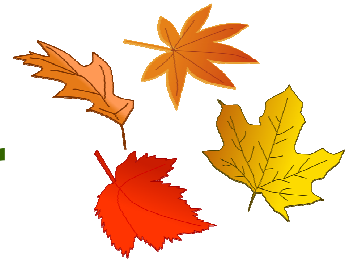


# Town of Byron Newsletter



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## Supervisor

Since summer is coming to a close and school is opening, please be courteous and obey the school bus laws. Also, as the weather changes onward, be mindful that road surfaces could require driving habit adjustments.

Water Districts #7 and #8 are completed. There is pipe being put along Ivison Road to connect to Cockram Road to eliminate a water dead end. We are working on Water Improvement #1 for the Northeast and Northwest part of town. There is also completion work being done for the end of Cockram, Batavia-Byron and Walkers Corner Road as well as the Southeast corner of town.

The Solar project is in the early stages of the Article. There will be an open house on Tuesday, September 10th at the South Byron Fire Hall from 11 am—1 pm and again from 5 pm—7 pm . You can also attend the Town Board meeting on the second Wednesday of each month to ask questions. The Excelsior Energy Center web address is [www.excelsiorenergycenter.com](http://www.excelsiorenergycenter.com). You can also go on to the town website at [www.byronny.com](http://www.byronny.com) and follow the links provided. These sites will also have the Public Involvement Program Plan and form for the stakeholder list.

If you have any questions or complaints please feel free to call 548-7123 X14.

Roger V.V. Rouse  
Supervisor

## Town Clerk

As a reminder to hunters, hunting licenses and DMPs are now on sale at the Town Clerk's Office.

Once again the Summer Youth Recreation Program saw a record number of children in attendance. I'd like to thank Emily VanEenwyk, our recreation leader, Nathan Knickerbocker, our recreation aide, and all of the parent and non-parent volunteers we had throughout the summer. I'd also like to thank the Byron-Bergen Public Library, Byron Euchre Players, Genesee County Youth Bureau, Pastor Jim Renfrew, George Squires, and Byron Kiwanis for all of your help and support.

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

## Highway Superintendent

With the writing of this the Labor Day weekend is upon us. Summer might be “over” but the construction season isn’t. Through shared services we use Genesee County’s paver and are still on the schedule to pave Ivison rd between Cockram and the railroad tracks. There is also more work to do on Lyman rd and the crossover pipes we’ve recently changed to just name two things in the fall.

Lastly I would just like to mention once again that the pile over the bank at the recycling center is ONLY supposed to be brush, limbs and leaves. Please do not throw pressure treated lumber ,old pieces of plywood , 2 x 4 ‘s etc etc in the pile. And again old furniture and tables etc. even if made of wood does not belong here. Please dispose of it in waste managements green hopper.

Respectfully,  
Brian

## Historical Society

On behalf of Byron Historical Society, it is our pleasure to extend an invitation to you and any guest you would like to bring to our annual Fall Dinner meeting on Wednesday, October 9<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm which will be held at the Byron Fire Hall.

The dinner will consist of Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetables, Applesauce, Coleslaw, Rolls, and Dessert. The cost of this wonderful dinner prepared by Laura Platt and her assistants will be \$15 per person.

Our program this year will be on The Dulcimer, a musical instrument with a connection to Byron presented by Mary Ann Blair, The presentation will last about one hour which will include question and answer discussion, as well as some lovely music. Mary Ann has lived in the Byron area with her family for many years and has performed at many functions, not only in our area but outside Byron as well.

In addition to our dinner we will be having our annual Fall fundraising event to help raise money to offset the cost of our Byron’s 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration in August 2020. This year’s Fall fundraiser will consist of a Chinese Auction, Items to be Auctioned and a 50/50 raffle.

We do hope that you and your guests will be able to attend our Annual Fall Dinner meeting. Please remember to call either Jeanne @548-7197 or Laurel @ 548-2555 with your total number of attendees by Monday, October 7th.

Sincerely.

Byron Historical Board Members



This year's summer reading program "Universe of Stories!" was a success!!! Over 200 children participated! 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 Inc., Seabreeze Amusement Park, Wal-Mart of Brockport, Darien Lake Amusement Park, Target –Batavia, and Miller's Millworks Inc. Without the generous donations of these merchants, our summer reading program wouldn't be possible.

Congratulations to Rose Wilson on winning the Friends of the Library Christopher and Victoria Claus Memorial Award. She won the \$50 award for writing a book review on a book she enjoyed reading this summer. Rose will also get her name put on a plaque in the Library. Honorable Mentions were Rena Wilson and Katherine Rogoyski. They each received \$25 awards.

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 10-12 & 2-8

Wednesday 10-12 & 2-8

Thursday 10-12 & 2-8

Friday 10-6

Saturday 10-1

Discover us on the web at [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) and on Facebook and Twitter too! We have RBdigital –digital magazines, Overdrive/Libby digital audio and e-books, and Hoopla – digital music-audio/e-book and movies. All this is FREE with your valid Library card.

Maker Space Saturday! Come anytime Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup> from 10-1pm and create experiment and learn a thing or two!

Our Book Discussion Group will begin meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss the book Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George. This group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month: October 10<sup>th</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup>, and December 12<sup>th</sup>. Come join the fun!

Toddler/Pre-school story time will run Fridays at 10:30am starting on September 13<sup>th</sup> with Miss Bailey. Join us for a story, craft and a treat! This is recommended for ages 2-5 but younger children are welcome with their parents/guardian. Registration is appreciated.

Maker Space Night! @ The Library! Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm- come create, experiment and learn! No registration necessary.

Join us and the Bergen Historical Society for "Snake Oil, Patent Medicine, & Nostrum Remedies: Medicine Show & Cure All's" talk with Erica Wanecski on Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm. No registration needed.

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Sew-Quilting Club is starting up at the Library Meeting October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Bring your supplies and share your experience with like-minded people. All levels of experience are welcome! No registration required.

Tech time at the Library! Call to set up an appointment for Wednesday during regular Library hours. Our staff can help you set up the many different Library related apps and answer basic questions on your devices and e-readers. Call today for an appointment!

Movie on the Big Screen on Friday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 1pm- Come watch a movie enjoy a treat and drink too! Registration appreciated

Turkey Time Family Story time for everyone to participate in a story or two, craft and snack! Join us on Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm. No Registration required.

The Library has copy /fax service for a small cost, Spectrum Internet on 3 computers, WiFi, 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 and Twitter 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

**From the Byron-Bergen Public Library Board of Trustees-**

The **Byron-Bergen Public Library** is pleased to announce that its annual fundraising event, **Barley & Books**, will be held **Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

During the past eight years, this event has raised over to \$60,000 for much-needed updates to the Library's facilities and technology, as well as provide additional programming for our community.

## Town of Byron Bicentennial Celebration

Dear Community Members, Business Owners, and Organizations:

Even though August 2020 is over a year away, we are starting to create a full schedule of events to mark this Milestone occasion; therefore requiring a great deal of advance planning. Organizers are looking for help with this important project, so we hope you will join Byron's Historical Society in collaboration with the Town Clerk's office in the planning of our Town's 200<sup>th</sup> celebration. The theme of our Bicentennial celebration will be "Spirit of America" 200 years in the making.

The next Bicentennial Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2019, at the Byron Town Hall @ 7pm. Your participation will help preserve the milestones and memories made for generations to come.

We hope to see you at the meeting on Thursday, September 12th

*Sincerely,*

*Byron Historical Board of Directors and Town of Byron Clerks Office*

## Cemetery Association

Summer is winding down. The weather finally got warm and sunny. Were you able to take a walk or drive around the Byron Cemetery? Since I became a member of the Byron Cemetery Association I have become more attentive to area cemeteries. I believe our cemetery is well maintained and looks beautiful! I greatly appreciate the hard work that John Durand and David Leaton do in order to keep up with the lawn mowing and trimming. They also repair the older grave markers, trim the trees and bushes as well as refurbish the ground after a burial. I'm grateful for the members of the Cemetery Association who volunteer their time to be a member of this group. More members are always welcome. Please contact Kim Dewey if you'd like to help with decisions for the cemetery.

As Byron prepares to celebrate its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday next year the cemetery board is making plans to participate in the party! We have been asked to consider doing a walking tour of the grounds. So... we are asking anyone that might have a story to tell - scary, funny, heartfelt, or historical - to share their story with us to add to our program. Please speak with any of our board members or contact Kim Dewey via phone or text at 585-356-2256 or email at [dew99@juno.com](mailto:dew99@juno.com) or Elaine Bezon, phone or text 585-749-3433 or email at [ebezons59@gmail.com](mailto:ebezons59@gmail.com) We look forward to hearing from you!

**REMINDER** ~ Kindly remove all urn and decorations from graves by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Contact John or Donna Durand for information on cemetery plots. They are available to show you eligible plots and explain plot and burial prices. Preplanning makes it easier for your family during their time of grief.

### Current plot and burial prices:

Cemetery Plot (4x10) \$600	Pet Burial \$400
Burial \$600	Cremation burial \$400

Burials on Sundays & holidays are an additional \$100. Additional charges may be added for snow removal & penetration of frost depending on the costs to the cemetery.

#### Trustees:

Kim Dewey, President  
 Laura Bestehorn, Vice President  
 Elaine Bezon, Secretary  
 Kate Wride Treasurer  
 Audrey Henry  
 Dave Leaton Jr.  
 Barb Read

#### Superintendents:

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

## Genesee County Legislator, Robert Bausch

During July and August, the county legislature attempts to limit their meetings to a minimum. This year has been an exception, primarily because of the jail project. The legislature awarded the architectural and engineering contract to SMRT from New Hampshire which specializes in prison and jail design and contracted with Pike Construction of Rochester to be the construction manager overseeing the project. There have been numerous meetings with these firms as well as with NYS Commission of Correction officials. There are two primary issues being addressed.

First, the legislature is trying to determine the number of cells and beds required to adequately meet the need. Currently, the county inmate population is 110 males and 25 females. This does not include youth (seventeen and under) who are housed at special facilities and will continue to be housed there after a new jail is built. The current jail holds 87 inmates. With a state variance, the county is allowed to house 97. The remainder of the males and all females are housed at other counties' facilities as far away as Albany. The state and the architects recommend a 10% to 15% excess to accommodate special classifications (of which there are 15), maintenance issues, and a general need for flexibility to facilitate general operations and safety. So, the size of the jail is an extremely important question.

The second issue is the ongoing cost of operations. In many respects, this is the more significant issue because it is a cost that the tax payers must pay year after year. The staffing requirements alone will be a significant new cost just to meet the state's requirements. A building this size will have operational and maintenance costs that must be considered. While there will be some savings, primarily the cost of housing inmates at other counties' facilities and transportation expenses, they will not cover the increased cost of a new facility. Legislators have been spending considerable time addressing this issue and have visited four similar facilities to learn the best practices from their experiences.

The bottom line is that this will be the most expensive capital project the county has ever undertaken, the increase in operating costs will be significant, and state or federal funding to assist with either the capital or operating cost is not available.

Michael Cianfrini, the County Clerk, met with the legislature in reference to issuing licenses to illegal aliens. As an independently elected county official, he makes the decision. He has announced that he will not be issuing the licenses because of his oath of office. I agree with his position and do not want the county or Michael violating the law.

The legislature is just beginning to work on the 2020 budget. With the cost of the new jail preparations, multiple new state mandates, and a general increase in expenses, it will not be an easy year.

On the good news side, with the assistance of the towns and villages, the county was able to secure funding to do five bridge projects and extra road work this summer, all of which were desperately needed. The county parks are being heavily used which is always a very happy report. A special THANK YOU to the ARCORN volunteers for their countless hours assisting with the maintenance of the parks.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer and look forward to a beautiful fall.

## Historical Society

While doing some research I came across a newspaper article from the "Currier Newspaper, Buffalo, N. Y. published in 1885. I thought it was entertaining to read how the residents in the Town of Byron entertained themselves in the late 1880's.

**Wrestler Crutch.  
The Buffalo Police Requested  
to find Him.  
Brief History of an Ambitious Man  
And His Short Career in  
South Byron.**

Isaac Aaron Crutch, commonly known as Ike Crutch, is in trouble. Isaac is a man about 25 years of age, and of small figure. He hails from Cleveland and is one of the hordes of professional wrestlers that for several months have been working the sure thing racket on the easy people numbered among Cleveland's would-be sports. A month ago he came to Buffalo and here he attempted to play the game he had found so successful up in Ohio, but Buffalo has had experience with fake wrestlers and the men who learned their lessons by bitter experience from "Billy" Gibbs, "Ike Smith", "Joe" Carroll, and "Tom" Connors looked the case over and decided that Crutch was a good thing –to let alone.

After a deal of noise, however, Crutch procured a match with Adam Miller, but the affair which came off at a place on Jefferson Street amounted to but little save as a text for talk about sharp practices in sport. A few days after the match with Miller, Crutch left town and was not heard of again till the police a day or two ago were requested to find him.

Out in Genesee County is a little town called Byron and a few miles away is a hamlet known as South Byron. The neighborhood is a lively one, for a country place, and the men and boys show great rivalry in their daily pursuits. Up in Byron lives the boss wood chopper and South Byron boasts the winner of last summer's milking match, while about half way between the places resides the farmer who has husked more corn at one sitting than any other man in the township. In Byron also lives "Skinny" Parker, a brother of Harvey Parker, the wrestler, who is a pretty good man himself in a rough and tumble. Last election day "Skinny" put South Byron's bully on his head in a mud puddle and then the rivalry began anew. The South Byronites tried in every way to wipe out the dishonor but "Skinny" threw everyone they put forward and asked for more.

At last the strain grew too great and South Byron called in assistance, a delegation of the vanquished persuading Ike Crutch to take up his residence in the village. Crutch claimed to be from Batavia and modestly said he had been something of a wrestler himself. A match was easily arranged between "Ike" and "Skinny" and it was pulled off two weeks ago, the latter winning. This was adding insult to injury, and so the South Byronites took counsel among themselves, borrowed a little money, interviewed both Crutch and Parker, placed \$75 where they thought it would do the most good, and then issued a challenge for another match.

The men of Byron "bit" well, and everything was arranged, the South Byron people betting heavily on the strength of their outlay of \$75. But the wrestlers themselves came together and when the match was over the South Byronites found themselves, figuratively speaking, ascending heavenward. They lost their \$75 and nearly \$200 they had bet on the strength of it, and the next day they started to look for Crutch. The proprietor of the hotel where Crutch had been boarding was among the most anxious ones, for the "man from Batavia" had lived high during his stay and, it is averred, was much in arrears for board. But Crutch was not to be found, and thinking he might have to gone to Buffalo, a message was sent here requesting his arrest on a charge of defrauding a hotel keeper.

Meanwhile the war between Byron and South Byron continues.



**Byron Presbyterian Church Turkey Dinner**

Sunday, October 20, 2019 11:30 am—2:00 p.m.

Turkey and all the fixings and pie. Sit down served family style. Adults \$12, Ages 6 – 12 \$5, 5 and under free

Takes outs—parking on east side of church. Adults \$10, Ages 6—12 \$5, 5 and under free

Handicap accessible. No presold tickets

**2019 Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic**

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

**September 19, 2019 4:00 to 7:00 pm** **Pembroke Highway Department**

**October 17, 2019 4:00 to 7:00 pm** **LeRoy Village Highway Dept.**

A voluntary donation per dog, cat or ferret is requested to offset clinic expenses. Animals must be leashed or crated and accompanied by someone who can control it.

**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—Roger Rouse	Ext. 14	Home : 548-7767
Town Clerk—Debra Buck-Leaton	Ext. 10	Highway Dept.— Brian Forsyth Ext. 11
Court Clerk—Morgan Leaton	Ext. 18	Cell phone: 615– 7713
Sewer Dept.	Ext. 12	Assessor— Barry Flansburg Ext. 17
In an Emergency (Sewer Dept.—Shaun)	585-322-0006	Town Justice Smith Ext. 18
CEO/ZEO—Mike Morris	Ext. 15	Town Justice Dimatteo 343-2770
Councilman Fred Klycek	548-9025	
Councilman Jeff Thompson	851-1469	
Councilman Jim Cudney	548-7383	
Councilman Sue Fuller	300-3456	