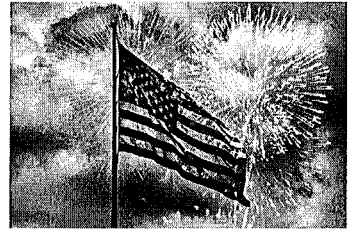


# Town of Byron Newsletter



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## Supervisor

Happy almost summer, hopefully warmer weather is ahead for us.

Unfortunately, we're still waiting to hear from the Comptroller's Office on approval for Water Improvement Benefit Area #1.

The Excelsior Solar Project is progressing slowly, the Town is taking it's time to ensure that all aspects of the project are reviewed completely to avoid problems in the future.

I hope all of the Town of Byron residents participate and support our Town's Bicentennial to be held on Saturday, August 20th. The committee has been working very hard to make the Bicentennial a great day. There's still time left if you'd like to volunteer as there's plenty to do.

With summer approaching, this is a friendly reminder to clean up your yards to avoid a visit from our new CEO/ZEO, Melissa Ierlan. Let's all work together to make our Town a great place to live.

Enjoy and have a great summer!

Respectfully,

Peter N. Yasses, Supervisor

## Town Clerk

The Town of Byron Bicentennial will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2022. If you are interested in helping out, please call me to see when and where the next meeting will be. We would love to have you join the committee! A tentative schedule is included in this newsletter, come out and celebrate the Town's 200th anniversary with your friends and neighbors.

The Byron Kiwanis and the Town Clerk's Office are selling Town of Byron commemorative throws to celebrate our Bicentennial, the cost is \$40 and will need to be prepaid. Please either call the Town Hall or Karen Jaczynski at 585-314-4245.

The Town of Byron's Free Summer Recreation Program will be starting on June 27th and go through August 12th from 10 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Registration forms are available online, at the Clerk's Office, or can be filled out at the park on the day you take your child.

Happy Summer!

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

## Highway Superintendent

The Highway Department has been busy doing spring/summer roadwork. While we have black-topped many miles of road already this spring, we will be starting Caswell and Cockram Roads in the near future.

We continue to do roadside mowing, please be aware and alert when coming upon the mower.

Thank you,  
David Leaton, Highway Superintendent

### 2022 Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic

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

<b>August 11, 2022</b>	<b>4:00 to 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Genesee County Fairgrounds</b>
<b>September 15, 2022</b>	<b>4:00 to 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Genesee County Fairgrounds</b>
<b>October 13, 2022</b>	<b>4:00 to 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Genesee County Fairgrounds</b>

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.

## DOG CENSUS

The Town Clerk's Office will be starting a dog census in the coming months, please fill out the form you will be receiving and mail it back to the Town Clerk's Office as soon as possible. NYS Law requires that all dogs 4 months of age or older be licensed and have a valid rabies vaccine. Please contact the Clerk's Office if you have any questions or to license your dog. If you do not respond to the mailing, a dog enumerator will be around to check your status. Thank you for your cooperation!

# Byron Cemetery Association

## Byron Cemetery Association

### Summer 2022 Newsletter

The Cemetery Association is grateful to generous donors who contribute to the cemetery. A HUGE THANK YOU to an anonymous donor for giving \$50,000 to the Byron Cemetery Association. These funds will be used to improve and enhance the cemetery grounds. John and Jean Sackett graciously donated land to the cemetery. It is located east of the existing land on Swamp Road. It will be used for future burial plots. The cemetery is very appreciative of these bountiful donations. They ensure that the cemetery will be financially solvent for years to come.

A note of gratitude to Dave Leaton and the Town of Byron Highway Crew for taking down and cleaning up a tree that fell during a recent wind storm. As always kudos to John Durand for keeping the cemetery grounds mowed and trimmed. There is a lot of grass to cut and work to complete to keep the cemetery grounds looking beautiful.

**ANNUAL MEETING** ~ The annual meeting of the Byron Cemetery Association was held on April 21, 2022. It was decided to raise the price of a full body burial to \$675 as of September 1, 2022. The Cemetery Association continues to look for new members. Kindly consider joining this group to assist in making decisions for the cemetery. Please contact Kim Dewey, 585-356-2256, if you are interested.

### REMINDERS

- Decorations and flowers may be placed between April 1st and October 1st .
- Kindly place moveable pots or containers in line with the monument. This helps with mowing the grass.
- Please do **not** place any glass containers in the cemetery.
- Live plants (trees, shrubs or flowers) should **not** be planted in the cemetery without the Byron Cemetery Association's permission. They require maintenance that need to be taken into consideration. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Thinking of purchasing a plot for your burial? John and Donna Durand, Superintendents of the cemetery, would gladly assist you in this process. Contact them for available plots. Making these decisions now can make it a bit easier in the future.

### Plot and Burial Prices

Cemetery Plot (4x10) \$600	Pet Burial \$400
Burial \$600 (\$675 – Sept. 1)	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.

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**WALK THE CEMETERY QUIZ:** Have you ever taken a stroll through the cemetery and looked at the various gravestones? They are as varied and interesting as the people who are buried there or will be buried there in the future. The headstones often tell a story about the people. They vary in color, shape, materials they were made from and the inscriptions on them. With the celebration of Byron's Bicentennial quickly approaching it might be interesting to take a walk through the cemetery to see those who lived here years ago. On the next page is a 'quiz' that you might find fascinating to complete. After completing the quiz mail it to the Byron Cemetery Association. If you are unable to answer all of the questions still mail in the quiz. There will be a prize for those finding the most correct answers.

Trustees:

Kim Dewey, President

(585) 356-2256

Laura Bestehorn, Vice President

Kate Wride, Treasurer

Dave Leaton Jr., Vice Treasurer

Elaine Bezon, Secretary

Audrey Henry

Barb Read

Superintendents:

John Durand (585)813-3531

Donna Durand (585)813-2591

## **CERIC (Clean Energy Resources Information Committee)**

This group has formed to connect Byron residents with information about cleaner energy technologies. Facilitating resident access to programs, technologies and contractors has become the focus of the work since April.

CERIC has partnered with Heatsmart FLX-North to educate interested Byron residents with cleaner more efficient heating and cooling sources than traditionally have been available in this area. This campaign and incentives that apply to it will be changing mid-summer, so if you are interested in taking advantage of incentives, please contact a member of CERIC at [ceric.byron@gmail.com](mailto:ceric.byron@gmail.com), attend a meeting at the Byron Hotel (3rd Monday of each month @6:30), or call 548-9992 to leave message.

Topics we can help with include: heat pumps, solar energies, geo-thermal technology, energy audits, contractor contacts. Don't be left behind as technology and incentives are available.

## Walk the Cemetery Quiz

What year was the Byron Cemetery incorporated? \_\_\_\_\_

How many rules and regulations are posted on the cemetery signs? \_\_\_\_\_

Who are the superintendents of the cemetery? \_\_\_\_\_

Find the monument that looks like a tree. Who is buried there? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is buried next to the tree trunk? Gravestones look like small logs. \_\_\_\_\_

Locate the large gravestone with fabric draped urn on the top. What plants are represented on it? (3)

\_\_\_\_\_

List the two names on this gravestone. \_\_\_\_\_

Who is buried at the monument that looks like a rook chess piece?

Hint: A road in Byron bears the same name. \_\_\_\_\_

Whose headstone has a corn harvester on it? \_\_\_\_\_

Which gravestone has a farm scene on it? \_\_\_\_\_

What family monument has a beach scene on it? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is the cemetery vault located? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the date on the vault? \_\_\_\_\_





# Byron-Bergen Public Library

### Library hours

Sunday and Monday – Closed  
 Tuesday 10-1 and 2-7  
 Wednesday 10-1 and 2-7  
 Thursday 10-1 and 2-7  
 Friday 10-6  
 Saturday 10-1\*



**\*Closed Saturdays during July & August**  
**Closed Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org). There are databases, TumbleBook Library-activities for Kids, NOVEL list-readers advisory, Libby (Overdrive) –E-books, downloadable audio books and magazines and Hoopla for eBooks, audio books, video and music are available to you 24/7 with a valid Library card. The Library has Wi-Fi available as well as three patron computers with printing and fax capabilities for a small fee.

The Library is more than just books- we have many family games and puzzles to lend, as well as, several outdoor games like ring toss, yard Yahtzee—(Yardzee), Go Find It -Scavenger hunt game and our newest addition Pickleball set to play at the local courts. All you need is a Library card!

Did you ever want to go to a NY State Park for free? The Library has two passes to use this year! Remember us before you make your trip-stop in to lend the pass. If you love history – we have a family pass to visit Genesee Country Museum and Nature Center located in Mumford, NY. Remember – all passes are available as a weekly loan only and are not renewable. All you need is a Library card! Call for more information.

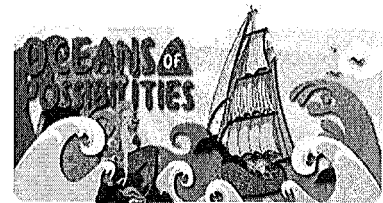
The Library has Hot Spots to loan through a Nioga Library System grant. There are 2 mobile Hot Spots available until the end of the year! You can check them out for 2-weeks at a time- no holds or renewals. All you need is a Library card!

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! You can sign up with a friend to join the fun!



Summer is coming!! So is the summer reading program- “Ocean of Possibilities”.

**The kick-off will be Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm with a Pirate Party!** Come enjoy a fun party with a mermaid visit, games, stories, and crafts! And sign-up for the summer reading program and discover Oceans of Possibilities in reading fun! No registration necessary to attend. This program is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by GO ART!



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Why should you join the reading program? The summer reading is set up for children 3 years old and up to read and win prizes! Having your child read throughout the summer will help keep up their reading skills for school in the fall. Reading to your preschool child will help them master the skills of language at an early age.

If you are not able to make the Kick-off event stop in any time after June 23<sup>rd</sup> to sign up! Throughout the summer we will be having special story times, science fun, crafts, workshops, movie days and more. For a complete schedule of events check us out on the web at [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) and friend us on Facebook and Twitter or stop by to pick up a schedule. Lots of fun activities you won't want to miss!

The Library has preschool story time at 10:30am on Fridays starting July 8<sup>th</sup> to August 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be exploring Oceans of color and animals! Join the fun this summer with your young children! There's magic in every book!

A Babysitting workshop will be offered on Monday July 11<sup>th</sup> from 10-3pm for ages 11 years and older. If you are interested, please call the Library to sign up -cost for workshop is \$28 -- booklet included. Please register with payment by July 7<sup>th</sup>. Space is Limited.

Is your child staying home alone while you are at work? The Library is offering a "Home Alone" safety workshop on August 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm. 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 to sign up no later than August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Look what is happening at the Library by visiting our events page at [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org)! The Library has 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](http://byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) and click on catalog search from our home page. You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter! For more information on our services or programs, please call the Library at 494-1120.

Happy Reading--  
Nancy Bailey

### Byron Hotel Summer Happenings!

Hours: Wednesday 4-9pm

Thursday-Saturday 11am- 10 pm (Kitchen til 9pm)

Steak Night is Back!!!

June, July and August

1st and 3rd Thursday of each month

6-8 pm

Dinner includes: 10 oz strip, salad, roll and 2 sides

\$20.79 ( cash \$19.99) plus tax.

Call 549-9992 for orders or reservations

**Town of Byron Bicentennial Calendar of Events**  
**Firemen's Park (Behind Byron Fire Dept. on Rte. 262)**  
**August 20, 2022**

<b>Fishing Derby at Trestle Park</b> (Sponsored by Byron Kiwanis)	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (Ages 12 and under) (sign-in begins at 7:30 a.m.)
<b>5K Run (Begins at Firemen's Park)</b> (Sponsored by Byron Rescue Squad) Registration forms available at <a href="http://www.byronny.com">www.byronny.com</a> or at the Byron Town Hall	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Registration 8:00 a.m. Race Begins 9:00 a.m. Race Results
<b>Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast</b> (Byron Fire Hall)	7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
<b>Vendors</b>	7:30 a.m. - ?
<b>Garden Contest</b>	Voting ends at 2:00 p.m.
<b>Car/Truck/Tractor Show</b>	7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Awards presented at 4:00 p.m.
<b>Raffles</b>	Winners to be drawn every hour beginning at 1:00 p.m.
<b>Kid's Crafts and Games</b>	12:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Magician	12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Genesee Country Village Presentation <i>goArt!</i>	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Buffalo & Brandy <i>goArt!</i>	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
<b>Duck Race</b> (Trestle Bridge – Terry Street Entrance)	2:00 p.m.
<b>Parade</b> (Starting at Caswell Road)	11:00 a.m.
<b>Byron Rescue Squad Money Raffle</b>	Winner to be drawn at 4:00 p.m.
<b>Bands:</b>	
Resonance Group	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Kelly's Old Timers	1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Rebels Posse	4:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Rise Again Rocks <i>goArt!</i>	7:30 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.
<b>Fireworks</b>	At Dark



# Upcoming Events

## Town Wide Garage Sales

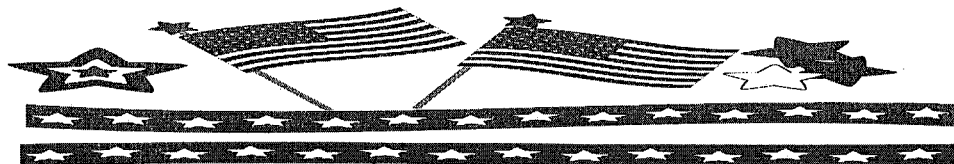
Saturday, July 30, 2022 Please call the Town Clerk's Office to be put on the list.

## Summer Youth Recreation

At Firemen's Park (McElver Street) beginning Monday, June 27th - Friday, August 12th from 10 a.m.—1 p.m. Free to Byron residents. Forms available online, at the Town Hall, or at the park during rec hours.

## Town of Byron Bicentennial

Saturday, August 20, 2022. Forms for the 5K and Garden Contest are available online or at the Town Hall.



### Town Clerk's Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
9:00 a.m.-12 noon & 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Thursday and Friday: 9:00 a.m.-12 noon

Saturday: Closed

Phone Number and Extensions:

Town Hall - Highway Garage - Sewer Dept.

585 - 548 - 7123

Supervisor—Peter Yasses	Ext. 14	Highway Dept.— David Leaton	Ext. 11
Town Clerk—Debra Buck-Leaton	Ext. 10	Cell phone:	402-4717
Court Clerk—Michelle Caballero	Ext. 18	Assessor— Barry Flansburg	Ext. 17
Sewer Dept.	Ext. 12	Town Justice Smith	Ext. 18
In an Emergency (Sewer Dept.—Shaun)	585-322-0006	Councilman Josh Kent	813-1760
CEO/ZEO—Melissa Ierlan	Ext. 15	Councilman Jeff Thompson	851-1469
Councilman Tom Felton	300-3456		
Councilman Eric Zuber	746-5158		

# Spirit of America



## BEAUTIFUL FLOWER or LANDSCAPE GARDENS OF BYRON

### Entry Form for Byron Residents

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please tear off the top portion of the application and mail it to the following address:  
Byron Bi-Centennial, Flower / Landscape Garden Contest , PO Box 9, Byron, NY 14422

#### Flower Garden and/or Landscape Contest Rules:

1. Entries must be received no later than July 15, 2022
2. Date of judging will be determined by you. When you believe that your garden is at its peak, you can call and we will be out to take pictures.
3. Photos will be taken to display your garden for the Bi-Centennial, so the public can vote for the Town of Byron's Favorite garden.
4. Your name or address will not be displayed with the pictures.
5. Voting for the Town's Favorite will be done by number only.
6. Voting will end at 2:00pm
7. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize will be awarded on August 20, 2022 at 3:00pm during the Byron Bi-Centennial

For further information regarding your Flower and/or Landscape Garden, Please call Cheryl Thompson at 797-8430 or Jeanne Freeman at 548-7197