

# Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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## From the Supervisor's Desk

The Planning Board and Town Board are in the final stages of completing the revisions to the proposed Zoning Ordinance. 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 12th, which 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! Several residents have expressed an interest in returning the Heritage Festival into a full day event, which can only be done with more volunteers, please consider volunteering to make this possible.

The Clerk's Office will be conducting another Dog Census next year, please license your dog so that you are in compliance with NYS and the Town of Byron Dog Control Laws.

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

## NYS STAR PROGRAM~SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

All New York homeowners receiving a Basic STAR property tax exemption must register with the NYS Tax Department in order to receive the STAR exemption in 2014 and subsequent years. All Basic STAR recipients will receive registration instructions by mail. Visit the website at [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov) to register now. The registration deadline is December 31, 2013. This is part of an initiative to protect New Yorkers against the costs of inappropriate or fraudulent STAR exemptions. Questions, call 518-457-2036 or visit the website.

Seniors receiving Enhanced STAR (65 yrs. or older) benefits are not affected by the new registration requirement. In order to continue to receive Enhanced STAR, seniors must continue to apply annually, or participate in the Income Verification Program with your Town Assessor.

# Byron Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 15, 8:30 -9:30 AM - Free pancake breakfast to begin a new year of Sunday School at the Byron Presbyterian Church. The church has religious education from pre-school through 6th grade, plus an active junior and senior high youth group that meets at other times.

Friday, September 20, 6:00 PM - Potluck Dinner at the Byron Presbyterian Church. Joelle Truax will give a presentation about "Rehema Home", a project she is involved with that offers practical hope to orphaned children in Kenya.

Sunday, October 20, 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM - Turkey Supper with all the fixin's, including all varieties of delicious pie, at the Byron Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$9.00 for adults, children six to twelve \$5.00, under six is free. Last year the dinner sold out before closing time, so plan accordingly!

Sunday worship is at 9:45 AM, and Sunday School for young children is offered during the worship hour year-round. For more information, please call 548-2800, or visit [www.byronfpc.org](http://www.byronfpc.org).

## Upcoming Events

### ***USPS Meeting***

***Wednesday, Sept. 18th, 6:00 pm***

USPS meeting at the Byron Town Hall to discuss the best course of action for providing postal services through the South Byron Post Office.

### ***Byron Ladies Auxiliary Fall Craft Sale***

***Saturday, Sept. 21st, 9 am-2 pm***

To be held at the Byron Fire Dept. Food available. Table fee of \$10. Call Noma at 548-7474 or Judy Yager at 548-9062 for details.

### ***Byron Fire Dept. Gun Raffle***

***Saturday, Oct. 5th, 5 pm-?***

Byron Fire Dept. on Rte. 262. Guns, money and lifetime sportsman license are some of the things the fire department will be raffling. Winning tickets will be resubmitted. Table raffles and 50/50 as well. \$20 tickets includes food and drinks for the holder. Tickets available from any fireman, or stop by the firehall on Monday nights. Some tickets may be available at the door.

### ***Halloween Party***

***Saturday, Oct. 26th, Time TBA***

To be held at the Byron Fire Dept. for the community. Check the sign board outside the fire hall for time.

## **2013 Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic**

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

**September 19, 2013 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Pembroke Highway Department**

**October 17, 2013 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.

# Byron-Bergen Public Library

This year's summer reading program "Dig into Reading" was a success!!!

Over 150 children participated by reading more than 2000 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 Parts, Chark's Glass & Mirror, Liberty Pumps, Dilcher's Excavation and Construction, Dugan Lawn Care, Somac Inc., H.E. Turner Funeral Home, Wendy's, Darien Lake Amusement Park, Seabreeze Amusement Park, Tops Friendly Markets of Leroy, Target of Batavia, and Wal-Mart of Brockport. Without the generous donations of these merchants, our summer reading program wouldn't be possible.

Thank you to the Library Board of Trustees for a successful Barley and Books 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 younger than 18 years old, 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](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) and on FaceBook too!

Our Book Discussion Group will begin meeting on September 12th to discuss the book Persian Pickle Club by Sandra Dallas. This group meets the 2nd Thursday each month: October 10th, November 7th, and December 12th.

Come join the fun!

Pre-school story time will run Fridays at 10:30am starting on September 13th. Join Miss Miranda 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.**

Saturday Morning Movie on October 5th at 10:30am. Come enjoy "The Croods" on the Big Screen! Enjoy a treat and drink too! Registration appreciated —

October 22nd 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.

Saturday Morning Movie on November 2nd at 10:30am. Come enjoy "Monster University" on the Big Screen! Enjoy a treat and drink too! Registration appreciated —

November 19th will be stories of Thanksgiving with Miss Miranda at 6:30pm. After a story or two, there will be a craft, and a fun snack! Registration is recommended.

The National Safety Council Babysitting class will be offered at the Library on Monday November 25th from 12-5. You must be at least 11 years old to attend. Stop by before November 22nd for register and payment. The cost is \$45 and includes a workbook. Class size is limited!

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Is your child staying home alone while you are at work? The Library is offering a Home Alone Safety workshop on November 26th from 12-2 pm. This National Safety Council workshop will prepare your child for situations that can occur when they stay home alone. The cost is only \$20. Class size is limited so stop by soon to sign up no later than November 22nd!

**The Library will be Closed November 28nd- 30th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Have a Great Thanksgiving!**

Holiday Craft night on December 18th 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 Holiday Library hours will be:**

**Tuesday Dec. 24th- 10 -5**

**Wednesday Dec. 25th – Closed**

**Thursday Dec. 26th 10-12 & 2-8**

**Friday Dec.27th 10-6**

**Saturday Dec. 28th 10-1**

**Tuesday Dec. 31st 10-5**

**January 1st. So Have a Happy and Safe Holiday season!**

**January 2nd thru 4th regular Library hours.**

Remember if you have an E-Reader, you can loan digital books from the Library.

Go to [Byron-BergenPublicLibrary.org](http://Byron-BergenPublicLibrary.org) and click on Download Audio and e-reader icon. We also have free music with Freegal music from our website too!

There will be an eReader workshop on October 17th at 7 pm. Join us for this informative workshop on how to borrow eBooks from the library website onto your eReader. We will have someone here to answer all your technical questions. registration is recommended.

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](http://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](http://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

# Gillam-Grant Community Center

**Gillam-Grant Swimming Lessons SATURDAYS ~ Sept. 21 - Nov. 16 (no class 10/12)**

**8 week session.** Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced lessons. Call 494-1621 for more information. Registration required prior to the start date of class. First come basis.

**Gillam-Grant Wednesday Night Men's Basketball ~ Begins September 25th** from 7:30 until 9:30 pm in the B-B Middle School whenever school is in session.

**DRAMA WORKSHOP : Grades 7 and Up, Thursdays 3:30-5:00pm, starting Sept. 26th.** This weekly workshop develops each participants acting, singing, playwriting, and set design skills. The workshop will culminate with a year-end production. Class will follow the school calendar - 32 weeks of instruction. Instructed By: Alysia Fink

**Vocal and Performing Arts Classes at Gillam-Grant:**

**Kindergarten thru 3rd grade: Fridays from 3:30-5:00pm, starting September 27th.**

**4th thru 6th grade: Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00pm, starting September 25th**

**CLASSES INCLUDE: 8 week program** covering Visual Arts, Acting, Singing, Music, Dance, Movement. Call Gillam-Grant at 494-1621.

***Oktoberfest is back at Gillam-Grant! Friday, October 4th at 6:30pm***

Chef Brandon Smith is back to serve an ethnic German feast! After dinner for a return engagement, Melody Lane a talented trio with rich authentic music. Reservation deadline, Sept. 27th by noon. This program is made possible (in part) with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and is administered by the Genesee- Orleans Regional Arts Council."

**Oct. 3 - Nov. 7 [Thursdays] 5:00-6:00pm ~ Gentle YOGA at Gillam-Grant**

Explore and enhance your flexibility, balance and strength of mind and body through the practice of yoga. Students of all ages & levels of experience and fitness welcome. Certified Yoga instructor. Call 494-1621.

**October 5th: Gillam-Grant takes a TEEN FIELD TRIP (Grades 7 -10) to..... *SKY ZONE* INDOOR TRAMPOLINE PARK.** Sky Zone is the Ultimate 3-D Play Experience and unmatched high-flyin' FUN... 2:30 pm departure from Gillam-Grant. Limited seating—first come!

**October 5th: 10 Week Session Gillam-Grant Karate**

**October 7th Gillam-Grant Learning Center Homework Help begins** - Students may attend Mon. - Thursday 2:30 - 4:30 on a daily, weekly or as needed basis to receive help with nightly homework assignments

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and socialize. Transportation will leave the Center at 11:30am. *Registration Requested by the **Thursday** before our lunch date. Space is limited to 14.*

**October 7th ~ D & R Depot**

**November 18th ~ Golden Eagle Restaurant**

**December 2nd~ Applebee's, Batavia**

**Wednesday, Oct. 9th GEVA with Gillam-Grant: Pump Boys and Dinettes**

The boys from the gas station next door play high-octane blend of country and bluegrass packed with highly entertaining toe-tappers about life, love and good times. Reservation and payment due by September 25th.

**Oct 10th: Picasso Pizza Party** ~ During this fun event you will make a creative art project while you munch on pizza! Discover one of the Masters of Art, Pablo Picasso and his unique cubist style. Includes pizza & all art supplies. Grades 3 & Up Register at Gillam-Grant 494-1621. This program is made possible (in part) with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and is administered by the Genesee- Orleans Regional Arts Council."

**Racing Rockets Friday, October 11th 3:30-5:00** - Students (Grades 2-4) will use alka seltzer to power film canister rockets! We will experiment to see how high we can get them to fly! Call Gillam-Grant to register 494-1621.

**October 21st from 3:30-5pm:** In Newton's Racers, kids jockey for pole position with K'Nex racecars in an attempt to unravel Newton's Three Laws of Motion! Snack provided.

Registration REQUIRED! Call Gillam-Grant 494-1621. For students in Grades 1st-5th. Bussing from BB Elementary provided.

**Oct. 23rd at 10am, Gillam-Grant hosts MVP** as they present, Health Foods That Aren't. Learn to separate the facts from fiction about these "health" foods so you can make wise food choices.

**Nov. 8th at 10am, Primetimers event** - Holiday card making with Gail.

**Computer Explorers: Logic Games Friday November 8th 3:30-5:00**

Students (Grades 2-4) will explore a variety of websites to play games of logic and strategy.

**Nov. 16th from 3-5pm: Adrienne Gonzaliez and Natalia Zukerman team up to conduct a songwriting workshop at Gillam-Grant!** Whether you have been writing songs for years, have been dabbling in writing, or have never written a song before and would like to learn more about the process, all are welcome!

**AG and Natatalia Zukerman in CONCERT, Saturday, November 16th at 8pm.** Pre-Sale tickets \$15 at the door \$20. Call Gillam-Grant for details, 494-1621.

# From the Historian's Desk

Another year is almost over and the kids are back to school. The museum is closed except by appointment, but things are still going on in the museum. Jeannie Freeman and crew are going through the collection of clothing, cleaning, checking for damage and duplicates. Some will be put in storage and some may be beyond repair. She also has a project of permanently marking many items of our collection. If anyone has some time to help her, please contact her at 548-7197.



## THANK YOU

**A big thank you goes out to Sue Rich for cleaning up the railroad bridge underpass in South Byron. Thank you Sue!**



## FRACKING

Anyone interested in being involved in a committee to study the affects of fracking on our community are encouraged to contact Sue Fuller at 548-2278

### 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	
Court Clerk - Krista Fairbanks	Ext. 18	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	851-1469	Councilman Jack Redick	303-1668	
Councilman Scott Wooton	548-4741	Councilman Harold Austin	409-9827	