

Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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From the Supervisor's Desk

This being my final newsletter to the people of Byron, first let me say thank you.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Town Supervisor, for the most part; it was a lot of fun and also a learning experience. I would like to thank the elected and appointed officials that have supported me. I feel that I am leaving the Town in far better shape than when I started this job, and I am confident that the new Supervisor and current Town Board will keep this trend moving forward.

With Water District 5 and 6 complete, Water District 7 to be put out to bid soon, and most likely Water District 8 being put out to bid in early spring, a new standby generator, painted facilities, we secured a records retention grant, new front door to vestibule, assisted Judge Smith with three J-Cap grants to upgrade and make facilities safer for court personnel, also added security cameras for the safety of all town employees are just a few of the accomplishments we have made.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, and as always, Town Board meetings are the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., please try to attend. This is your Town.

Thank you again,

Sincerely, Peter N. Yasses, Town 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, 2018, 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 that you can now renew your dog license online, it's fast and easy. Just go to the Town website at www.byronny.com and click on the blue link titled "To Renew Your Dog License Online Click Here" and it will take you through the steps to renew online. You cannot, however, renew your license online if your rabies are due, and you will need to come in to the office.

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

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Highway Superintendent

As of this writing...Late Happy Thanksgiving and early Merry Christmas...With the mild start to the season it might be a good time to address some facts about snowplowing in the town. The first is we plow 40.44 lane miles of town road...20.62 miles of contracted county road and 3.66 miles of contracted state road. These are lane miles so when you "return trip" it doubles the miles for a total of 129.44 miles of road. I bring this up because often you hear "where's the plow" or "Haven't seen one all day". The town presently only employees 3 full time Motor Equipment Operators. There is sometimes a misconception we have 10 or so people working here...not the case. When I started here we had four full time drivers and due to the previous administration and budget constraints when two employees retired only one position was filled. I've done my best to fill this through part time drivers and presently have two, but keep in mind they also have full time jobs aside from the town. When you consider the amount of miles we plow and the fact the majority of this is done at 25-30 mph it takes some time to get around. Another misconception that slows us down is when visibility is bad and you can't see, neither can we. There is no magic formula to plowing snow for us to see any clearer than you do!! Also we do a lot of backing up and clearing intersection sand turnarounds which all takes time. Lastly remember there are people in the trucks not machines who all need time to eat shower and sleep. No one here is complaining and will continue to do their job but next time you hear "where's the plow" hopefully this helps...again thank you for your patience with us.

Respectfully,

Brian Forsyth, Highway Superintendent

CEO/ZEO

Happy Holidays to you all. How quick this year has gone by. I have enjoyed meeting and working with all of you.

We have been able to now put the building permit paperwork on the Towns website. Under the Code Enforcement tab you will find a link where you can print the application off. Hopefully this will make it more time efficient for you to fill out. If you have any questions filling it out please feel free to contact me. Remember a permit is needed any time there are a structural member involved. That includes decks or even changing window and door sizes. A permit is also needed for home generators. We issue these permits to assure the project is completed properly and safely.

Also, the Town has passed a law that allows for one unregistered car to be on your property. When the State adopted the new code you were no longer allowed to have an unregistered vehicle on your property. There is an application at the Town Hall and a sticker to affix in the front window. The permits will cost 25.00 dollars. I hope to have the application online soon. It was great that the town worked to establish this law and allowed for this exemption. I would be happy to discuss this new law if there are any questions.

If there are other ways that I can assist you please call and ask. My cellphone is 585-250-0896 or email byroncezeo@gmail.com. Once again have a Safe and Happy Holidays and I look forward to assisting you with all your needs.

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 three new legislators. District 1 (Towns of Alabama and Oakfield) has been represented by Ray Cianfrini for the past 10 years. Ray has also served as legislative chairman for the past four years. He did not seek reelection. John Hilchey, former Highway Superintendent for the Town of Oakfield and currently a sales representative for roadway materials will be the new legislator from District 1. In District 3 (Towns of Pembroke and Darien) the current legislator, Mike Davis also did not seek reelection. Gordy Dibble will be the new legislator from District 3. Gordy is currently the Chief Deputy, Road Patrol in the Sheriff Department. Finally, in District 9 (west end of the City of Batavia) long time legislator Ed DeJaneiro was defeated by former Sheriff Gary Maha. With these changes, one third of the legislators will be new in January.

The new legislature will be facing some significant issues. The most pressing will be water. The county is in the process of increasing the water supply from the Monroe County Water Agency (MCWA). In addition to the actual construction, an updated water agreement with MCWA will be required. Also, the agreements with the City of Batavia, towns and villages require updating (18 different agreements).

In mid-January, the legislature is scheduled to receive its initial report on the status and need for a jail. This has been, and will continue to be, a very slow and deliberate process.

Genesee County is not immune to the opioid crisis. Although the options available to the county are limited, it must be prepared to take the necessary actions when required. County residents must recognize that this epidemic is impacting the county government as well as the personal toll in loss lives and family tragedies.

A little good news: The 2018 county budget was passed without a property tax increase. After some quarters of flat, and in some cases negative growth in sales tax revenue, it is at least remaining flat and hopefully will grow slightly in 2018.

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

Livingston-Genesee Access for Veterans Program

Genesee Valley Rural Preservation Council, Inc. is pleased to announce a new and exciting program - Livingston-Genesee Access for Veterans.

This is a new program to assist disabled permanently certified Veterans with service related disabilities who may need accessibility modifications in their home. The Veteran must reside in a single family home in either Livingston or Genesee County.

Accessibility modifications may include, but are not limited to wheelchair ramps and lifts; roll in showers; non-skid flooring, and much more.

Information and applications may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.

Byron Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Presented by: Byron Fire Department &
Their Ladies Auxiliary

Sunday, December 17th, 2017

9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Bring the entire family for a meet & greet with Santa!
Enjoy a pancake breakfast & some other holiday festivities.

\$1.00 per child (12 & under);

\$3.00 per adult or \$5.00 per family

(all proceeds go to support the Byron Fire Department & related organizations)

Join us at:

Byron Fire Hall

6357 East Main Street (Route 262)

Byron, NY 14422

Byron Hotel & Trailhouse

Byron Hotel Winter Hours*

Monday -Saturday 11 am -11pm (Kitchen open until 10 pm)

Open Sundays Noon-6pm (Kitchen open until 6pm)

Holiday Hours: Closed Christmas Eve-Sunday 12/24

Closed Christmas Day-Monday 12/25

New Years Eve- Sunday 12/31 opening at 4pm-midnight

New Years Day- Monday 1/1/2018 Closed

***Winter Hours are thru Superbowl Sunday.**

Call for Reservations 585-548-9992

Gift Certificates Available.





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:

Friday Dec. 22nd 10am -6pm

Saturday Dec. 23rd-Closed

Merry Christmas!

Tuesday Dec. 26th 10am-12pm and 2pm-8pm

Wednesday Dec. 27th 10am-12pm and 2pm-8pm

Thursday Dec. 28th -10am-12pm and 2pm-8pm

Friday Dec. 29th – 10am- 6pm

Saturday Dec. 30th 10am – 1pm

Happy New Year!



Holiday Happenings-

Holiday Make and take Christmas Present on Friday December 22nd Stop anytime from 10:30-2pm to make a special gift to give. Call the Library for more information. No Registration required.

Disney Movie Day Tuesday Dec. 26th starting at 10:30 with Frozen- at 2:30pm-Oliver & Company and at 6 pm – Ratatouille will be showing on the big screen! Join us for a treat and drink too! Registration is appreciated.

Game Night at the Library will be Dec. 28th – Come join us for games of all kinds-board games-card games and Xbox games as well as pizza and a treat! All the fun starts at 5pm! Registration is appreciated.

Pre-school story time will run Fridays at 10:30am starting on January 12th. Join us for a story, craft and a treat with Miss Brilyn! This is recommended for ages 2-5 but younger children are welcome with their parents/guardian. **Registration is appreciated.**

Did you get a new Gadget for Christmas? Do you need help getting Library books, movies and music on you gadget? Set up an appointment any Wednesday during regular Library hours to get the help you need. There are more free materials for our patrons that have E-readers, smart phones, laptops and tablets using your Library card. Call 494-1120 or stopping in.

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A babysitting workshop on Monday January 15th from 10am to 3pm at the Library. This workshop is recommended for children 11 years old and up. The cost is \$25 with book included. Registration and payment is due by January 12th. Please call 494-1120 for more information.

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

Is your child staying home alone while you are at work? The Library is offering a “Home Alone” safety workshop on Saturday Feb. 17th from 10-12. This National Safety Council workshop will prepare your child for situations that can occur when they stay home alone. The cost is only \$18. Class size is limited so stop by soon to sign up no later than February 14th!

Home Alone workshop will be held on from 10am to 12pm.

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 RBdigital – 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. We have Digital movies- music- eBooks- and audio books through HOOPLA! All you have to do is stop at our website www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org to sign up with your Library Card!

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 Holiday Reading -

Nancy Bailey

Library Manager

From the Byron-Bergen Public Library Board:

The Library Board of Trustees is looking for two volunteers to serve a five year term on the board. We meet the second Monday of every month. The board is responsible for the finances and the policies of the Library. Please send a letter of interest to:

Byron-Bergen Library, P.O. Box 430, Berge., NY 14416. Have a Happy Holiday Season.

“A Neighborhood Christmas” December 9th ~ 9am – 1:00pm Santa’s Workshop

9am-11:00am Breakfast

Pancakes, Donuts, Muffins, Juice, Milk, Coffee

9:30am-Pre-School Holiday Songs

Sweet songs sung by the GG Pre-School. An adorable holiday tribute.

9:45am-Noon Santa Visits

Bring your Camera... Santa will be here for visiting!

10am- Noon MR. SCRIBBLES

Mr. Scribbles has been creating cartoons from children’s scribbles for nearly seventeen years. Much like seeing pictures in clouds, characters are developed using the scribble lines. Sponsored by Go-Art

10:30am-Christmas BINGO

11:30am Cookie Decorating



Santa’s Secret Kids Store

Secret Shopping for kids only.... Bring your list!

Christmas Crafts

Make your own special craft to keep or save for a present.

Reindeer Games

Fun Christmas Carnival Games!

Face Painting

Would you like a Rudolf nose or snowman on your cheek?

Lego Club Winter Scene Display

Check out the Lego creations.



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and

Like us on FaceBook

The Town of Byron is an equal opportunity provider and employer

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. - Brian Forsyth	Ext. 11	
Court Clerk -	Ext. 18	Cell Phone:	615-7713	
Sewer Dept.	Ext. 12	In an Emergency	585-322-0006	
CEO/ZEO – Mike Morris	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	548-7383	Councilman Fred Klycek	548-9025	