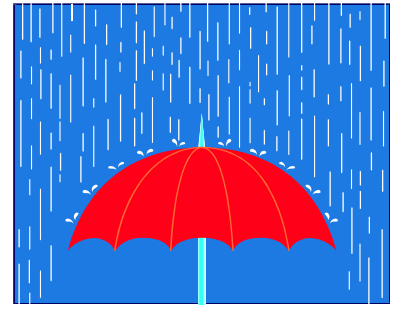


Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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From the Supervisor's Desk

Once again, the Planning Board and Town Board are in the final stages of completing the revisions to the proposed Zoning Law. Two public informational meetings were held in February, which were very well attended. The Planning Board is now in the process of reviewing the comments and feedback that were received during the informational meetings. The Planning Board will then turn the proposed Zoning Law over to the Town Board for their review and action. A public hearing will then be held for further public comments in the near future. 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.

The Park Committee will be having a picnic on Sunday, May 12th at 12:00 p.m. at Trestle Park to open a new season in the Town parks. The Committee also plans to dedicate a plaque in honor of Bob Eichenberger for his many years of service to the Town Park Committee.

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

Robert Crnkovich, Supervisor

Town Clerk

As a reminder, taxes are collected at the Town Hall through Monday, April 1, 2013, and can be paid by cash, check, money order or credit/debit card (a fee applies). After April 1st you must contact the Genesee County Treasurer with regard to payment.

If you would like to rent one of the pavilions in the parks, please contact me to receive a permit. The fees are as follows: Turtle Park: \$10; Trestle Park: \$20; Community Park (behind the Byron Fire Hall): \$30 for the large pavilion and \$20 for the small pavilion. There is no charge for non-profit groups. Trestle Park is open from Memorial Day until Labor Day, and all parks are open from dawn to dusk. There is no camping at Trestle Pond.

I have attached a "NYS Firearms License Request for Public Records Exemption" form to this newsletter for your use. After you have completed the form you can return it to the Genesee County Clerk's Office at 15 Main Street, P.O. Box 379, Batavia, New York 14021-0379. For those of you who receive the Newsletter online, you can go to the Town website at www.byronny.com and download the form to complete. Have a safe and prosperous Spring!

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Byron Youth Recreation Summer Program

The Town of Byron will be continuing the youth recreation summer program beginning July 1st and running through August 9th at Firemen's Park. The program will go from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with no cost to participants. If you are interested in sending your child(ren) and have any questions, please call Laura Platt at 548-2245 or Debra Buck-Leaton at 548-7123 ext. 10. Registration forms will be available at the Town Hall in June.

Byron Presbyterian Church

Easter Season at the Byron Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 24, 9:45 AM - Palm Sunday Celebration, including a Children's Parade

Thursday, March 28, 6:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service of the Lord's Supper. Communion will be served after a potluck meal. Please bring a dish to share and your own table settings. Children are very welcome to attend this service!

Friday, March 29, 5:30 PM - Ecumenical Good Friday Service for the churches of Byron and Stafford. This year, the service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Stafford.

Sunday, March 31, 7:30 AM - Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service at the South Byron United Methodist Church. The Presbyterian and Methodist churches in Byron have shared this service for many years. A free breakfast for the community follows the service.

Sunday, March 31, 9:45 AM - Easter Sunday Celebration. A n Easter Egg Hunt for young children follows the service.

For more information, please call 548-2800, or visit www.byronfpc.org.

Byron Heritage Festival - July 27, 2013

SAVE THE DATE - The Heritage Festival will be on July 27th and will run from 4:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. again this year, with a car show, chicken BBQ, Savage Cabbage, and our spectacular fireworks display! More information to come in the Summer Newsletter. Volunteers are always needed, please contact Donna Bobzin at 750-3327, or Debra Buck-Leaton at 548-7123 ext. 10, if you're interested in helping.



Byron-Bergen Public Library

Stay connected with your Library by checking us out at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org or friend us on Facebook! We have lots of great programs coming up! We also have volunteer opportunities so call or stop in for more information.

We have New York tax forms available here! You also can go to the website at www.nystax.gov and go to forms to print from home. If you need Federal tax forms, they are available at www.irs.gov or at the larger Libraries or Post Offices in Batavia and Brockport.

Freegal music is now available to all who have a valid Nioga Library card! Freegal Music is a new feature on the NIOGA website that allows library card holders three free music downloads per week. These downloads are in MP3 format, and can also be downloaded to iTunes and transferred to an iPod. The music never expires– it is yours to keep! Go to www.nioga.org or www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org and click on Freegal.

Library has preschool story time at 10:30am and 11:15am on Fridays until March 22nd for its winter session and will begin its spring session on April 12th. We enjoy a different themed story each week with a related craft and a snack! Registration is recommended by calling or stopping by the Library.

Book discussion group meets on 2nd Thursday of each month. March 14th is our next meeting. Come join this fun group and see what your neighbors are reading!!! We enjoy lively conversation about the book and refreshments too! Stop by the Library to reserve your copy of our current book.

What would happen if everyone read the same book? Well, if you read our A Tale for Three Counties book you will find out! A Tale for Three Counties book for 2013 will be May the Road Rise up to Meet You by Peter Troy. The author will visit in our area March 7th at Genesee Community College at 1pm and at the Richmond Memorial Library in Batavia at 7pm. Don't miss this opportunity to meet the author and hear what, who, where and when he wrote May the Road Rise up to Meet you. Check us out on the web at www.taleforthreecounties.org. Log on to www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org and reserve your copy now.

March 16th at 10:30am Dora Day (and Diego too) at the Library! Join us and your favorite characters for games, music and fun! Please stop by or call the Library by the 14th of March to sign up!

Spring Break Happenings!! We will be closed March 29th and 30th for the Easter Holiday.

Monday April 1st – Babysitting workshop from 9am-2pm. Cost is \$45/student and includes book. You must be at least 11 years old by the 1st of April. Payment is needed by March 28th.

Tuesday April 2nd at 3pm a special showing of *Rise of the Guardians*-- Come watch on the Big Screen and enjoy popcorn with your friends. Sign-up for this program is recommended by March 28th.

Wednesday April 3rd from 6pm-8pm- Join us for a Scavenger Hunt! Miss Michelle will be here with all her tricks and fun! There will be games and food, so get your friends together and come! This program is recommended for ages 11 years and up, but all are welcome. Please sign up by March 28th by calling or stopping by the Library.

Friday April 5th from 11am -2pm Make and Take Craft day—just stop in anytime during the allotted hours and make a fun craft to take home and enjoy! No registration required.

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National Library week is April 14th – 20th Stop in and take out a book or two and have a chance to win a prize!! Everyone invited to participate!

Family Story time on Tuesday April 16th at 6:30pm- we will be celebrating spring with a story and with a special craft. Sign up by the 13th of April to participate in the fun!

Saturday Morning Movie at 10:30am will be May 19th with the movie to be announced soon! So check out our website for more information.

Would you like to volunteer during the summer at the Library? For children 11yrs and older, the Library is looking for your help with the summer reading program. Stop by before June 18h to sign up! Chance to win prizes, help with programs, and place to meet new people! Come join by yourself or with a friend!! The summer reading theme this year is “Dig into Reading!”

Save the Date: 8/3/13 Wine Tasting fundraiser for the Library – watch for details!

Check out our catalog for downloadable e-books **free** with a valid Nioga Library card. If you have any questions on how to do this, feel free to stop in or call. We are adding to our collection every month!

The latest best sellers like Safe Haven by Nicholas Sparks, A Week in Winter by Maeve Binchy, Calculated in Death by J.D. Robb, Guilt by Jonathan Kellerman and The Striker by Clive Cussler are just a few we have available to you at the Library to get your copy reserved on-line at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org or stop in and our Library staff will be happy to help. New children’s books arrive weekly! New DVD’s monthly! Check out Playaways too! If we don’t have it we usually can request it free of charge from our Nioga Library System.

Stop in and get a Library card that will open up the whole NIOGA system for ordering books from the comfort of your home! There are databases; Librarian 24/7, Tumbling Talking Books, NOVEL list, downloadable books, e-books, Freegal –downloadable music and much more are available to you!! Just go to www.byronbergenpubliclibrary.org and you’re on your way!

The Library has Roadrunner Internet service available. The Library has copy /fax service for a small cost. Interlibrary loans from any Library in the NIOGA Library system at our catalog www.byronbergenpubliclibrary.org. If you can’t find it, please ask! Stop in soon! For more information on our services or programs, please call the Library at 494-1120.

2013 Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic

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

April 18, 2013	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Pembroke Highway Department
June 1, 2013	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Centennial Park
August 15, 2013	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Genesee County Fairgrounds
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.

Gillam-Grant Community Center

Join the SLIM CLUB at Gillam-Grant. Attend your first club meeting free to learn more about this effective weight loss program. Club meets every Tuesday from 2—3 pm at the Center. For more information: infor@wellnessnowllc.com or (585) 330-2098.

Gillam-Grant is going on another trip, this time to **Nashville, Oct. 13th - 19th**, it is not too early to register! Call for details 494-1621.

Sundays: April 7th—May 5th from 10:00am—11:00am, Kids Yoga. Kids Yoga is for children around ages 4 to 10, will focus on combining yoga and play. Certified Instructor: Tammy Giunta. Call 494-1621 for more information.

Sundays ~ April 7th—May 5th 8:30am—9:30am, Adult Mixed Level Yoga Class, will combine poses with sun salutations, include balancing and floor work, and end in relaxation. Certified instructor: Tammy Giunta. Call Gillam-Grant to for more information, 494-1621.

Thursday, April 18th at 3:30-5pm, Make Art into Food and Food into Art. What can you make with some skittles and a little imagination...Skittles Art of course! Next you will be able to build the sandwich of your dreams. Pre-registration required, call 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.*

Sun., April 21 at 2:30, Lancaster Opera House show: Plaza Suite ~ Reservation deadline: March 21st, call Gillam-Grant, 494-1621.

April 23- May 28 from 6-7pm, Total Body Fitness. Sign up at Gillam-Grant, 494-1621.

Monday, April 22nd at 5:30pm Social Supper, enjoy entertainment by LeRoy Central School women's and men's groups "The Nightingales" and "The Good Knights". Reservations Friday, Apr. 19th by noon, call 494-1621.

Saturday, April 27th from 9:15 am-1:45pm, NYS Pre-licensing Class. Register at Gillam-Grant, 494-1621.

Friday, May 3rd from 3:30 to 5pm, Make a Masterpiece, start with a blank canvas, then use some tape to make some geometric shapes, then add some funky painting techniques and you have just created your own masterpiece. Pre-registration required, call 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.*

May 8—June 26 from 5:30-6:30, Water Aerobics. Sign up at Gillam-Grant, 494-1621.

Monday, May 20th at 5:30pm Social Supper, entertainment will be the Byron-Bergen band with directors Kevin Bleiler and Bob Lancia. Reservations Friday, May 17th by noon, call 494-1621.

Tuesday, May 21 at 2:30, Lancaster Opera House show: Rock and Roll Is Here to Stay. Reservation deadline: April 19th, call 494-1621 for reservations.

May 30th at 6:30pm, Recycled Art Show; the challenge is to take something people normally throw away and create a piece of art. Pick up your entry form at Gillam-Grant Center.

Monday, June 10th, NEW Swingin' Social Dance to the Batavia Swing Band from 7-9pm. Light refreshments served starting at 6:30pm.

Friday, June 14 at 7:30pm, Lancaster Opera House show: Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
Reservation deadline: May 14th, call 494-1621.

From the Historian's Desk

Mill Pond located between Mill Pond Road and Swamp Road was created to supply water power to a mill located on the east end of the pond north of the dam, if you look closely you can see the sluiceway. The other use was for ice. I can find evidence that ice was cut on the pond as early as 1903, in 1905 all the ice cut on the pond went to Buffalo. There are many stories about the pond: the island in the middle was supposedly constructed to launch fireworks from on the Fourth of July. The depth of the pond is approximately 11 feet at the east end.

Byron Fire Department

It is now time for the annual No Open Burn Period:

Friday March 16, 2013 is the start of this year's No Open Burning Period, which lasts until midnight Wednesday May 15, 2013. During this time frame, most open burning is not allowed.

From May 16 until March 15, campfires and cooking fires are allowed as long as they are less than three feet in height, and less than four feet in length and width or diameter. Celebratory Bonfires are also permitted during this period.

Also be aware that if a person starts a fire and that fire gets away from them and causes damage or injury then the person, who started the fire, may be held liable for the damage or injury.

Burn Barrels are no longer permitted at any time.

Agricultural fires are allowed as long as they meet the requirements of DEC regulation 6 NYCRR Part 215, Open Fires. These fires have a number of requirements including that they cannot burn for more than 24 hours and like all fires they must be attended while burning and there must be the means to put the fire out on location, etc.

If you are going to have a campfire, bonfire, or controlled agricultural burn please contact either the local fire department or the Dispatch Center at 343-5000 as everyone has a cell phone these days and when they are driving by and see a fire they all want to do the right thing and call it in. The fire department then gets dispatched.

For more information regarding the burning regulations please see NYS DEC website at

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4261.html> or

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/58519.html>

John Durand
First Asst. Chief
Byron Fire Dept.
813-3531

Upcoming Events

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

Thursday, March 21st, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (St. Patrick's Day)

Thursday, April 18th, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (PJ Dance)

Thursday, May 16th, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Prom)

Sponsored by the Byron Ladies Auxiliary. All dances are open to anyone with developmental disabilities in the County. \$3.00 entrance fee to dancer, and free for chaperones.

Byron Ladies Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30th, 11:00 a.m. at the Byron Fire Hall. Ages 12 and under. Prizes and refreshments.

Byron Ladies Auxiliary Chicken BBQ Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th

Following the parade. Dinner service will begin right after the parade, which will start at 11 a.m. Byron Bergen Public Library will be sponsoring the Hill Brothers, who will be entertaining us starting at noon. Cost is \$9 for an adult, \$5 for child portion (1/4). all activities will be held at the Byron Fire Hall on Rte. 262.



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	
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Councilman Scott Wooton	548-4741	Councilman Harold Austin	548-7362