

Town of Byron Newsletter



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Supervisor

Construction of Water Improvement Benefit Area No. 1 Contract B (Batavia-Byron Road, Walkers-Corners Road, Clinton Street Road (Rte. 33), Old State Road, Cockram Road, Bank Street Road, Byron-Elba Road (Rte. 262), Tower Hill Road and Searls Road) has begun. Contract A (the remainder of the Town) will start in July. Residents of Contract B should have already received a letter from Monroe County Water Authority regarding a meeting at the Town Hall on June 6th for information on hooking up and paying the necessary fees. Residents of Contract A should be receiving a letter in the next couple of weeks regarding a date and time for a separate meeting. Please do not hesitate to call either myself or Debra at the Town Hall if you have any questions regarding this.

The new Community Park pavilion is almost complete, there are only a few minor cosmetic changes that need to be made and it will be ready for summer rentals and our recreation program. There has been a minor increase in fees (from \$30 to \$50, with a \$50 refundable deposit required), and a few rule changes to our rental agreement. I hope our residents utilize and enjoy the new pavilion.

I hope all residents in the sewer district were able to make it out to our Sewer Improvement Informational Meeting on Wednesday evening. If you were unable to attend, the presentation will be available on the Town website at www.byronny.com.

As always, this is your Town. Please try to attend Town Board meetings, the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Peter N. Yasses, Supervisor

Town Clerk

There will not be a Heritage Festival this year, however, we are still planning on having townwide garage sales on Saturday, July 29th. Please call me at 548-7123 ext. 10 to be put on the list.

The Town of Byron Summer Youth Recreation Program will begin on June 26, 2023 and run through August 11, 2023 from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Forms are available on the Town website or at the Town Hall.

Happy Summer!

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Highway Department

As an FYI, the Town Highway Department will be oiling and stoning Ivison Road starting June 5, 2023. We will also be paving Searls Road on June 20-21st. Please find an alternate route for your travels on these dates unless you are a resident on these roads, and in that case, please be patient.

Summer Concerts in the Park

The Town of Byron, along with the Byron-Bergen Library, will be having three concerts in the park this summer so bring a lawn chair and a cooler with your favorite beverage and join in on the fun!

July 13th - Glenn Colton's Family Fun Summer Concert at 7:00 p.m.--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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The Byron Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, and other snacks, so come hungry!

The Byron Rescue Squad will be selling tickets to win a beautiful, hand-stitched quilt. Proceeds will go to the Byron Rescue Squad, and the drawing date is to be determined.

Imagination Library

Over 6,000 books have been delivered to our local Byron-Bergen children, ages birth to 5 years, through the Imagination Library. This program is run entirely on community donations. We are struggling to keep this program active. The cost per child per year is \$25.00 to receive a monthly book through the Dolly World Foundation. It's through donations from individuals, clubs, businesses, etc. that this program continues.

Receiving these books provide children with an early start on reading and an appreciation of learning at an early age.

Please consider supporting our young readers by a donation to our program! Any amount is appreciated and is tax deductible. Checks can be made to Richter Family Foundation and sent to 1600 Ham Road, Basom, New York 14013. Our sincere thank you to our past, continuing, and new donors! Registration and information can be found online at ImaginationLibrary.com. Questions are welcome: Anna Marie Barclay at 494-1979, or Donna Gerrard at 548-7380.



2023 Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic

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

August 10, 2023 **4:00 to 6:30 p.m.** **Genesee County Fairgrounds**

October 12, 2023 **4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** **Genesee County Fairgrounds**

Each dog, cat and ferret must be leashed or crated and accompanied by someone who can control it.

A voluntary donation per dog, cat or ferret is requested to offset clinic expenses.

For more information, visit: www.GOHealthNY.org

Byron Cemetery Association

Spring has arrived and the grass is growing quickly. John Durand continues to keep the cemetery mowed and looking beautiful. His work at the cemetery is greatly appreciated. Take a drive or walk through the cemetery west of Swamp Road to see a couple of improvements completed there. The driveway has new stone added to it thanks to Dave Leaton and the Town of Byron Highway Department workers. Watering plants at the cemetery can be done a bit quicker now. The hand pump has been modified with a faucet to obtain water. A few new trees have been planted throughout the cemetery. Our deepest gratitude to Dave Leaton and John Durand for their continued commitment and work at the Byron Cemetery.

Have you heard about the web site Find a Grave? **Findagrave.com** is a website that allows the public to search and add to an online database of cemetery records. It is owned by Ancestry.com. Its stated mission is "to help people from all over the world work together to find, record and present final disposition information as a virtual cemetery experience." (Wikipedia) Kate Wride has updated the information for the Byron Cemetery on this site. She has spent a lot of time on this project and her efforts are valued immensely. All of the members of the Byron Cemetery Association are volunteers who meet and discuss issues pertaining to the cemetery. The time and effort they give freely are important to maintaining the cemetery. Anyone interested in joining this group, kindly contact Kim Dewey.

REMINDERS

- Decorations and flowers may be placed between April 1st and October 1st .
- Please place moveable pots, containers and decorations in line with the monument. This helps with mowing the grass.
- Glass containers are not allowed in the cemetery.
- 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.

You can choose your burial plot now. John and Donna Durand, Superintendents of the cemetery, would gladly assist you in this process. Contact the Durands for available plots.

Plot and Burial Prices

Cemetery Plot (4x10) \$600	Pet Burial \$400
Burial \$675	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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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

From the Historian's Desk...

Today, Monday, May 29, 2023 our Town enjoyed another Memorial Day Parade. The weather was a nice 70-degree day. There were families lined up on both sides of the road on the parade route. The parade started at the corner of Terry Street & Route 262, and ended at the Byron Cemetery, on the corner of Swamp Rd & Route 262. The American Legion leading the parade with the Byron-Bergen Central School Band. The Bergen, Byron, & South Byron Volunteer Fire Departments were also represented with their fire apparatus vehicles. Our Town's "Uncle Sam" (Joe Riggi) dressed in his finest Red, White & Blue was riding his garden tractor giving out candy to the children along the way. The American Legion held it annual ceremony at the Byron Cemetery remembering those who we have lost this past year. The Byron Fire Department held a Chicken Bar BQ after the parade. Folks enjoyed the meal and visiting with each other. It was so nice to see all the different families out enjoying the parade and showing their pride.

Today was the first day of having the Byron Town Historical Museum open. We had several folks visit the museum and share their memories of growing up in the Town of Byron.

Byron Historical Museum is open every Sunday, starting June 4th, 2023 through September 3rd, 2023 from 2pm to 4pm. We are also open by appointment, by calling Bob & Beth Wilson at 585-409-5990.

The Byron German Lutheran Church Congregation disbanded in 1967 giving the building to the Town of Byron to be used as a museum by the Historical Society of Byron. The town painted and wired the building for electricity. In 1973, with money donated by Gillam-Grant an addition was added behind the church. In 1986, the society built a large addition to accommodate an Agricultural Display.

Our museum displays mainly items of the 1800's to early 1900's. The museum consists of four main areas. The main entrance consists of our display of women's hats, and military display. The main church consists of items used in the home, clothing, dishes, quilts, service clubs' items, and the church altar, pulpit, baptism font, and organ. The Gilliam room has yearbooks, South Byron Senior Class pictures from 1917 to 1952, old newspapers, old scrapbooks, local business journals and bathroom. The Agricultural Building contains farming equipment, old maps of Byron, and Business items.

Byron Fire Department No. 1

Greeting to all Byron Residents and Newsletter recipients,

The Byron Fire Department No. 1 wants to thank the Town Board for their support in budgeting the new ambulance over the next five years. We do not have a delivery date yet. The new ambulance will provide a safe and reliable vehicle as we continue to support 911 emergencies in Byron and Genesee county as needed. It is our pleasure to respond to all 911 emergencies as they may occur.

We will be planning a 5K race as a fundraiser on July 27, 2024 starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Community Park. Watch for a volunteer request in the Fall as we begin to plan for the race. Sponsors are always needed to make the race a fundraiser for our Department.

We want to thank everyone who came and supported our Chicken BBQ on Memorial Day. We sold out and the money earned will be used to boost the Fire and Rescue Squad budgets this coming year.

As always anyone who is interested in joining the Fire Department or becoming an EMT is encouraged to call (585)548-2206 or EMS Captain Brad Nickerson at (585)330-3584. EMT classes start in August typically. We have monthly meeting on 1st and 2nd Monday's or training most Monday nights starting at 7:00p.m at the Fire Hall. Feel free to stop by and get to know the current members and have any questions answered.

Byron Presbyterian Church

Happy summer to everyone! We hope you have noticed our new siding on the church exterior. We are so pleased that the project has been completed. We want to thank all that donated to the success of the project.

We are also in the process of putting down a new portion of sidewalk that will include memorial and honorarium bricks. The bricks are a great way to honor a loved one or leave a mark for future generations to view. Our first order will be placed next week but there is still time to purchase a brick if you have not done so already. Please contact the church with questions or to request an order form. (585-548-2800).

Please join us on Sundays for worship. Our service begins at 9:45am and is open to all. Our Interim pastor, Rev. Michael Fry is leading worship and would love to meet you. Although our Sunday School is currently on summer break, we have activity sheets for young ones to read and color during the service.

Events: Fathers Day/Baccalaureate Sunday – June 18, 2023

Watch for signs for Vacation Bible School coming in August.

Our regular Sunday School will begin again in September!

Stay safe, enjoy the summer days, and remember to count your blessings!

Byron Presbyterian Church



Library hours

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: Saturday June 10th for Bergen Park Festival

Tuesday July 4th for Independence Day

***Closed Saturdays July - 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, TumbleBook Library-e-books for Kids, NOVEL list-readers advisory, Libby/Overdrive –e-books, audio books & magazines and Hoopla for eBooks, audio books, video and music are available to you with a valid Library card! The Library has Wi-Fi available as well as three patron computers with printing, coping, and fax capabilities for a small fee.

Games! Games! Games! Puzzles too! The Library has many indoor and outdoor games available to check out with your library card! Yarkle/Yardzee- Jarts – Slammo- just to name a few. We also have Pickle Ball rackets to borrow! Check out the courts in Hickory Park! For some indoor fun- we have Battleship, Sorry, Clue, Ticket to Ride, Guess Who—just to name a few available.

Library book sale will be at the Bergen Park Festival on June 10th. There are audio books, movies, children's books and many bestselling authors. The Library will be closed on June 10th so stop by the tent at the Park Fest!

The Library will be hosting the March Time Marchers Marching Band at the Bergen Park Festival on June 10th in the parade at noon and right after the parade too with a field show not to be missed! [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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Is your child staying home alone while you are at work? The Library is offering a “Home Alone” safety workshop on June 13th from 6-8pm. This 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 soon to sign up no later than June 9th!

Cyanotype Photography workshop with Laura Jackett on June 17th at 11am. Come learn how to transform plain white paper into a rich blue photograph! No background in photography necessary to master this process. These blue prints are made with the help of the sun so bring your sunglasses. Makes a great Father’s Day Gift or just a special keepsake for yourself! Sign up by Tuesday, June 13th. All ages welcome! 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!



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- “All Together Now!” Kick off Summer Reading June 22nd at 6pm with the Hill Brothers performance–A Rockin’ Show to Celebrate Reading! Come enjoy this high energy, 40-minute show that uses irresistibly sing able songs, comedy & loads of audience participation to get kids really fired up to read! And sign up for this year’s Summer Reading Program “All Together Now” at the same time! 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!



Why should you join the reading program? The summer reading is set up for children 3 years old and up to read and wins 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 22nd to sign up! Throughout the summer we will be having special Pete the Cate & Kindness Superhero story times, Nature Quest & Storybook Cooking science fun, According Book and Dandiyas crafts, Crunchy Sam’s Reptile animal visits, Dare to Dream Storytelling, and much more! **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!**

The Library has preschool story time at 10:30am starting Friday July 7th to August 11th. We will be exploring songs, crafts and more! Join the fun this summer with your young children! There’s magic in every book!

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A Babysitting workshop will be offered on Monday June 26th from 10-3. If you are interested, please call the Library to sign up by Friday June 23rd. Cost is \$25 and you must be at least 11 years old to be certified. Space is limited!

Concerts in the Park - Byron Community Park Thursdays at 7pm

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--Food and refreshments will be supplied by Byron's Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary---

Come check out our newest books on 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!

Stop in soon!

For more information on our services or programs, please call the Library at 494-1120.

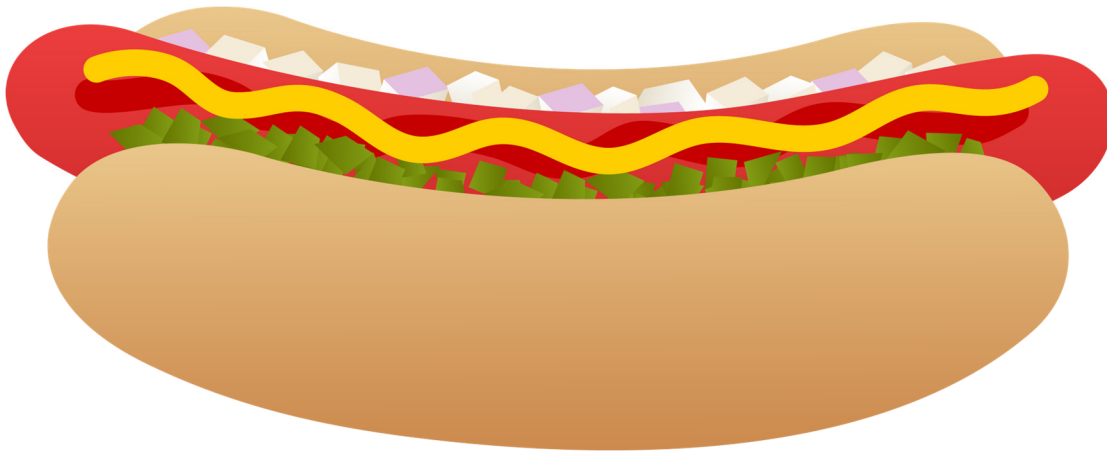
Happy Reading--Nancy Bailey

The Byron-Bergen Public Library held a contest inviting people to tell What Their Favorite Thing About the Library is the McMillan Family of Justine, Elijah, Sam and Joshua and the Quirk Family of Audrey, Ximena and Fausto were co-winners. They praised the BBPL for its welcoming atmosphere, its coziness, and the wealth of activities available that are much more than just books. Each winning family was awarded a gift certificate to Ralph & Rosie's, donated by Ralph & Rosie's. Thank you to all who submitted their warm thoughts.

Byron Historical Society

The Byron Historical Society will be holding a hot dog lunch fundraiser at the museum on Sunday, August 20th from 11—4 p.m.

Bring your family and enjoy some lunch while supporting the Historical Society.



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— Louise Passarell	Ext. 17
Sewer Dept.	Ext. 12	Town Justice Smith	Ext. 18
In an Emergency (Sewer Dept.—Shaun)	585-322-0006	Town Justice Forsyth	Ext. 18
CEO/ZEO—Melissa Ierlan	Ext. 15	Councilman Tom Felton	738-0407
Councilman Josh Kent	813-1760	Councilman Eric Zuber	746-5158
Councilman Jeff Thompson	851-1469		