

# Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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## From the Supervisor's Desk

The Swamp Road Water District will be going out to bid soon.

Water District No. 6 (North Byron Road and Cockram Road East of Rte. 237) has been formed, and we are awaiting approval from USDA to move forward.

The new records retention room in the Town Hall is now complete, and this will allow for more secure space for necessary records retention.

The Town Board has completed the 2015 budget, with a Public Hearing held on November 6th. The amount to be raised by taxes is \$226,000.00. The estimated tax rate is \$2.1216/1,000, which is an increase of 0.0823 over 2014.

The Town Board will be holding a Public Informational Meeting on Monday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the South Byron Fire Hall to discuss the formation of a possible fire district between the Byron Fire Department No. 1 and the South Byron Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Please remember that the Town Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please try to attend, this is your Town!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,  
Pete Yasses, Supervisor

## Town Clerk

Unfortunately, it's tax time again. 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, 2015, 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 assessed a penalty (please see your tax bill for amounts).

Please remember to visit our website at [www.byronny.com](http://www.byronny.com) and "Like" us on Facebook for important information.

Please have a very Merry Christmas, and a safe Happy New Year!

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

# Byron Presbyterian Church

## Byron Presbyterian Church

6293 West Main

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[www.byronfpc.org](http://www.byronfpc.org)

- Sunday Worship begins at 9:45 AM,
- Sunday School for young children happens during the worship hour.
- Nursery Care during the worship hour.
- Youth Group activities for older children
- Contact Pastor Jim Renfrew at [pastor@byronfpc.org](mailto:pastor@byronfpc.org)

## Special Advent and Christmas Season Activities

Saturday, December 6, 2:00 - 4:00 PM - *A Birthday Celebration for Jesus*. Mrs. Tyler and the Advent Planning Team invite young children to an afternoon of Christmas songs and craft activities. The songs we sing will be included in the following day's worship service.

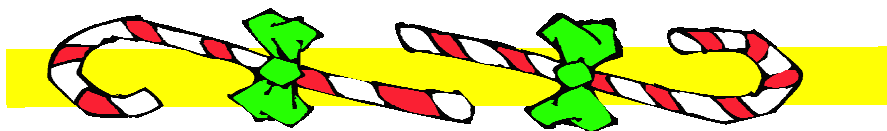
Sunday, December 7, 9:45 AM - *A Children's Christmas Celebration in Song*. Our children will wear costumes and lead us in singing their favorite Christmas songs.

Wednesday, December 24, 7:00 PM - *Christmas Eve in Byron*. Hear the familiar carols as we remember the Christmas story and light candles to celebrate Jesus' birth. Alleluia! Come on, get out of the house to sing and pray on this beautiful night in Byron!

## Backpack Program

We are currently providing backpacks to 28 children in the Byron-Bergen schools. We are thankful to Genesee County United Way for granting us \$2500 for use this year towards our food. If you contribute to United Way through your employer, please remember you can select funding to go to this program by identifying: Genesee County UW Backpack Program, Code 90221. Additionally, you can make a contribution at any time directly to our backpack program by sending it to the church or marking your donation "backpack program" when you put it in the offering at church. This program has made and continues to make a significant impact to families in our own areas. YOU are a great blessing to our backpack families if you have contributed money, food items, time or prayers!

We host the Foodlink Mobile Food Pantry from time to time. It will be happening next on Wednesday, December 3, 6-8 PM. Watch for new dates after the first of the year. Any community members are welcome to receive food at no cost. Items offered include produce, baked goods, dairy, frozen food, canned and packaged goods, depending upon availability.



# 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 cooking books for meals on the go! Create 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](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) and check out happenings and our on-line catalog or join us on Facebook!

## **The Holiday Library hours will be:**

Tuesday Dec. 23rd 10-12 and 2-8

Wednesday Dec. 24th- 10-4

***Thursday Dec. 25th thru Saturday Dec.27th Closed***

Tuesday Dec. 30th 10-12 and 2-8

Wednesday Dec. 31st 10-4

Thursday January 1st -- Closed.

Friday January 2nd 10-6

Saturday January 3rd 10-1

## Holiday Happenings-

Holiday Craft night on December 23rd 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.

Movie Day Friday January 2nd at 2 pm come watch the Maze Runner! This movie is rated PG-13 and runs 113 minutes. Join us for popcorn and drink too! Registration is appreciated.

Pre-school story time will run Fridays at 10:30am starting on January 9th. Join Miss Kelsey for a story, craft and a treat! This is recommended for ages 2-5 but younger children are welcome with their parents/guardian.

**Registration is appreciated.**

Our "Tale for Three Counties" book for 2015 will be We Are Called to Rise by Laura McBride. The author will visit in our area March 26th to both Genesee Community College at 1pm and the Richmond Memorial Library at 7pm. Log on to [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) and reserve your copy of the book now.

Our community wide book discussion will be held on Thursday, March 12th 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.



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February Break Happenings! Look upcoming activities during winter break– check us out on the web at [www.Byron-BergenPublicLibrary.org](http://www.Byron-BergenPublicLibrary.org).

Gadgets and Gear February 19th from 3-6 pm. Bring your questions and gadgets- E-readers, phone, laptops and tablets. Registration is necessary by calling 494-1120 or stopping in.

Did you know that the Library has free digital magazines? Check it out on our website at [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) . All you need is a valid free Library card. Click on Zinio – sign in with your Library Card and you are on your way! You can download your favorite music too using Freegal on our website. The newest most popular music to your favorite oldies is there at your fingertips!

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](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) to order all materials!

If you don't find what you are looking for at the Library, we can order it for you from the NIOGA Library System. The website is [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) and click on catalog to see if our system has the book you are looking for. You then can order online, call the Library at 494-1120 or stop in with your request.

The Library has copy /fax service for a small cost, Roadrunner Internet on three computers, Wi-Fi and interlibrary loans from any Library in the NIOGA Library system. Check us out on the web at [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) or stop in and we will assist you! You can also friend us on Facebook to keep up with the latest events. For more information on our services or programs, please call the library at 494-1120.

Happy Reading and Happy Holidays-  
Nancy Bailey, Library Manager

## Upcoming Events

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

***Thursday, December 18th - Christmas 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.***

***Thursday, May 14th - Patriotic 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.***

***Sponsored by the Byron Ladies Auxiliary.***

### ***Public Informational Meeting Regarding Fire Departments***

***Monday, December 15th - S. Byron Fire Hall 7:00 p.m.***

# Gillam-Grant Community Center

**Santa's Workshop** at Gillam-Grant December 13th from 9am -2pm

**Gillam-Grant Youth Basketball registrations available now!**

**Stop by the Center to sign up now for Gillam-Grant's 7-day trip to Savannah, GA.** Call 494-1621 for more information.

**Gillam-Grant Wednesday Night Men's Basketball** ~ Continues from 7:30 until 9:30 pm in the B-B Middle School whenever school is in session. (Note: No sessions 1/29/14 & 2/19/14)

**December 17th at 7pm- Holiday Open House:** RSVP by calling the Center at 494-1621

**Coming in January-** the Language of Flowers program. Genesee County Museum will present an interesting program about the enchanting customs of the 19th century and communicating with flowers. Check Gillam-Grants' next newsletter for details.

**January 9th Fun Friday at Gillam Learning Center:** Indoor Rockets from 3:30 -5pm. Grades 2-4 For more information call 494-1621.

**January 9th: Princess and Pirate Party for Preschoolers at 6:30pm** -dress up and come enjoy games and crafts.

**January 10th: 10 Week Session Gillam-Grant Martial Arts**, including Jeet Kune Do/Kung Fo

**January 13th: Starts Total Body Fitness at 6pm** Class runs on Tuesdays for 8 weeks, call Gillam-Grant for more details, 494-1621.

**January 15th: Starts Yoga at 4:30pm:** Class runs Thursdays for 6 weeks- increase your flexibility and build strength with Certified instructor Kathy Merritt, RYTI

**January 22nd: Holiday Aftermath Shopping** - Shuttle will leave the Center at 10am and return approximately at 3:30 pm, giving you hours to do your *After-Christmas Sale* shopping. Travel to Henrietta area to shop. Call for transportation cost, 494-1621.

**January 15th: Starts Step Aerobics at 6pm:** Class runs Thursdays for 6 weeks-try this low impact cardiovascular exercise.

**LEGO Club for grades 3-6~ January 23rd:** Build your favorite animal. **February 27th:** create a marble maze. Call the Gillam-Grant Learning Center for details, 494-1621.

**February 9th: Social Supper** at 5:30pm, featuring a sneak peak at the High School Musical, *The Wizard of Oz!*

**February 19th: NYS Prelicensing Course** from 9:30am to 2:00pm, Pre-registration required. Call Gillam-Grant at 494-1621.

**March 11th: Getting Paid to Talk from 6:30 -8pm**, class is an introduction to professional voice overs. Learn the basics and have a chance to record a commercial under the direction of Voicecoach.com producer! Call Gillam-Grant for more information, 494-1621.





# Genesee County Legislator, Robert Bausch

December, 2014

At the Legislative meeting on November 24th, the county budget was passed with a \$0.18 per thousand decrease in property taxes. A number of items converged to make this reduction possible: strong revenue projections, reduced retirement expenses and a minimal increase in expenditures (and in some cases an actual decrease). It remains to be determined how long this reduced tax rate can be maintained, but at least it is a reality for 2015.

As has been widely reported, the county did seek and receive bids for the county nursing home. The legislature is reviewing these bids and is in discussions with the leading contenders. Because these negotiations are ongoing, only a limited amount of information can be provided but the bids were favorable to the county and the nursing home should be sold in 2015.

Because of the financial drain the nursing home and other commitments have placed on county finances, roads and bridges have been neglected. With the anticipated sale of the nursing home and being relieved of the obligation to subsidize its operation, the legislature is now developing a plan to aggressively address county roads and bridges.

In August the county sought bids for a new airport terminal and maintenance hangar. The current facility is more than 50 years old, has significant maintenance issues, is not a safe distance from the runways and does not meet users' needs. The bids received were under budget so construction should begin in the spring. The project cost will be covered by grants and profits from airport operations with a minimal direct county expenditure.

A reminder: when the county processes driver licenses or vehicle registration renewals, the state reimburses the county and the revenue offsets property taxes. To have the county process your renewal, you can stop in at the auto bureau, mail your renewal to the County Clerks Office in Batavia, or just drop your renewal into one of the county's auto bureau drop boxes located throughout the county including outside the auto bureau on Court Street in Batavia, in front of the town office in LeRoy, and the one most convenient for many District 2 residents, in front of the village office in the heart of downtown Bergen at the corner of Rt. 19 (Lake St) and Buffalo St. Please make use of these drop boxes and help reduce your property taxes.

In closing, I would like to extend a thank you for allowing me to serve as your county legislator and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Comprehensive Plan Committee

The Town of Byron's Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 1993, and the Town Board is looking for community members who are interested in being part of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to update the Plan. If you are interested, please contact the Town Clerk at 548-7123 ext. 10.