

Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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From the Supervisor's Desk

The Town Board has passed the 2013 budget with no increase in the tax rate.

In the Fall Newsletter I mentioned that several residents had inquired about the lack of holiday decorations on the telephone poles in Town. I am happy to say that the Highway Department has put beautifully decorated wreaths on the poles at the four corners in Byron and South Byron. Hopefully, in years to come we can add more.

The Planning Board and Town Board are in the final stages of completing the revisions to the proposed Zoning Ordinance. Please watch for notices regarding public informational meetings and hearings in order to voice your opinion on the proposed changes. The current Zoning Ordinance has been in affect since 1997 with minimal amendments. 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.

I want to mention that the Town has lost an important addition. Bob Eichenberger passed away this Fall. Bob was not only a former Supervisor, but helped tremendously with the Town parks. Our condolences go out to the Eichenberger family. He will be sadly missed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, or any Town Board member, if you have any questions or concerns. Have a safe and Very Merry Christmas.

Robert Crnkovich, Supervisor

Town Clerk

If you do not receive a tax bill by the beginning of January, unless your taxes are escrowed with your mortgage company, please call me right away. Taxes are collected at the Town Hall January 1st through March 31, 2013, and can be paid by cash, check, charge or money order. After March 31st you must contact the Genesee County Treasurer with regard to payment. Taxes paid after January 31st will be accessed a penalty (please see your tax bill for amounts).

Please see the Town website at www.byronny.com for important information.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Highway Superintendent

It's the time of year again when everyone is waiting for the arrival of the winter snow and what the winter will bring. The Town workforce has completed the placement of snow fence in areas that the snow blows to try and hold the snow drifts back from the roads. The salt and sand storages are full to begin the season and hopefully the winter is easy on the snow plow trips. Salt and fuel prices are still a large part of the winter expenses to keep the roads safe for all traveling to and from work, school and other necessary trips.

The summer road work has been done as much as the weather and the budget have allowed. Blacktopping was done on a section of Cockram Road that was in need of repairs to prevent the road from further damage. A section on Merriman Road had drainage work and also topped to fix that from further damage. Other roads sealed with oil and stone were Mae, Pauline and Terry Streets, and Ivison and Freeman Roads. The Town Highway Department has shared equipment and manpower with other towns as they also share theirs with ours to keep road costs manageable.

The road sides were mowed in areas three to four times to control weeds and brush, and to get more sight distances along roads and to prevent snow drifts from having a starting point.

The plans for 2013 are to start work on Cole, Gillett and Beaver Meadow Roads, and any other roads that may show needed work after the winter. The cost of the oil in the road products will dictate the amount of work that will be done on road repairs.

I want to praise the people that were in the Town parks this year. There was very minimal damage to the grounds and equipment and it makes the maintenance easier when there is no damage that the Town Highway has to repair - maybe the devils have become angels. Thank you!

Please continue to call and report street lights or any other road problems that you notice around town.

Have a wonderful and SAFE holiday season, and drive with care and respect of all the Town Highway snowplows that are trying to make the roads safe for your travels.

Thank you,
George (585-703-3309)



NYS DEC

The Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) Protection and Management of Grassland Habitat is a unique initiative funded by the USFWS and administered by DEC for the protection and management of grassland birds and other at-risk species on privately-owned land. The DEC will reimburse landowners at a 50% match rate for management activities. LIP participants will provide 50% in matching funds, in the form of a reduced land rental payment, to implement their project. To be eligible to apply for financial assistance, applicants must be a private landowner in one of the grassland focus areas. For more information regarding the program, visit the DEC website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/32891.html>. Completed pre-application forms must be postmarked to the DEC by January 15, 2013.

Byron-Bergen Public Library

Happy Holidays!! During your holiday rush of activities don't forget to enjoy the many holiday books and movies available at your Library! We have quick cooking books for meals on the go! Make a family tradition by baking cookies from our many cookbooks! Stop by when the children are on vacation for boredom buster books and craft books to inspire their imaginations. Don't forget your audio books for the long car rides to Grandma's house!! Search our website at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org and check out happenings and our on-line catalog or join us on Facebook!

The Library will be closed December 25th –Merry Christmas! and January 1st -Happy New Year!

Book discussion for December will be on the Thursday the 13th at 7:00pm. We are reading The Christmas Wedding by James Patterson. Come January 10th to discuss the book Calling Invisible Women by Jeanne Ray. On February 14th, we will be discussing May the Road Rise up to Meet You by Peter Troy. If you're interested in joining, stop by to pick up a copy or log on to the catalog at www.byronbergenpubliclibrary.org to place your request.

Pre-school story time is at 10:30am on Fridays until December 14th!!! If you are 2-5 years old, join us for a story, related craft and a snack!! January 11th starts our Winter Fun story time. Home schooled children are welcome. Please registration by calling the Library at 494-1120 or stop in and see us.

Holiday Craft night on December 20th at 6:30- come join us as we make a special gift to give to Mom or Grandma. Registration required. Call the Library for more information or to sign up.

Want something fun to do during your Holiday Break? We will be having a Movie Day at the Library on **December 27th** on the Big Screen- the movie we are showing will be *Ice Age-Continental Drift!* The movie will be showing at 2:30 and 6:30 and snack too! Please call to sign-up! Craft Day on **December 28th** from 11-6 – come anytime between 11am to 6pm to make and take a noisy craft to help ring in the New Year! So check us out www.byronbergenpubliclibrary.org for the movie information or “Friend” us on Facebook for updates!

Our 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 to both Genesee Community College at 1pm and the Richmond Memorial Library at 7pm. Log on to www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org and reserve your copy of the book now. Our community wide book discussion will be held on Thursday, February 14th at 7pm. Join us as we explore the book and its characters!! Share your views of the book with your neighbors and friends. Refreshment served. No registration needed.

Getting a new E-Reader for Christmas or have one now....Check out our catalog for downloadable e-books free with a valid Nioga Library card. New children's books arrive weekly! New DVD's monthly! Check out a *Playaways* too! All you have to do is stop at our website www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org to order all materials!

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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.



Gillam-Grant Community Center

January 5th: New session of Karate starts at Gillam-Grant! New this year, Jeet Kune Do and Kung Fo. Call for details 494-1621

January 17th Thursdays from 7:15-8:15pm: Try Fencing at Gillam-Grant. Haven't found your sport yet? This coed team is for beginners, intermediates, and ALL ages 9 and up. All equipment is provided. Taught by EnGardeBatavia.com. Fee: \$65M/\$75NM.

January 19th: NYS Pre-licensing course 9:15am-1:45pm: Pre-registration and copy of Learners Permit required. Classes typically run every other month. Call Gillam-Grant for details 494-1621.

January 28th at noon~ Social Luncheon – Come enjoy a lunch with friends including soup and sandwich, carrot cake and a beverage Cost:\$9M/\$12NM

February 1th from 6-8pm: Healthy Cooking "Date Night": Chef Eric and Dr. Amy are back to prepare a healthy but indulgent meal. Cost: \$29M/\$34NM.

February 4th at 5:30pm~ Social Supper: Enjoy a pasta dinner, garlic bread and mini cannoli for dessert. Following dinner, preview Byron-Bergen High School's upcoming musical, Oklahoma! The production will be on stage at BB High School, Feb. 28-Mar. 2.

March 27th at 10:15am: MVP Healthy Living program.

Ongoing exercise programs at Gillam-Grant:

Total Body Fitness

Pilates

Water Aerobics

New – Adult and kid's Yoga

Guitar Lessons available, Individual Computer Instruction, Wednesdays: Toddler Story time.

Call Gillam-Grant for more information 494-1621.

Coming soon...Gillam-Grant Community Center's new 15-passenger van. Weekly shopping trips, special trips and more will be available. Volunteer drivers needed. Call the Center 494-1621.

OFFICE OF THE GENESEE COUNTY CLERK

Don M. Read
County Clerk

Mary C. Jensen
Deputy County Clerk

Leslie D. Krajewski
Deputy County Clerk



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Dear Genesee County Business Owner:

I would like to invite you to join a very important and exciting program that is taking place throughout our county, the "RETURN THE F.A.V.O.R." Discount Program (Find & Assist Vets of Record).

This initiative is a way that our county can recognize the service and sacrifices made by our returning veterans. Under the "RETURN THE F.A.V.O.R." Discount Program, eligible individuals, will receive a picture I.D. card identifying them as an honorably discharged returning veteran. Participating county merchants would agree to honor the card by providing holders with a discount on some aspect of their purchases or services.

Participating merchants' names, addresses and discount particulars will be listed on the County web site which is available for viewing by businesses and residents. Involvement in the program is beneficial to businesses that will undoubtedly realize increases in traffic, sales and new customers. A window poster identifying the merchant as a participant of the program will be provided for display.

I have enclosed a "RETURN THE F.A.V.O.R." Discount Program Merchant Application Form and hope that you will consider becoming a "**charter member**." Please join us in demonstrating our sincere appreciation and support for the efforts of those who keep us safe and fight for our freedom!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don M. Read". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Don M Read
Genesee County Clerk

**Please contact the Genesee County Clerk's Office at
344-2550 ext. 2316 for more information on becoming a F.A.V.O.R
member or merchant.**

Upcoming Events

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

Thursday, December 13th, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Christmas)
Thursday, January 17th, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (New Year's)
Thursday, February 14th, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Valentine's Day)
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.
Thursday, May 16th, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Prom)

Sponsored by the Byron Ladies Auxiliary.

Byron Ladies Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast & Chinese Auction

Sunday, February 10th, 6:00 a.m. - Noon at the Byron Fire Hall. Chinese auction drawing to be done promptly at noon.

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.

From the Historian's Desk

Religion: The first religious services were held in 1809 by Rev. Royal Phelps of the Presbyterian Church from Cayuga County. The first Congregational Church of Byron was organized in 1818 by Rev. Herman Halsey with 11 members. A church was built of wood in 1830, and later was enlarged by additions. In 1830 there were 27 members; in 1831 there were 162; and from 1844 to 1846 there were 186 members. The society was afterwards called Presbyterian and still remains of that faith.

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	
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