

Town of Byron Newsletter



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Supervisor

Water Improvement Benefit Area #1 is still moving forward. The documents necessary for the formation of the benefit area will soon be going to the Comptroller for approval, this process can take a month or it can take 9 months, especially with Covid hindering the progress of everything these days.

As most of you are aware, the Town Board held two public hearings to approve of a new solar law, a copy of which can be found on the Town's website. The Town Board feels that this new law will protect the interests of the Town and its residents moving forward with future solar projects. The Town is continuing to negotiate a PILOT and Host agreement with Excelsior, and hope to have that completed by the beginning of the year. Once again, if you ever have any questions regarding solar please call me and I will try to answer your questions or find out the answers for you.

As a reminder, our Town Board meetings are being held via Zoom to protect everyone. We highly encourage you to join these meetings on the second Wednesday of every month for information, and DO NOT rely on social media to give you the wrong information. You only have yourself to blame if you do not attend a meeting and complain about a lack of information later! The Zoom link will be on the Town website (www.byronny.com) prior to the meeting.

As you all know, Covid-19 is a very serious virus, with that being said, we are trying to limit in-person contact at the Town Hall as much as possible, not only to protect our employees, but also yourselves. We encourage you to use the drop box, mail or online payment system as much as possible. If you do need to go into the Town Hall, please wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Peter N. Yasses, Supervisor

Town Clerk

You should receive your Town/County taxes by the end of December or beginning of January (unless they are escrowed with your bank), if you don't, please call me right away. Taxes are collected at the Town Hall through March 31, 2021, and can be paid by cash, check, charge (a fee applies), 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).

As a reminder, the cost of many items, including tags, have increased at the transfer station. If you need a list of pricing, you can find an updated list on our website or ask the transfer station attendants for a listing.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Highway Superintendent

Luckily winter is off to a slow start, but when it hits I'm sure it will hit with a vengeance, so please be caution and take extra time when traveling. The highway department is working with only 3 plow drivers, compared to 4 in previous years, so it may take a little more time to get to each road.

If you are a snowmobiler and use the Sleds of Stafford trail system, for your safety please remember to stay on the marked trails.

The Town Highway Department would like to thank Steve Starowitz for his generous donation. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions or problems.

Thank you,
David Leaton, Highway Superintendent

Byron-Bergen Imagination Library

Since 2016 the young children of the Byron-Bergen School District have been receiving free monthly books through the Imagination Library, as the result of generous contributions throughout the community. Over 100 children each month receive these books. We are closing in on 5,000 books being enjoyed and delivered since our local Bergen branch has been formed. Without the individual and business support through donations, this would not have been possible. Without the much needed donations this program will not be able to continue.

We believe this program will make a positive impact in children's young lives and enrich our community. Any donation amount would be greatly appreciated to keep this program active.

Registration and donation forms are available at the Byron Town Hall or by contacting one of the members below.

Thank you for your past donations, they were well used to bring the monthly books to our young readers! We are grateful for your continuing, necessary support.

Anna Marie Barclay 585-494-1513
Donna Gerrard 585-548-7380





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 cookbooks 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 10-1 & 2-7

Wednesday Dec. 23rd 10-1 & 2-7

Thursday De. 24th 10-3

Friday & Saturday Dec. 25th & 26th -Closed

Merry Christmas!

Tuesday De. 29th 10-1 & 2-7

Wednesday Dec. 30th 10-1 & 2-7

Thursday De. 31st 10-3

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

Happy Healthy 2021!



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 email byrbgn@nioga.org

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 and OverDrive/Libby apps! All you have to do is stop at our website www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org to sign up with your Library Card!

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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, Spectrum Internet on three computers, Wi-Fi and inter-library 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



Clean Energy Resources Information Committee (CERIC)

The Town of Byron is learning more about New York State's Clean Energy Standard (CES). In October the Town Board delegated a committee to investigate the clean energy initiatives in New York and the possible benefits to the Town of Byron.

Clean Energy Resources Information Committee (CERIC)

Some of the Programs being looked into include:

- LED Streetlight Relamping
- Municipal Building Benchmarking of Energy uses
- Clean Energy upgrades
- Energy Code Enforcement Training
- Aggregated Electricity possibilities
- Solarizing/Clean Heating-Cooling/Solar for All Campaign
- Clean Energy Communities township designation

The Committee has a need for 3-4 more interested members in the community to join.

Please contact the committee thru email- CERIC.BYRON@gmail.com

A Facebook page is being developed for easy access to information that the committee can share.



Merry Christmas

Cemetery Association

Hoping everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving. It may have been celebrated a bit different this year, but we still have a lot to be grateful for! The Byron Cemetery Association is very thankful for the trustees and the superintendents of this group who donate many hours toward the upkeep and operation of the cemetery. The Byron Cemetery Association is looking for new trustees. Any Genesee County resident or cemetery lot owner is welcome to join this group. Contact Kim Dewey (585-356-2256) if you are interest in contributing to the decisions of the cemetery. The Annual Meeting of the Byron Cemetery Association in April was cancelled due to COVID meeting restrictions. We are hopeful that an annual meeting will be held in 2021. Watch for information in future newsletters and in the back of the Daily News under Public Notices. Work at the cemetery continued with John Durand mowing the lawn and getting other tasks around the cemetery completed. Dave Leaton often assists with projects. New signs were installed late this summer. Many thanks to Tom Chapell, owner of Visual Impact Graphics, for designing and producing the three new signs. Rules are posted at the Townline Road and Swamp Road entrances. The main sign was weathered and in need of an update. John Durand did a wonderful job constructing holders for the signs. Todd Cargill, Billy Kennett, Brian Waldruff installed the signs under the guidance of Dave Leaton. Pete Yasses donated topsoil toward this project. We are very fortunate to have so many people willing to assist with ventures for the cemetery. Kindly read the rules and adhere to them. A reminder that flowers and planters should be removed for the winter. Please remove wreaths or holiday decorations from loved one’s graves by mid January.



Current plot and burial prices:

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

Burials on Sundays & holidays are an additional \$100. Additional charges may be added for snow removal and penetration of frost depending on the additional costs to the cemetery. Contact John or Donna Durand about the eligible plots. Preplanning is very helpful for your family.

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Reasons to Walk Through a Cemetery (excerpted from Adventure Mom blog)

- It's peaceful and quiet, but also alive with winter animal life. Look for squirrels, birds, maybe geese from nearby Mill Pond.
There are roads, so barring deep snow, the walking is good, and who knows, you might burn off a few calories!
- It makes you curious about the stories of the people lives represented on the tombs. What did they do for a living? Were they married? Children? What was happening in the world when they passed? When they were born?
- It can help you think about the legacy you would like to leave behind. How do you wish others to remember you?
- In crazy times like 2020, the walk can help clear your mind and help you set your priorities.
Best reason – you're outside, secluded – you can breathe deep - No Mask Required!

Byron Cemetery Association Members

Trustees:

- Kim Dewey, President
- Laura Bestehorn, Vice President
- Kate Wride, Treasurer
- Elaine Bezon, Secretary
- Audrey Henry
- Dave Leaton Jr.
- Barb Read

Superintendents:

- John Durand (585)813-3531
- Donna Durand (585)813-2591

Bergen Hometown Hero Banner Program

The Triangle Club, Ladies Legion Auxiliary, and Friends of Bergen are initiating a Hometown Hero Banner Program in Bergen. If you are, or know of, a man or woman presently serving in the military and are a Byron-Bergen graduate, you qualify for the Banner Program. If you are interested, information is available at the Bergen Village website, the Village Office or by calling 494-1513.

South Byron Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.

Happy Holidays to all from South Byron Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. Due to COVID-19, this year we will not be having our annual calendar drive. We will have a very limited amount of calendars at our fire hall for those that reach out to us. If you are interested in obtaining a calendar for 2021, please either email Theresa Hammer, Fire Department Secretary at sbfiresec@rochester.rr.com or call 585-409-9028 and we can make arrangements to get you a calendar while supplies last. We are always graciously accepting donations as well.

We wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season!



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— Barry Flansburg	Ext. 17
Sewer Dept.	Ext. 12	Town Justice Smith	Ext. 18
In an Emergency (Sewer Dept.—Shaun)	585-322-0006	Town Justice DiMatteo	343-2770
CEO/ZEO—Mike Morris	Ext. 15	Councilman Sue Fuller	300-3456
Councilman Josh Kent	813-1760	Councilman Eric Zuber	746-5158
Councilman Jeff Thompson	851-1469		