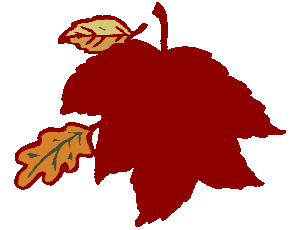


Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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From the Supervisor's Desk

Hope everyone had a great and safe summer! The weather didn't treat us very nice.

We are still very busy with different projects. Water District 7 has been approved by the Comptroller. We are waiting funding from USDA Rural Development, which should be here before the end of the year. It is basically designed and ready to go out for bid. Water District 8 is headed to the Comptroller for approval, which hopefully won't take 60-90 days and will be designed and ready to go.

As most of you know, the highway garage was voted down last spring. We since have regrouped and expanded the committee and we are working very hard again to make it affordable for everyone. We do have money set aside for the building that wasn't taken into account last spring. We have had an asbestos study done and has come back negative. We also had a boring test done in the ground to test for suitable soil, and those results also came back very positive. These two items will help our contingency fund to also lower the cost of a new building. We also removed one bay from previous plans and the cold storage area to also reduce the cost.

Again, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the support you have given me these last 4 years. It has been fun and also a great learning experience. I hope to be able to serve the Town again in some form in the future.

Please remember, meetings are the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. This is your Town.

Respectfully, Peter Yasses, Town Supervisor

Town Clerk

The Towns Summer Youth Recreation Program had a record attendance this year. We would like to thank Emily VanEenwyk and Nathan Knickerbocker for all their help this year to make it such a memorable summer for all the kids that attended. Also thank you to the Byron-Bergen Public Library, Byron Kiwanis, Byron Euchre, Pastor Jim Renfrew, the Genesee County Youth Bureau and all the parent helpers! We couldn't do it without you!

For your convenience, you may now renew your dog license online, it's fast and easy. Just go to the Town website at www.byronny.com and click on the blue link titled "To Renew Your Dog License Online Click Here" and it will take you through the steps to renew online. You cannot, however, renew your license online if your rabies are due, and you will need to come in to the office.

Happy Fall, Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Highway Superintendent

Hello, and with the writing of this newsletter happy fall. It is now Labor Day weekend and where did summer go? The blacktop on Chapell Road and Ivison Road has been completed. Hopefully, the week of September 11 we can put shoulders on these two as well as others. The oil and stoning on Shelt, Merriman, Upper Holley and Cook has also been completed and as of this writing the excess stone has been swept with only the signs taken down remaining. Before the end of the season there will be some road striping done as it becomes available on the schedule since this is contracted out. Another thing before the end of fall is possibly some more blacktop depending on budgeting and availability of the county paver and their crew. I have to bring up winter before it's time, but fall is a good time to start making repairs to your mailbox if needed. Nothing lasts forever. Lastly I would like to say thank you for the patience during the "construction" season however I'm finding a disheartening trend of people driving through a work zone upset, shaking their heads or throwing their arms up. We're all here for the safety and betterment of our roads and apologize for the inconvenience. We try to keep things flowing as smoothly as possible but sometimes you're going to have to wait or go around. Five minutes of inconvenience is worth the end result...enjoy your fall.

Respectfully,

Brian Forsyth, Highway Superintendent

CEO/ZEO

My name is Mike Morris I am the new Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer for the Town. I come from over 20 years of construction and public safety experience. I look forward to continuing to make the Town a safe and well maintained community.

Over the last couple of months I have been touring the community and conducting property maintenance inspections. I have enjoyed meeting many of the residents and working with them on their projects and problems. A theme that I keep hearing from the residents is that the community needs to be cleaned up. To help with this issue I will be out inspecting for proper roofing, weeds, and unsafe structures.

We are also working on making things easier applying for permits. The main application has been simplified and is no longer in triplicate. With these changes I am hoping to be able to have them on the website. This will make printing the forms from home available saving residents a trip in to the office.

If you have any questions about if you need a permit or can I build this here, feel free to contact me at 548-7123 EXT. 15 or 250-0896. I look forward to hearing from you about projects and changes you would like to see.

One last thing please remember to change your Smoke Detector/ Carbon Monoxide batteries. Also NYS Law states every **home** and **business** must have a working Carbon Monoxide detector in it. If you have any questions on placement feel free to call any time.



Genesee County Legislator, Robert Bausch

Normally the summer months are a slower time for the county legislature: fewer meetings, public hearings and general business. This year is not quite normal. A number of issues needed attention so the meetings have continued throughout the summer.

The most pressing issue was additional water for the county. There were two primary concerns to be addressed: the source of the water and the county's agreement with Monroe County Water Authority, which provides the water. The first has been resolved but the second is dragging due to some legal concerns.

The county is evaluating the advisability of leasing its non-emergency vehicles. Other jurisdictions in NYS have implemented similar programs over the last few years and they have benefited financially.

There are also the issues of the sales tax agreement with the city, towns and villages, agreements with the water districts that need to be updated and the state's requirement for additional shared services. As might be expected, none have an easy answer but are being addressed.

Lastly, at the August legislative meeting, the legislature approved retaining a consultant to study the county jail requirement. This is the first step in very long process which mostly likely will result in a new jail. Currently the county is housing 10 more inmates in the county jail than the state allows. This has been happening for a number of years. Each year the state has given the county a one-year wavier in anticipation of the county addressing the issue. Last fall the state only granted a 6-month wavier with the threat of taking the wavier away completely if the county failed to address the issue. The jail only houses male inmates with the overflow housed out of county. All female inmates are housed out of county, some as far away as Cortland County. Adolescents are housed in the Albany area. Transporting out of county inmates back for court dates and various other proceeding is very costly to the county. Also, with the state rising the age of criminal responsibility from 16 to 18, there is a new classification of inmates that the county has no facility to house. It is a big issue and will be an expensive one as well. Unfortunately, the jail population, both male and female, is increasing not decreasing.

As always, if you have any questions about the county government or its programs, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Livingston-Genesee Access for Veterans Program

Genesee Valley Rural Preservation Council, Inc. is pleased to announce a new and exciting program - Livingston-Genesee Access for Veterans.

This is a new program to assist disabled permanently certified Veterans with service related disabilities who may need accessibility modifications in their home. The Veteran must reside in a single family home in either Livingston or Genesee County.

Accessibility modifications may include, but are not limited to wheelchair ramps and lifts; roll in showers; non-skid flooring, and much more.

Information and applications may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.



Byron Cemetery Association

The Byron Cemetery Association needs new members! Individuals who own a cemetery plot or have a family member who own one, may join the Byron Cemetery Association. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Kim Dewey at 585-356-2256 for details. Several minds help make great decisions and create ideas!

As you drive or stroll through the cemetery grounds, we hope you notice all the work that has been completed at the cemetery this spring and summer. We greatly appreciate all the effort that John Durand and Dave Leaton have done to make the cemetery look amazing. Many hours have been spent trimming the bushes & trees, adding sod and backfilling graves. Due to the large amount of rain this year, John has spent a lot of extra time mowing the lawn at the cemetery. He does a great job keeping the grass and weeds under control. John coordinates with the Sheriff's Department to have community service workers to help with the grass and weed trimming.

This is a gentle reminder to kindly remove plants, pots and decorations from the cemetery by October 1st. Many cemetery plots are available. Contact John or Donna Durand about eligible plots and prices.

The annual meeting for the Byron Cemetery Association has been planned for Tuesday, April 17th at 7:00pm at the Byron Town Hall. Lot owners are welcome to attend and may vote at this meeting.

Trustees:

Kim Dewey, President
Ginny Ivison, Vice President
Barb Read Treasurer
Elaine Bezon, Secretary
Joe Kuzma
Dave Leaton Jr.

Superintendents:

John Durand (585)813-3531
Donna Durand (585)813-2591

Byron Presbyterian Church

Ice Cream Social for the Byron Community, Sunday, September 10, on the lawn of the Byron Presbyterian Church, following the 9:45 AM worship service at 10:45 AM. It's also the first day of our fall Sunday School program for children. Enjoy ice cream, whipped cream and sprinkles. There is no cost, because you will be our guest! Sunday School is open to any children in our community, each Sunday at 9:45 AM.

The Byron Presbyterian Church invites you to sing with our choir. Practices are usually Wednesdays at 7:00 PM for about an hour. Choir Director Laurence Tallman helps participants skilled and unskilled "find their voice". We are also looking for people with musical instrument talent.

Please support our **emergency food donation** box each week! Food items may be left in the grocery cart just inside the church side door entrance. Food items are sent to the Emergency Food Shelf of Genesee County Churches United at the Salvation Army in Batavia, for the benefit of people throughout the county.

Byron Presbyterian Church **200th Anniversary Cookbooks** are now available, with 200 recipes contributed by church members, along with a variety of helpful cooking tips. The cost is \$10. Order yours today by calling 548-2800. This opportunity only comes around every 200 years, so don't miss it!

Annual Turkey Dinner, Sunday, October 15th 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Turkey and all the fixings. Served family style. Information: 585-548-2800 or 585-548-2428.

Please call 548-2800 for more information, or visit our web page www.byronfpc.org, or see us on Facebook at "Byron Presbyterian Church".



This year's summer reading program "Build a Better World" was a success!!! Over 140 children participated. Thank you to all my junior volunteers!! I couldn't have done it without your help!

Thank you for your continued support of our summer reading program: Chark's Glass & Mirror, Demo's Truck Parts Inc., Craft Supplies Unlimited, Ralph & Rosie's Deli, Greg'ry's Bakery, Rose Garden Bowl, Harris Wilcox Inc., Target of Batavia, Sky Zone Trampoline Park, Lasertron, Walmart- Brockport, Rochester Museum & Science Center, and Seabreeze Amusement Park. Without the generous donations of these merchants and individuals, our summer reading program wouldn't be possible.

The summer hours are the same as they are during the school year but we will be closing for Saturday September 2th for Labor Day!!

September is Library Card Sign-up Month!!! Stop by the Library and get your card to adventure and mystery--be 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 thru Thursday 10-12 & 2-8

Friday 10-6

Saturday 10-1

Our Book Discussion Group will begin meeting on September 14TH to discuss the book My Name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Stout. This group meets the 2nd Thursday each month. Come join the fun!

Pre-school story time will run Fridays at 10:30am starting on September 15th. Join us 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.

Back to School Story time will be September 19th at 6:30 pm. Join us as we start the fun family story time season with stories about school a fun craft and a snack. Registration is appreciated.

Friday -October 6th is a day off from School! Join us as we watch a movie on the Big Screen at 2pm. Popcorn and drinks provided! Bring a friend or two and enjoy a funny story about Captain Underpants!

Our Spooky story time will be will be October 24th at 6:30pm. Hear fun Halloween stories, make a spookactular craft, and enjoy a special treat. Fun for the whole family!

There is fun on Friday November. 10th at 1pm - a Game Day @ your Library! Join us for games of all kinds, some food and friendly competition!

Turkey Time Stories will be November 14th at 6:30pm. Come join us for a story or two about Thanksgiving, a craft and snack!!! This fun story time is open to all ages.

Thanksgiving week hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 10-12 and 2-8. We will be closed Thursday

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–Thanksgiving Day thru Saturday the 25th. We will reopen Tuesday 28th at 10am.

The Library has copy /fax service for a small cost, Roadrunner Internet on 3 computers, Free 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 Fire Department & Ladies Auxiliary

Byron Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary & Byron Kiwanis (co-hosting) – Beef BBQ Lunch & Fall Auction at the Byron Fire Hall (6357 East Main) on Sunday, September 10th, 2017 from 11:00 am – 2:30 pm. Beef BBQ Lunch served for \$10.00. Basket and Baked Goods Auction tickets only available to the event.

Byron Fire Department – Annual Sportsman’s Raffle at the Byron Fire Hall (6357 East Main Street) on Saturday, September 30th, 2017 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. Doors open at 12:00 noon. \$20.00 per ticket; includes chance to win one of the 15 main prizes (listed on ticket) as well as food (Snacks, Pulled Pork Lunch and Beverages). You do not need to be present to win. Tickets are available through any fire department member or at the door the day of the event. Side raffles and pull tabs too!

Byron Fire Department – Trick or Treating held at the Byron Fire Hall (6357 East Main Street) on Tuesday, October 31st, 2017. All are welcome to stop by and visit with our firefighters, EMTs and Auxiliary members. Treats (Cider, Coffee, Donuts and Candy) for all ages will be available.

Byron Fire Department – Turkey Dinner & Raffle Night held at the Byron Fire Hall (6357 East Main Street) on Saturday, November 4th, 2017 from 5:00 until ????. Dinner provided for all those in attendance. Purchase tickets at the event for your chance to win your Thanksgiving Turkey or Christmas Ham. Advance chance to win via Turkey Boards available to local Byron Businesses. Check department board for additional details as event draws near.

N. Bergen Presbyterian Church

There will be a Drive Thru Beef Brisket Dinner at N. Bergen Pres. Church on Sat., Oct. 14, 2017. The dinner consists of a Beef Brisket sandwich with Chef Tim Kayner's special sauce on the side, baked beans, cabbage salad, applesauce, and dessert. The Drive Thru dinner will be available for pick up from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm. The church is located at 7068 N. Bergen Rd, Bergen. The cost will be \$10. Call 585-494-1815 for tickets.

The Ninth Annual Harvest Craft Show will be held at the North Bergen Presbyterian Church, 7068 North Bergen Road, Bergen, New York 14416 on Saturday, November 11, 2017. The hours will be 10 AM to 3 PM. New crafters are always welcome; the per table charge will remain a very reasonable \$20.00. Raffle tickets will be on sale for a handmade quilted Christmas wall hanging entitled “Angels We Have Heard On High”. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Craft Show. There will be delicious luncheon offerings as well.

Gillam-Grant Community Center Fall 2017 Programming

*AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

Art Lessons with Mrs. Diana! Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30pm - 5:00pm (SNACK PROVIDED!), grades 2 - 6.

GGCC Dance Program with experienced instructor Becca Phelps. Wednesdays from 2:45pm - 4:30pm, grades K - 12. SAVE THE DATE: June 6th, 2018 will be the recital.

Fear Factor Event! Is fear a factor for you? October 27th from 3:30pm - 4:30pm, grades 3-6.

Kids Nite Out events: September 22nd and December 15th. Drop off after 6:00pm, pick up before 10:00pm. Grades Pre-K - 6.

*LEARNING CENTER:

Tutoring by appointment only.

Drop in Math Tutoring on Wednesday's from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Starts back up in October!

Homework Help for grades 1 - 12 Monday - Thursday from 2:30pm - 4:30pm starts back up October 2nd!

NYS Pre-Licensing Class on Sat. September 30th from 9:00am - 2:00pm.

Pre-School Story Times on Wednesday's from 10:30am - 11:00am starts up on 09/20/17.

Best Eats Around the World for grades 4 - 6 from 3:30pm - 6:00pm. Class Dates: 10/03 - 10/24. DON'T WORRY ABOUT COOKING DINNER FOR YOUR CHILD! They will eat their creations at the end of class!

*HALF DAY CAMPS (11:45am - 3:30pm):

Nov. 17th - Lego Half Day Camp

Nov. 27th - Harry Potter Half Day Camp

***BUSING IS AVAILABLE FOR THE ABOVE PROGRAMS FROM BB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO THE CENTER!**

SENIORS:

Social Meal Dates: 09/11/17, 10/09/17, 11/13/17, and 12/11/17.

Lunch Club Dates: 09/25/17, 10/23/17, 11/27/17, and 12/18/17.

Tuesday Morning Cards starting in November!

AARP Safe Driving Class - December 7th from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

FITNESS:

Current Fitness Classes Offered: Inspire Fitness, Sunday's 10:00am - 11:00am. Tuesday Night Yoga, Tuesday's from 4:30pm - 5:30pm. Total Body Fitness, Tuesday's from 6:00pm - 7:00pm. Thursday Night Yoga, Thursday's from 4:30pm - 5:30pm. Clogging, Thursday's from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Step Aerobics, Thursday's from 6:00pm - 7:00pm. Martial Arts Program, Saturday's from 9:00am - 2:00pm.

SAVE THE DATES:

KanJam Tournament - 9/30/17

Halloween Ball - 10/28/17

Santa's Workshop - 12/09/17

Holiday Open House - 12/13/17

Martial Arts Demo - 12/16/17

Are you a high school student? Need those volunteer hours for PIG? We have plenty of opportunities!

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and

Like us on FaceBook

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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 – Peter Yasses	Ext. 14	Home: 548-7767		
Town Clerk – Debra Buck-Leaton	Ext. 10	Highway Dept. - Brian Forsyth	Ext. 11	
Court Clerk - Mollie Avery	Ext. 18	Cell Phone:	615-7713	
Sewer Dept.	Ext. 12	In an Emergency	585-322-0006	
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Councilman Jim Cudney	548-7383	Councilman Fred Klycek	548-9025	