

Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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From the Supervisor's Desk

Water District No. 5 (Swamp Road) is now complete, including restoration.

Water District No. 6 (Cockram Road East/North Byron Road) construction has been awarded to Randsco Pipeline, and they are as anxious as we are to get started. There is still some legal work to finish before they can start, but weather permitting, they can begin in late winter or early spring. This project has a June 31st deadline to be completed.

Our proposed Water District No. 7 (Byron Road/Walkers Corners/Caswell/Cockram/Rte. 262) is moving along nicely.

We are in the process of entering into a three year agreement with both of our fire companies. In my opinion, the quarterly meetings held between liasons from the Town Board and the fire departments have worked out very well, as currently everyone on both sides seem to be happy.

We are currently working on making the Town Hall ADA compliant.

We have purchased a new generac generator for the Town Hall, it has been installed and is fully functional. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Safe Holiday Season.

Pete Yasses, Supervisor

Town Clerk

Tax time is right around the corner, and 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, 2016, 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 remember to visit our website at 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

Genesee County Legislator, Robert Bausch

I would like to begin by thanking the voters in Legislature District 2 for their support on Election Day. It was gratifying that a significant number of residents took the time to vote. So again, thank you.

When the county legislature reorganizes in January, there will be a few changes. Frank Ferrando from District 7 (east end of the City of Batavia) did not seek reelection. I have known Frank for many years and have enjoyed working with him. The new legislator will be John Deleo who has served in various capacities for the City of Batavia and brings a wealth of experience to the legislature. The only other change in the legislature is that Sarah Kingdon, who has served as the Legislative Clerk, is transferring to the County Attorney's Office. The recruitment process for her replacement is just beginning.

There will be three other changes in county government in January. Don Read, who had been County Clerk for 25 years retired in September. Michael Cianfrini, who was Don's assistant, was elected to fill the position. Mike is an attorney and had practiced law in Oakfield prior to accepting the Assistant Clerk position. County Court Judge Robert Noonan, who has held his position for 17 years, is retiring January 1st. This position will be on the ballot next November, but the governor can appoint a judge to serve until the election. In the interim, a judge from outside the county will preside in county court.

Lastly, and sadly, with the sudden death of Barry Miller, a county coroner position was vacant. Bergen residents knew and appreciated what Barry contributed in so many areas. However the outpouring of sympathy from across the county made me realize the extent of his involvement in the county and region. He will definitely be missed. Jeffery McIntire from Oakfield was elected to fill that position in the November elections.

A few updates on county business: The 2016 county budget was passed without a property tax increase. The nursing home sale is moving forward, hopefully closing by July 1st. Construction of the new airport terminal is progressing and should be open in early spring as scheduled. Immediately after the terminal is opened, the old terminal will be removed and the area renovated to serve as an apron for the new terminal.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and I look forward to serving District 2 residents in the coming year.



Genesee County YWCA

The YWCA of Genesee County will be providing satellite domestic violence services in Byron, NY beginning December 1, 2015. These services include individual advocacy counseling, filing family offense, custody, and support petitions, court accompaniment, safety planning and any other support services needed by those struggling with domestic violence. Community members can utilize these services at the Byron Town Hall on Tuesdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm starting December 1, 2015. Anyone in need of domestic violence services before December 1st, can call the YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline at (585) 343-7513. If you are experiencing any other crisis please contact YWCA's Care + Crisis Helpline at 1-844-345-4400, (585) 344-4400 or chat at ywcagenesee.org

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 cook books for meals on the go as well as baking cookbooks for the perfect Christmas cookie! 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 Library happenings as well as our on-line catalog or join us on Facebook and Twitter too!

The Holiday Library hours will be:

Tuesday Dec. 22nd 10am-12pm and 2pm-8pm

Wednesday Dec. 23rd- 10am-12pm and 2pm-8pm

Thursday Dec. 24th – 10am – 4pm

Friday Dec.25th and Saturday 26th - Closed

Tuesday Dec. 29th 10am-12pm and 2pm-8pm

Wednesday Dec. 30th 10am-12pm and 2pm-8pm

Thursday Dec. 31st -10am-4pm

Friday Jan. 1st and Saturday Jan. 2nd - Closed.

Holiday Happenings-

Holiday Make and take Craft night on Wednesday December 23rd from 3pm to 6pm- come join us as we make a special gift to give. Call the Library for more information.

Movie Day Wednesday Dec.30th at 2:30pm come watch "Pan" on the big screen! This movie is rated PG and runs 111 minutes. Join us for popcorn and drink too! Registration is appreciated.

Pre-school story time will run Fridays at 10:30am starting on January 15th. Join us 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 2016 will be Black River by S.M. Hulse. This is a beautifully written novel of emotional force that you will not forget. A fiddler, a prison riot, and broken relationships are the crux of this novel. S.M. Hulse will visit in our area March 10th 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, March 3rd 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.

Gadgets and Gear Wednesday February 3rd from 3-6 pm- bring your questions and gadgets- E-readers, phone, laptops and tablets so we can help you get e-books and more using your Library card. Registration is necessary by calling 494-1120 or stopping in.

February Break Happenings! Look upcoming activities during winter break- check us out on the web at www.Byron-BergenPublicLibrary.org.

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Babysitting workshop will be held on Wednesday Feb. 17th from 9am to 2pm. This workshop is open to anyone 11yrs. old and up. Cost \$45- includes a book to take home to reference. Registration and payment (cash only) is needed by Saturday February 13th- Space is limited so sign up soon!

Did you know that the Library has free digital magazines? Check it out on our website at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org . All you need is a valid Library card. Click on Zinio – sign in with your Library Card and you are on your way!

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. Coming soon- Digital movies- music- eBooks- and audio books through HOOPLA!

New children's books arrive weekly! New DVD's monthly! All you have to do is stop at our website 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 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 or stop in and we will assist you! You can also friend us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter 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

Byron Cemetery Association

The Annual meeting will be held at the Town Hall on December 9, 2015 at 2:00pm. Anyone owning property in the Cemetery is encouraged to come to this meeting.

As predicted in the previous newsletter, our prices will be increased effective January 1, 2016. See John or Donna Durand to get your plots at this year's prices.

Other changes are in the planning stages and more info will be available in the Spring. Watch for our article in the next Newsletter.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Byron Cemetery Association Trustees.

Trustees:

Shirley Hobin, President

Ginny Ivison, Sec./Treas.

Jean Sackett

Dave Liles

Joe Kuzma

Tom Chapell

Superintendents:

John and Donna Durand

813-3531 & 813-2591

Holiday Greetings



Gillam-Grant Community Center

Gillam-Grant's next trip: Myrtle Beach & Charleston, SC~ Apr. 3-9. Reserve your spot now! 494-1621.

Dec. 12th: Santa's Workshop! Tons of activities, Mr. Scribbles, Drum Circle, Tin ornaments with Genesee Country Village & Museum and much more! All the fun starts at **9am!**

Dec. 14th: Join Gillam-Grant's **LUNCH CLUB.** Call for details, 494-1621.

Dec. 17th: Relieve your stress this Holiday season with **YOGA.** Classes on Thursdays from 4-5pm.

Jan 6th: Dodgeball Registration due. League play runs Jan9, 16, 30, Feb. 6 & 13. Call Gillam-Grant for details, 494-1621.

Jan 8th: Crazy Card Games-Get rid of the winter blues. Suggested for Grades 2-6, call Gillam-Grant Learning Center for details, 494-1621.

Jan 9th: New session of **Karate** starts! 10 Week Session Gillam-Grant Martial Arts starts including Jeet Kune Do/Kung Fo. Call Gillam-Grant for details on this popular program.

Jan 12th: Get in shape in the New Year! **Total Body Fitness** exercise class starts, Tuesdays from 6-7pm.

Jan 13th: Water Aerobics Class, Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30. Call Gillam-Grant to sign-up 494-1621.

Jan 19th: Creative Pottery-Adults, gather your friends for a trip to Splatters in Spencerport. Have fun painting and creating a individual piece of pottery. We will provide transportation and snacks while you create. Bring your own beverage, adult or otherwise. **Reservation deadline: Jan. 12th**

Jan 22nd: LEGO Club for grades K-2, Building Challenge, favorite character, Gillam-Grant Learning Center.

Jan 26th: NEW! A to Z Time for YOUNG LEARNERS! Enriching activities for ages 4-6 with former teacher, Jane Darocha. Registration required. Call Gillam-Grant, 494-1621.

Jan 26th: Essential Oils 101- Come learn how Young Living essential oils can help you and your family live a healthier, chemical free life! Please join us see how you can start your journey toward your wellness today! Instructors - Andrea Golino and Leora Brown

Jan 26th: Fabulous Fifties Potluck- You will love this 1950s potluck lunch bringing back the memories of gatherings with friends and family. We will provide the atmosphere, music and the vintage recipe from French's 1952 ad of Deviled Hot Dogs! Perhaps you will choose to bring classic 50s fare such as Spam loaf, tuna noodle casserole, Jell-O salad, or Swedish meatballs; you decide whether to bring a 50s themed dish.

Please register and name your dish to pass no later than January 22nd. Come celebrate the Good Old Days! Registration Required **Lunch begins at noon**

Feb. 3rd: Trip to **GEVA** to see Miracle on South Division Street

Feb. 20th: NYS Pre-licensing Class- This class is required by NYS to obtain your driver's license. Participants must have a NYS Learner's Permit to take this class.

Feb. 23rd: Learn Essential Oils Recipes- Essential oils can enhance so many areas of your daily life. They are often used for immune support, relaxation, skin care and so much more. Limited class size, sign up now! Call the Center for cost & details, 494-1621

For more information visit our website: GillamGrant.org AND like us on FACEBOOK!

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Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals

The Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals are looking for alternates. If you are interested, please call the Town Clerk, Debra Buck-Leaton, at 548-7123 ext. 10.



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.

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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 - Mollie Avery	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 Jim Cudney	548-7602	Councilman Harold Austin	409-9827	