

Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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From the Supervisor's Desk

Hello and Happy Summer. Let's hope it's finally here to stay.

We have spent the first half of the year still tying up loose ends. We also have been very busy with new projects. Swamp Road water district is well on its way, with any luck it could possibly go to bid by Fall/Winter of this year. We, the board, have approved to begin a new water district for 5 houses on Cockram Road East from Route 237, and the extension of North Byron Road to Transit Road. Anyone who has received a water survey and has not returned it; please do so at this time. It is very important that these surveys get returned so that we can determine if there is enough interest to continue to the next step.

We are working with the Town of Bergen to come to some kind of solution for the problem both towns have had with the ATV's on the West shore. At our meeting we met with an ATV Club that has shown interest in helping both towns with this problem. Anyone concerned about this ATV problem should feel free to attend a town board meeting, we welcome your input.

For those of you who don't know, there has been a study done on the future fire protection in the Town of Byron. This report is called the CGR report, which stands for Center for Governmental Research. The purpose of this study is to assist the town with current and long range plans for the future fire companies and Genesee County Emergency Management. A steering committee has been formed to discuss the CGR report, and all viable options.

In closing, let me say that I have learned a lot in the last six months. It has been trying, challenging, and fun. If you have any concerns about any of the above mentioned items or anything else, please feel free to attend a town board meeting. They are held the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. I welcome any and all input. This is your Town!

Peter Yasses, Supervisor

Town Clerk

As you know, the Town is in the process of conducting a Dog Census. It is very important that you return the postcard you received from the Town asap. If we do not receive a response, even if you don't own a dog, it will be necessary for the Dog Control Officer to come to your home. By law, all dogs 4 months or older need to be licensed. If you are found to have an unlicensed dog, you will be charged an additional fee plus be served with a court appearance ticket. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Genesee County Legislator, Robert Bausch

This spring, the Legislature has been addressing a variety of capital projects. All of them are designed to benefit county residents.

The most significant project is the communication / radio system used by the police, fire and medical personnel in Genesee County. This was approved by the Legislature in May, 2013 and the contract was awarded to Harris Communication. Because of FCC requirements, aging equipment, and significant coverage issues, an upgrade was warranted. Previously there were three towers covering the county that left major gaps in coverage (Bergen being one of them). With the new system, additional towers are being built in Alabama, Darien and Bergen (by the water tower at the corner of Rts. 33 & 19). The new equipment on the three original towers was activated in February and the three new towers will go on line in August. The total project cost with land acquisition, equipment & technical consultants will be approximately \$11M with 40% grant funded.

Anyone that has called the county on a regular basis is aware of the telephone issues. Again, the equipment is antiquated and replacement parts are difficult to obtain. The Legislature has approved the purchase of a new phone system which will be fully operational by November. This system will cost approximately \$650,000.

There will also be a number of road and bridge projects this summer designed to address the deteriorating highway infrastructure.

The Legislature continues to review options for the long term financial viability of the county nursing home. During the past few months the county's efforts have focused on identifying another facility, or group of facilities, as a potential partner to share services and administrative expenses. Unfortunately, no potential partner has been identified.

In closing, Genesee County is fortunate to have two county owned parks: Genesee County Park & Forest in Bethany and DeWitt Recreation Area in Batavia. These two parks are beautiful and heavily used. Tim Hens, P.E., Highway Superintendent and Paul Osborn, Park Supervisor, and their staff, working with a group of dedicated volunteers, manage to keep both parks in excellent condition for everyone's pleasure. If you have never visited either or both of these parks, please take time this summer and enjoy these great assets.

Byron Heritage Festival

Anyone interested in entering the Garden Contest, please contact Jeanne Freeman asap at 548-7197. Jeanne will take pictures of your garden, at your convenience, when it is in full bloom for judging by town residents at the Heritage Festival.

If you are interested in participating in the parade, please call the Town Clerk at 548-7123 ext. 10. This year will be a Patriotic Parade, so decorate anything you wish to have in the parade (wagon, car, tractor, lawn mower, bike) in red, white and blue and join in the fun!

Please call the Town Clerk if you would like to be added to the list of garage sales.

Byron Presbyterian Church

Byron Presbyterian Church, 6293 West Main, Byron NY

548-2800

Free Car Wash! Byron Presbyterian Youth Group. Saturday, June 7, 12 Noon - 3 PM (rain date, Sunday, June 8, 11 AM - 2 PM) at the church. Youth will be holding a FREE car wash. Donations are welcome, and will be used to help youth fund their summer mission trip, and summer activities. Vehicles of all shapes, sizes, and models are welcome! We're happy to wash off-road vehicles and bikes too! We don't discriminate! We hope to see you there, and your vehicle(s) too! Youth will be traveling to New Jersey at the end of June, to assist with Hurricane Sandy relief efforts there. Altogether, there will be nine people traveling to Bergen County, NJ. We will be working with the local Habitat for Humanity to help with efforts to rebuild the community. We will be staying in a local church and preparing all of our own meals while we're there. During our free time in the evenings, we will explore a few of the NYC sights, such as the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty (via the Staten Island Ferry). If anyone is willing to donate food items for the trip, please contact Tamara Hillabush Walker.

Children's Sunday, June 8, 9:45 AM. There will be special recognition of children, teachers and volunteers during the service, then hot dogs, watermelon and ice cream for everyone after the service. We will also have lawn games for children to enjoy outside. Everyone is invited to participate!

Backpack Program: Our Backpack Program continues...we have steadily been supplying about 30+ students from our own community with backpacks filled with nutritious food items each week. Some families ask to receive backpacks during the summer months, too. The program is hosted at the high school, with youth helping with packing each week. We have been doing most of food ordering through Foodlink; they deliver the food items we order directly to the school. We are very grateful this year that we were able to secure funding from United Way of Genesee County. If you give to United Way through payroll, you can designate your funds to the Genesee County United Way Backpack Fund by using the code 90221. If you are not involved in United Way or would like to make a gift directly to our backpack program, you can send a check directly to our church, designating that it is for the Backpack Program. Thank you for helping to positively enhance the lives of families in our own community that have food insecurity issues!

Outdoor Worship: On Sunday, July 27, in conjunction with the Byron Heritage Festival, we will worship on the lawn next to the church at 9:45 AM.

Byron Heritage Festival: There is a town-wide garage sale on Saturday, July 26th. Anyone who wishes to set up rummage or yard sale tables on the church lawn on that day is welcome to do so. Just let us know you will setting up there by calling the church office 548-2800.

Church Information

Sunday Worship & Sunday School: 9:45 AM

Church Office: 548-2800 [office@byronfpc.org]

Church Web Page: www.byronfpc.org

James R. Renfrew, Pastor

Byron-Bergen Library Fundraising Committee

The Byron-Bergen Library Fundraising committee will be holding its annual fundraiser:
Barley & Books
Saturday, August 16th
2pm to 5pm

Tickets are \$20 presale and \$25 at door
Live auction of fantastic items donated by local restaurants and individuals
Beer and wine tastings
Tickets available at the Library - 13 South Lake Ave. Bergen
Greg'ry's Bakery 13 North Lake Ave Bergen
or contact a committee member-
Brain and April Stone
Mike and Maura Shaffer
Mallorie Higgins
Kristen Wilcox
Kelly Hallenbeck

Park Committee

Duck Race Winners:

1st Place: Jim Price	2nd Place: Kristi Tiberio
3rd Place: Bob Maid	4th Place: Joe Riggi
5th Place: Fred Read	6th Place: Tom McGowan

Byron Cemetery Association

As this article is being written, Memorial Day is fast approaching. Everything is turning green and the trees are leafing out. How beautiful everything is! The grass and weeds are thriving in the cemetery. We have a new company, Alycey LLC, doing our mowing and weeding. They are brothers who are starting up their own business, and they are doing a fantastic job. Thank you Bill and Josh for caring what our cemetery looks like.

We are again looking for a superintendent for the cemetery who can also do the physical labor necessary for the position. John Tabb has been sidelined with health issues. We hope that if he stays in the area he may be able to help with putting information into the computer for us.

We offer the cemetery as a peaceful and tranquil area to come take a walk, sit a spell and contemplate life's doings. We do request that our cemetery is treated in a respectful manner. Please no loud ATVs or motorcycles in the cemetery or close to the graves along Swamp Road.

We also caution parents that the cemetery is not a playground. The children can be hurt playing on or around the gravestones and, of course, also cause expensive damage to the stone. Our cemetery contains many markers that are very old. Some are not as stable as they used to be.

Please come and enjoy our cemetery, but do it in a way that is respectful to our departed loved ones.

Trustees:

Shirley Hobin, Chairman	Scott Wooton, vice-chairperson
Jean Sackett	Richard Barnard
Russ Gillett	Virginia Ivison, Secretary/Treasurer

Byron-Bergen Public Library

Library hours

Sunday and Monday – Closed

Tuesday 10-12 and 2-8

Wednesday 10-12 and 2-8

Thursday 10-12 and 2-8

Friday 10-6

Saturday 10-1

Closed: Saturday June 14th for Park Festival

Friday and Saturday July 4th and 5th for Independence Day

Saturday August 30th for Labor Day

Open up new worlds- read new authors, try a new recipe book, or get lost in a movie! Check us out on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org. There are databases, Librarian 24/7, TumbleBook Library-e-books for Kids, NOVEL list-a readers advisory, Zinio- digital magazines, Overdrive –e-books and downloadable audio books and Freegal-digital music are available to you with a valid Library card! The Library also has a coupon exchange available to patrons! Just bring in your valid coupons you don't use and get new ones. The Library has Wi-Fi available as well as three patron computers with printing capabilities for a small fee.

Friends of the Library book sale will be at the Bergen Park Festival on June 14th. There are audio books, movies, children's books and many bestselling authors. Help support the Friends of the Library!!! The Library will be closed on June 14th so stop by the tent at the Park Fest!

The Library will be hosting the Kelley's Hero's Marching Band at the Bergen Park Festival on June 14th in the parade and right after the parade too with a field show not to be missed!

Mr. Scribbles will be at the Library tent from 12:30- 3 pm. Stop by to see what he can create from your scribble and visit the book sale too!

The Library is looking for responsible kids age 11 years old and older to help volunteer during the summer reading program. Stop by and pick up an application now before the end of the school year! You can win prizes for volunteering and get a first look at all the new books and DVDs!!! Beat the heat in our air conditioned Library and sign up with a friend to join the fun!

Summer is coming!! So is the summer reading program- "Fizz-Boom-READ!" The kick-off will be Tuesday June 24st at 2:00pm with Charlie and Checkers!

The summer reading programs are set up for children 3 years old and up to read and win prizes! Having your children read throughout the summer will help keep up their reading skills for school in the fall. Reading to your preschool child will help them succeed in school.

If you are not able to make the Kick-off event- stop in any time after June 21st to sign up! Throughout the summer we will be having special story times, science fun, crafts, animal visits, and movie days. For a complete schedule of events check us out on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org and friend us on Facebook or stop by to pick up a schedule. Lots of fun activities you won't want to miss!

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The Library has preschool story time at 10:30am starting Friday July 11th to August 15th. We will be exploring sound, color, and animals! Join the fun this summer with your young children! There's magic in every book!

The Library is planning on offering a Red Cross Babysitting course. If you are interested, please call the Library to sign up. You must be at least 11 years old to be certified.

Join us at the Byron Heritage Fest on July 26th at 7:30 the Library will be hosting, along with Byron Heritage Festival, the band Savage Cabbage! Come join the fun and see old friends!

Come check out our newest books the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org to reserve your copy! We also have a great selection of adult and children's audio books that are great to listen to while you are driving to your vacation destination!

The Library has copy /fax service for a small cost, Roadrunner Internet, and interlibrary loans from any library in the NIOGA Library system. If you can't find it at our Library, please ask or check us out on the web at byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org! Stop in soon! For more information on our services or programs, please call the Library at 494-1120.

Happy Reading--
Nancy Bailey



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

North Bergen Presbyterian Church

There will be a Fish Fry dinner on Fri., July 11, 2014 at the North Bergen Presbyterian Church 7068 N. Bergen Rd. Bergen. Serving 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 pm. The menu includes fried fish, roasted potatoes, cabbage salad, applesauce, rolls, beverage, and homemade desserts. Take outs available. Presale tickets \$10.00. Tickets at the door: \$11.00. Call 494-1815 for tickets.

There will be a Roast Beef Dinner on Sat., Sept. 27, 2014 at the North Bergen Pres. Church 7068 N. Bergen Rd. Bergen. Serving 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. The menu includes beef on weck or unseeded roll, salt potatoes, cabbage salad, beverage and homemade dessert. Take outs are available. Presale tickets \$9.00 Tickets at the door \$10.00. Call 494-2451 for tickets.

Gillam-Grant Community Center

Gillam-Grant Soccer Camp: June 30 – July 3 - Call for more info 494-1621!

Fun In The Sun (4-6 yrs) UK International's 'Fun In The Sun' Program is for the youngest players just beginning the game. Our focus is fun, exciting games to build confidence and teach the fundamentals of soccer.

Skills & Thrills (7-10 yrs) The Skills 'n' Thrills program enhances player's technical development & skill building in a stimulating environment.

Compete With Your Feet (11-14 yrs) Compete With Your Feet will place your child in challenging game related situations to enhance technical and tactical knowledge.

NEW! Gillam-Grant Cheer Camp: July 14th-18th Grades 5-8 u **July 21st-25th** Grades 2-4- At Cheer Camp you'll learn dance moves, stunts, cheers, chants, tumbling, jumps and other fun cheerleading activities! Camp is designed for campers of all abilities and no one is pushed beyond his/her ability and all instruction is conducted in a positive, supportive atmosphere.

FUN IN THE SUN Pre-School Camp: Kids will enjoy craft activities, music, games, stories, and free play fun with friends. Campers will participate in indoor and outdoor activities that focus on the best aspects of summer... water, sand, nature and the SUN!

Camp takes place at the Gillam-Grant Community Center. Week 1 July 14th-18th u **Week 2** July 21st-25th u **Week 3** July 28th-Aug 8. Call the Center for details 494-1621.

NEW! Gillam-Grant Track Camp: July 7th - 11th from 6-8 pm grades K-8th: Does your child like to run or jump or throw things? Track Camp will teach your child various events, from discus, to long jump, to sprints, and more! Everything is included track training, sandpits, frisbees, awards, t-shirts, and even popsicles! Just wear sneakers and bring a filled water bottle. On Friday, our certified coaches we will hold a real live track meet, where friends and families are invited to attend. Kids will be grouped by grade levels completed. Ribbons will be awarded on Meet Day! Call the Center to register 494-1621.

Gillam-Grant Jr. Tennis Camp: August 11-15- The Gillam-Grant Tennis Camp is perfect for beginners and advanced players between the ages of 6 and 14 who want to learn and improve on their tennis skills. The tennis camp will build a foundation of the core tennis skills including the forehand, backhand, volley, and serve. Campers must bring a racquet. Call the Center for more information 494-1621.

Thursday July 10th: Mail Boat Trip on Skaneateles Lake with Gillam-Grant- Take the Barbara S. Wiles Mail Boat on a 3 hour cruise on Skaneateles Lake. The boat is described as NOT handicapped accessible. After our cruise, we will go to the nearby Sherwood Inn for lunch. Following lunch there will free time to visit some of the very interesting, small shops. Reserve your spot by calling 494-1621.

Thursday, July 17th: Waterloo Outlet Trip - Shop 100 Outlet stores including Levi's Outlet, Columbian Sportswear, Under Armor, Chef's Outlet, and Yankee Candle to name just a few. Grab lunch on your own.

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Shuttle leaves at 9am and will return approximately at 4pm. Call Gillam-Grant 494-1621.

Saturday, Aug. 23rd: NYS Pre-Licensing Class-You must have a NYS Learner's Permit to take this class. Pre-Registration required. Class begins promptly at 9:15am. Call Gillam-Grant 494-1621.

September 16 (Tuesdays): Total Body Fitness - The 8 week class offers body sculpting for all muscle groups with weights & ball to achieve a healthy balance. Walk-ins welcome \$8M/\$10NM. Bring a water bottle & floor mat. Call Gillam-Grant to register 494-1621.

September 17 (Wednesdays): Water Aerobics - Use water resistance to strengthen and tone muscles. You do not need to know how to swim to participate in this class. Call Gillam-Grant for more info 494-1621.

Historian

First the Museum is now open on Sundays from 2p.m. to 4p.m. until Labor Day, volunteers permitting. The Museum has volunteers from the Historical Society that open the Museum. It is still open by appointment if you wish to do research.

I came across a news article from the Batavia Daily News dated Saturday 9-22-1962. I'll quote the first part. "It was May 10, 1893, and the engine 999 was hauling the New York Central's Empire State Express 150 miles from Syracuse to Buffalo. When he passed Batavia, N.Y., Engineer Charlie Hogan looked ahead at 36 miles of straight and level track. Back came the throttle, inch by inch, bit by bit, the valve cut-off shortened. The tall driving wheels spun 350 times a minute...400....430....and more. A miles whizzed by 40 seconds, another 38, and finally....31.2! The tall, lean, steam-powered racehorse of the rails (its 7-foot driving wheels towered above Hogan when he stood beside them) had gone 112 1/2 miles an hour."

If my figures are right and he was going from Syracuse to Buffalo he had to go through South Byron to get to Batavia. Though he wasn't going 122 miles an hour when he went through South Byron he was traveling about 60 miles per hour. The article goes on to tell that the engine still exists and is in a museum in Chicago.

The Byron Hotel & Trailhouse

You don't have to travel far from home during the summer to enjoy a great time out. The Byron Hotel is a Sizzlin Summer Hotspot from Memorial Day to Labor Day Weekend.

Stop in on Tuesdays for our **Trivia** contest-drawing \$10 gift certificate at 9pm. Anyone can play!!

Wednesdays feature an eat-in **Wings & Clam** special from 6-10pm (\$2 off doz. wings/\$1 off lb clams).

Thursday night 6-9pm our outdoor grill is on and our **Steak** special is on \$12.95(eat in).

Our **Battered Haddock Fish Fry** is served 11am-9pm on Fridays, full dinner menu starts at 4pm.

The Byron Hotel offers an assorted menu selection with takeouts available. We offer a bulk menu for your summer party needs.

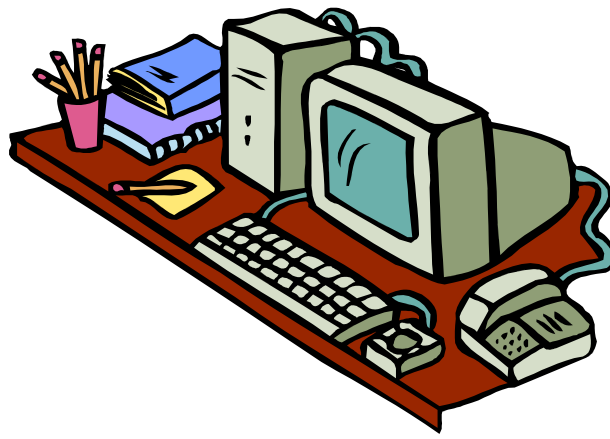
Our typical summer hours are 11am-11pm M-T-W, 11am-Midnight TH-F-SAT, closed Sundays
Phone for orders or reservations (585)548-9992

We hope you have a great summer, and look forward to being a part of it!

Byron Heritage Festival Calendar of Events
Firemen's Park (Behind Byron Fire Dept. on Rte. 262)
July 26, 2014

Fishing Derby at Trestle Park (Sponsored by Byron Kiwanis & Sackett Merrill White American Legion Post)	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (Ages 12 and under) (sign-in begins at 7:30 a.m.)
5K Run (Begins at Firemen's Park) (Sponsored by Byron Rescue Squad)	7:00 a.m. Registration 8:00 a.m. Race Begins 9:30 a.m. Race Results
Craft and Food Vendors	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Garage Sales	9:00 a.m. – ?
Parade (Begins at Caswell Road)	11:00 a.m.
Cruise In	11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Raffles	Winners announced starting at 3:00 p.m.
Horseshoe Tournament (Sponsored by Sue Fuller)	4:00 p.m.
Garden Contest	Winners announced at 3:00 p.m.
Chicken BBQ @ Byron Fire Hall (Sponsored by Byron Kiwanis)	4:00 p.m. until Sold Out
Bands:	
Side by Side	12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
M.A.C	3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Savage Cabbage (Sponsored by the Byron-Bergen Public Library)	7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Fireworks	9:30 p.m.

***Outdoor Worship at the Byron Presbyterian Church on Sunday, July 27, 2014 at 9:45 a.m. Please bring lawn chairs. For more information, please call 548-2800.**



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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



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. - 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 Sue Fuller	300-3456
Councilman Scott Wooton	548-4741	Councilman Harold Austin	409-9827