Sales, Ralph & Rosie's, Chark's Glass & Mirror, Rose Garden Bowl, Craft Supplies Unlimited, the Widrig Family, Wendy's, Lift Bridge Book Store, Darien Lake Amusement Park, Seabreeze Amusement Park, Tops Friendly Markets of Leroy, Target of Batavia, Wal-Mart of Brockport, and Wegmans of Brockport. Without the generous donations of these merchants and individuals, our summer reading program wouldn't be possible.

Thank you to the Library Board of Trustees for a very successful Red, White and Read wine/beer tasting event! Our hosts Brett and Kristen Wilcox as well as over 50 others participated in raffles and auctions made this day a special fundraiser event. The generosity of time and monies that this community gives is amazing so again thank you to all who helped make this fundraiser happen.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month!!! Stop by the Library and get ready to explore!!! All you need is a driver's license to sign up. If you are 18 and younger, we need your parents/guardian to come in and sign you up.

Library hours are:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10-12 & 2-8

Friday 10-6

Saturday 10-1

Or discover us on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org and on FaceBook too!

Our Book Discussion Group will begin meeting on September 13th to discuss the book The Camel Bookmobile by Masha Hamilton. This group meets the 2nd Thursday each month: October 11th, November 8th, and December 13th.

Come join the fun!

Pre-school story time will run Fridays at 10:30am starting on September 14th. Join Miss Michelle for a story, craft and a treat! This is recommended for ages 3-5 but younger children are welcome with their parents/guardian. **Registration is appreciated.**

Special South African Storyteller event will be held at the Gillam Grant Community Center on Monday September 24th from 3:30-5:30. Karima Amin is a member of National Storytelling Network and has shared stories in local, national, and international venues. Come enjoy learning about customs, traditions and history by listening to this entertaining storyteller! Then do a cultural craft. This free program is made possible by the New York State Council of the Arts with the support of Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Saturday Morning Movie on October 20th at 10am. Come enjoy Madagascar3 on the Big Screen! Enjoy a treat and drink too! No registration required—just come and enjoy!

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October 25th is our Spooky but fun- Halloween story time at 6:30pm. Dress up in costume and join us for a story or two, craft and tasty treat! Registration is appreciated.

November 15th will be stories of Thanksgiving with Miss Michelle at 6:30pm. After a story or two, there will be a craft, and a fun snack! Registration is recommended.

Saturday Morning Movie November 17th at 10am on the Big Screen with the movie "Brave". Enjoy some popcorn and a drink while you watch this fun movie!

The National Safety Council Babysitting class will be offered at the Library on Wednesday November 21st from 9-2. You must be at least 11 years old to attend. Stop by before November 17th for register and payment. The cost is \$45 and includes workbook. Class size is limited!

The Library will be Closed November 22nd- 24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Have a Great Thanksgiving!

Holiday Craft night on December 20th at 6:30- come join us as we make a special gift to give to Mom or Grandma. Registration required. Call the Library for more information or to sign up.

The Library will be Closed December 25th and January 1st. So Have a Happy and Safe Holiday season!

Holiday Break Happenings:

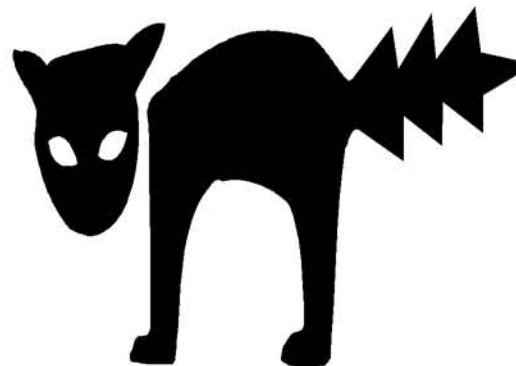
Movie Day on December 27th showing at 2pm and 6pm—movie to be determined

Craft Day on December 28th from 10-6 – come make a noisy craft to help ring in the New Year!

If you don't find what you are looking for at the Library, then we can order it for you from the NIOGA Library System. The website is www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org and click on catalog to see if our system has the book you are looking for. You then can call the Library at 494-1120 or stop in with your request or questions on all events.

The Library has copy /fax service for a small cost, Roadrunner Internet on three computers, Wi-Fi and interlibrary loans from any Library in the NIOGA Library system. Check us out on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org or stop in and we will assist you! You can also friend us on Facebook to keep up with the latest events. For more information on our services or programs, please call the library at 494-1120.

Happy Reading-
Nancy Bailey, Library Manager



Byron Presbyterian Church

BACKPACK PROGRAM UPDATE

Over the course of the past few months, I explored the idea of applying for Foodlink and investigated how the program works. Essentially, an entity applies for a grant and if approved, Foodlink delivers food on a bi-weekly basis to our packing facility (which is Gillam-Grant) and then we pack the bags and deliver them to school. This coming year, we were approved for Foodlink. This allows us to nearly double the amount of children we have been servicing at the Byron-Bergen Central School, to a total of 53 children. The value of the grant amounts to a little over \$4,000 for the year. We pay 50 cents per child per week for the fall portion of the year. Beginning in January, that amount could go to 75 cents or \$1.00 per child per week. They estimate the value of the bags at \$3 - \$4 each. This is a great cost savings for us, but we still need financial support from our community to make it happen.

The food delivered may also be supplemented with additional items, depending what is coming in from Foodlink. We recently participated in a training event and it was interesting to note this idea has really taken off in Genesee County—new schools participating this year include Elba, Oakfield-Alabama, and returning schools City of Batavia and Pavilion. We additionally were joined by Brockport Central School, also new to the program this year.

We will be packing the bags slightly different this year, with the older kids having single bags to slip into their own backpack if they would like to. Or the single bags will be packaged per family for one child to pick up. We will be investing in some new bags this year. We do “recycle” the bags, meaning they return them each week for re-packing. There is some cost involved to purchasing bags, as well as payment to Foodlink each month. That means we still need your help! If you would like to contribute to the Backpack Program, please send checks directly to the Byron Presbyterian Church, PO Box 206, Byron, NY 14422, indicating that it is for the Backpack Program. Children that are “food insecure” function better at school when they have the opportunity to participate in these types of programs. Your contributions directly affect our own children in our own neighborhood and we welcome your support!

If you are interested in learning more about Foodlink and possibly becoming a corporate sponsor for our program, please contact Pam Kenward at (585)813-4211.

We owe a lot of thanks to many who have made this program possible over the past 3 ½ years. With your continued support, we hope to go forward with this program for a long time to come.

Pam Kenward, Mission Moderator, Byron Presbyterian Church

2012 Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic

Offered by the Genesee County Department of Health on the following dates and locations:

September 13, 2012 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Pembroke Highway Department
October 18, 2012 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	LeRoy Village Highway Garage

A \$5 voluntary donation per dog, cat or ferret is requested to offset clinic expenses. Non-county residents must pay a mandatory \$5 fee for each dog, cat and ferret immunized.

Upcoming Events

Genesee County's Individuals With Disabilities Dance at the Byron Fire Hall

Thursday, September 13th, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30p.m. (Sock Hop)

Thursday, October 25th, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Halloween)

Thursday, November 15th, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Country)

Thursday, December 13th, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Christmas)

Sponsored by the Byron Ladies Auxiliary.

Byron Fire Dept. Gun Raffle

Saturday, October 6th

5:00 p.m. - ?

Byron Fire Hall. 15 guns and cash prizes awarded. Tickets are \$20 and include entry, food and drinks. Tickets available from any Byron fireman or stop by the fire hall on Monday nights. Also being raffled is a camouflage golf cart (gas or battery operated). Tickets are \$10 or 3 for \$20.

Byron Presbyterian Church Turkey Dinner

Sunday, October 21st

11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

\$9.00 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12, under 6 free. Served family style. For more information call 548-2800.

Byron Fire Dept. Turkey Raffle

Saturday, November 3rd

7:00 p.m. - ?

Byron Fire Hall.

North Bergen Presbyterian Church

Saturday, November 10th

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Harvest Craft Show. Crafts, homemade baked goods, lunch, including brick oven pizza. For more information call 494-1388.

Town Clerk's Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

9:00 a.m.-12 noon & 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Closed on Thursday

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Phone Number and Extensions:

Town Hall - Highway Garage - Sewer Dept.

585 - 548 - 7123

Supervisor – Robert Crnkovich	Ext. 14	Home: 548-7767	
Town Clerk – Debra Buck-Leaton	Ext. 10	Highway Dept. - George Heins	Ext. 11
		Cell Phone: 703 - 3309	
Sewer Dept.	Ext. 12	In an Emergency 585-507-9245	CEO/ZEO –
Ken Kuter	Ext. 15	Assessor - Barry Flansburg	Ext. 17 Town
Justice DiMatteo	343-2770	Town Justice Smith	Ext. 18 Councilman
Jeff Thompson	350-8289	Councilman Jack Redick	548-7653
Councilman Scott Wooton	548-4741	Councilman Harold Austin	548-7362