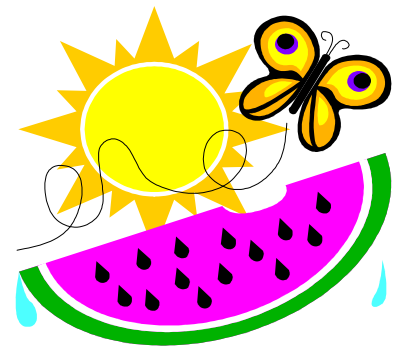


Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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From the Supervisor's Desk

Spring is on its way, from the winter we never had, but it sure helps the budget!

Water District 5, Swamp, Hessenthaler & Cole Roads complete. The good news for that district is, that we will be closing on that loan before April 1st, therefore saving that district approximately \$50,000.00. Water District 6, North Byron & Cockram Road East, as of today, North Byron Road pipe is in the ground, while Cockram Road's pipe is being installed this week.

On Wednesday, February 24th we had an informational meeting on Water District 7. The board deemed successful. We had many people sign up to form the district and resident Ken Pike will be going door to door to finish getting people signed up. Water District 7 is Byron Road, Caswell Road and Walkers Corners Road. So anyone on those 3 roads that was not at the meeting, please watch for Mr. Pike!

At the March Town Board meeting we will be touring our outdated, too small, inadequate highway garage, with thoughts for the most economical way to address this problem. Anyone with suggestions, please plan on attending.

As always, it seems like a lot is happening: that's a good thing, as forward motion is progress!

Again, this is your Town, please try to attend the monthly meetings, second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully

Peter Yasses, Town Supervisor

Town Clerk

As a reminder, taxes are collected at the Town Hall through March 31, 2016, and can be paid by cash, check, charge or money order. The Town Hall is closed on Thursday, March 31st so payments will be accepted through April 1st. After April 1st you must contact the Genesee County Treasurer with regard to payment.

Please remember to license your dogs as we will be conducting a Dog Census soon.

Visit our website at www.byronny.com and "Like" us on Facebook for important information.

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Highway Superintendent

Hello. My name is Brian Forsyth and as of January 1, 2016 I am the new Highway Superintendent for the Town of Byron. I am currently the longest serving employee having started my career here in 1987. I consider election to this position to be an honor and privilege. As for the winter weather so far I don't need to explain we've been fortunate. It wasn't like the past two. That being said the one issue I feel I need to address are mailboxes. One thing I have learned in all the years of operating a snowplow is that the vast majority of the time the force of the snow coming off the wing, and not the wing itself, is what is creating damage. With that in mind I would have a couple of recommendations. First, is please don't use plastic mailboxes. Plastic in the winter gets very brittle and is easier to damage. Secondly mailboxes like other things around your house need routine inspection. Wood dries out over time and rots and screws rust weakening the mailbox. Things over time need to be updated and maintained. Lastly, if you haven't measured your mailbox, when possible, the front of the door should be approximately 17 feet from the center line or 7 feet from the edge of the blacktop. Also it helps us and the postal service if they are approximately 42-45 inches high to the bottom of the door. This will help in the removal of snow and the driver shouldn't have to cross over into the other lane creating a hazard. If you feel your mailbox has been hit we will come and look at it if you call the office at 585-548-7123 ext. 11. Thank you for being patient in the winter and please allow yourself extra time on days when the weather is bad.

Respectfully yours,

Brian

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

2016 Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic

Offered by the Genesee County Department of Health on the following dates and locations:

April 21, 2016	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Pembroke Highway Department
August 18, 2016	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Genesee County Fairgrounds
September 15, 2016	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Pembroke Highway Department
October 20, 2016	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	LeRoy Village Highway Garage

A \$5 voluntary donation per dog, cat or ferret is requested to offset clinic expenses. Non-county residents must pay a mandatory \$5 fee for each dog, cat and ferret immunized.

Genesee County Legislator, Robert Bausch

In early January the County Legislature held its organizational meeting with one new legislator. John Deleo replaced Frank Ferrando to represent District 7, the east end of the City of Batavia. In addition, Pam LaGrou, from the Town of Alabama, was appointed Legislative Clerk to replace Sarah Kingdon, who transferred to the County Attorney's Office.

There will be two additional changes in county leadership positions in the coming year. County Court Judge Robert Noonan retired on December 31, 2015. The governor may choose to appoint a replacement to serve until the November election; to date, no appointment has been made. In the interim, the 8th Judicial District has appointed Judge Michael Pietruszak from Erie County to serve until an appointment is made or the November election. Sheriff Gary Maha has announced that he will not seek reelection this fall and will retire on December 31, 2016. Looking ahead to the November election, to date only Charles Zambito has announced his candidacy for the County Court Judge position. Presently, he is the county attorney and he sat in my seat as your county legislator prior to his current position. Christopher Parker, a deputy in the sheriff department, and William Sheron, the undersheriff, have announced they will be running for the sheriff position.

The legislature's agenda for the next two years is full. As discussed in the past, the nursing home has been sold, but the county is waiting for state approval. Hopefully, the process will be completed by October. The county water agency purchases a significant amount of water from Monroe County and the contract requires updating. The county sales tax agreement with the City of Batavia and the towns and villages expires next year. Currently, the county 4% sales tax is shared with the county retaining 50%, the city receiving 16% and the towns and villages receiving 34%. Sharing county sales tax with other municipalities is a unique arrangement. Lastly, all bridges in the county that exceed 5 feet in length, including some on state highways, are the county's responsibility. A study is underway to determine the status of the 384 bridges, many of which are past their normal life, to develop and implement a replacement schedule. As always, if you have a concern, please contact me at your convenience.

Upcoming Events

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26th

11:00 am

Byron Fire Hall, Rte. 262. All kids 12 and under welcome. Sponsored by the Byron Ladies Auxiliary.

North Bergen Presbyterian Church

Friday, April 15th

5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Fish Fry. Menu includes fried fish, potatoes, cabbage salad, rolls, beverage and dessert. Presale tickets: \$10. At the door tickets: \$11. Take outs available. Call 585-494-1815 for tickets.

Chicken BBQ and Chinese Auction

Monday, May 30th

11:00-?

Immediately following the parade at the Byron Fire Hall. Prices are \$10 for 1/2 and \$5.00 for a 1/4 dinner. Hill Brothers will be entertaining starting at 11:30am thanks to the Byron-Bergen Library for sponsoring them. Chinese auction-\$5.00/sheet. This event is sponsored by the Byron Ladies Auxiliary who are there for major emergencies support. They also hold the developmentally disabled dances three times per year. Just a note, if you are planning an event you should check out our catering services and beautiful renovated hall. Our hall is available without charge for holding funeral gatherings for town members. For more information call Laura Platt at 548-2245.

Gillam-Grant Community Center

Gillam-Grant's next trip: MacKinac Island~ August 14-20. Reserve your spot now! 494-1621.

March 15: Essential Oils - Come learn how Young Living essential oils can help you and your family live a healthier, chemical free life. Instructors - Andrea Golino and Leora Brown

Mar. 18, Apr. 1, Apr. 15, Apr. 22, May 20 & 27: LEGO Club, two skill levels: K-2 & grades 3-6, different building challenges, Call Gillam-Grant Learning Center, 494-1621.

March 24: Quilt demonstration, see how to make a nine patch square. Call 494-1621 for more info.

March 24: Spring Break Eco-Camp, 9am-3pm. Call the Learning Center about this fun day! 494-1621.

Apr. 1: Kid's Craft Time. Come do an Easter craft from 3:30 – 5:00pm.

Apr.5: SAT Prep Class, both Math and English, four session on various dates. Call the Learning Center for more information 494-1621.

Apr. 2: 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.

Apr. 4: Join Gillam-Grant's LUNCH CLUB to Olive Garden. Call for details, 494-1621.

Apr. 13: Ballroom Dancing starts, four classes in time for all the summer weddings!

Apr. 18: NEW! Power Yoga, fast paced to burn calories & build muscles. Center for details, 494-1621.

Apr. 20: Trip to GEVA to see A Moon for the Misbegotten.

Apr. 25: Social Supper with musical entertainment by Johnny Cummings. Reservations by 4/22.

Apr. 26: A to Z Time! A new monthly program especially for YOUNG LEARNERS! April's theme- BUTTERFLIES. Children will be engaged in a fun, enriching environment with former teacher, Jane Darocha. Suggested for ages 3-6.

Apr. 27: Water Aerobics, dive into fitness- no swimming experience necessary! Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30. Call to register 494-1621.

Apr. 28: Darwin Martin Presentation at Gillam-Grant. Register by 4/25, Call 494-1621.

SPRING WHITE WATER RAFTING TRIP! Call Gillam-Grant for details at 494-1621.

May 7: NYS Pre-licensing Class from 2pm- 7pm. This class is required by NYS to obtain your driver's license. Participants must have a NYS Learner's Permit to take this class.

May 9: Join Gillam-Grant's LUNCH CLUB to Lindburgers. Call for details, 494-1621.

May 16: Social Supper with musical entertainment by BB band. Reservations by 5/13.

May 24: A to Z Time! A monthly program for YOUNG LEARNERS! May's theme- DUCKS. Children will be engaged in a fun, enriching environment with former teacher, Jane Darocha. Suggested for ages 3-6.

June 2: Lockport Locks & Erie Canal trip, "lock through" on the Erie Canal.

June 6: Join Gillam-Grant's LUNCH CLUB to Nicks Seabreeze Inn. Call for details, 494-1621.

June 11: Trip to Allentown Arts Festival, let us DRIVE and spend the day at a great festival.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS- Gillam-Grant Summer Daycamp: five weeks starting July 11!

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

Byron-Bergen Public Library

Stay connected with your Library by checking us out at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org and “Like” us on Facebook! Find us on Twitter too! Lots of great programs coming up!!

We have New York tax forms available here! You also can go to the website at www.nystax.gov and go to forms to print from home. If you need Federal tax forms, they are available at www.irs.gov or at the larger Libraries and Post Offices in Batavia and Brockport.

Hoopla is here and available at your Library! What is Hoopla? A place to get all your digital movies, TV shows, e-books, audio books, comics, and music! All you need a valid Library card and you are on your way! Check us out on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org!

Tech Time at the Library! Call and sign up any Wednesday during regular Library hours to receive help to set up your e-reader, tablet or phone to get use Library digital platforms. Please come with your passwords and Library card and all your questions to be answered.

Library has preschool story time at 10:30am on Fridays. Join Miss Veronica for some stories, a related craft and a snack too! Registration is recommended by calling or stopping by the Library.

Book discussion group will meet March 3rd, April 14th, May 12th, and June 9th. Join this and explore new venues and topics. We have lively conversation about the book and refreshments to enjoy too! Stop by or call the Library to reserve your copy of our current book.

“Keep me in Stiches”—Knit and Crochet group- Meeting every 2nd Tuesday at 10am. Join us with your own supplies and get help with an experienced knitter and crocheter—Miss Amy! All levels of experience are welcome! No registration required.

What would happen if everyone read the same book??? Well, if you read our A Tale for Three Counties book you will find out!! A Tale for Three Counties book for 2016 will be Black River by M.S Hulse. The author will visit in our area March 10th at Genesee Community College at 1 pm and the Richmond Memorial Library in Batavia at 7pm. Check us out online at www.taleforthreecounties.org or “Like” us on FaceBook.

Log on to www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org and reserve your copy now.

Join us March 5th at 10:30am for a special program on the History of Chocolate. This fun Saturday event is open for all ages. So come enjoy the Genesee County Museum Moveable Museum programs about chocolate and get a taste of history too! No Registration needed. This program is made possible with funds from the Decentralization program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council (a.k.a. GO ART!)

Saturday Morning Cartoons at the Library on March 12th at 10:30 am. Join us for popcorn and enjoy the movie “The Peanuts Movie” on the big screen! Everyone invited!! Registration appreciated!

Color Yourself Calm- March 15th – April 19th& May 17th Come and de-stress with this special adult only color program. Experience the latest trend in relaxation- coloring! Studies show coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind and helps promote overall wellness. All supplies provided-Along with hot beverage and refreshments. No registration required.

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Join us on St. Patrick's Day for story time Thursday March 17th at 6:30 pm with Miss Makayla. Wear something green and come enjoy a story, craft and a yummy treat! Registration is not necessary but appreciated.

Spring Break Happenings!! Yes we are open!!

Tuesday March 22nd is PJ Story time! Come join us in your PJ's for a fun story, craft and snack too. Miss Makayla will be reading stories about spring so bring your favorite stuffed animal too.

Registration is not required but appreciated by calling the Library.

Thursday March 24th – Movie Day – “Alvin and the Chipmunks: the Road Chip” will be showing at 2:30pm. Enjoy popcorn and a drink! Sign up is appreciated.

Friday March 25th – Preschool story time but all welcome at 10:30am! Join us for a special Easter story time, craft and treat! Registration is appreciated.

Save the date of March 30th for our annual pre-school concert! Join our smaller patrons at the Bergen First Presbyterian Church at 9:30am for music and fun with Susie Rozler and her “**Mama Earth's Kitchen Show Band**”! With audience participation and humor, her show brings not only music to our younger patrons but they will learn about gardening, bird-watching and so much more! A great way to get the children excited about spring! No Registration required! Just come join the fun! This free program is made possible with funds from the Decentralization program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council (a.k.a. GO ART!)

National Library week is April 10th-16th – Stop in and take out a book or two and have a chance to win a prize!! Everyone invited to participate!

April 12th – Spring Story time at 6:30. Come celebrate Library week and enjoy a story about spring and a fun craft too. No registration needed.

Saturday Morning Movie! April 23rd – Enjoy a fun movie for the whole family showing at 10:30am – check out the web at www.Byron-BergenPublicLibrary.org for more information.

May 5th – Join us and the Bergen Historical Society for a Genesee County Museum program “The Language of Flowers” at 7pm. Learn about the most enchanting customs of the 19th century – communicating through flowers instead of words. Find out what the different flowers mean using specimens from your backyard.

This free program is made possible with funds from the Decentralization program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council (a.k.a. GO ART!)

Saturday Morning Movie on May 14th at 10:30- Save the date. Movie to be determined so check the website for more information or stop into the Library.

Come enjoy some great music for the Byron Memorial Day events with Hill Brothers in concert on May 25th at 11:30am--after the parade at the Byron Fire Hall on Rt.262. A fun-filled afternoon of sing-alongs, humor, and participatory songs for the whole family to enjoy!

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The Library will be hosting the Kelley's Hero's Marching Band at the Bergen Park Festival on June 13th in the parade and right after the parade too with a field show not to be missed! Stop by visit the book sale too! This free program is made possible with funds from the Decentralization program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council (a.k.a. GO ART!)

Would you like to volunteer during the summer at the Library? For children 11yrs and older, the Library is looking for help with the summer reading program. Stop by before June 18th to sign up! Chance to win prizes, help with programs, and place to meet new people! Come join by yourself or with a friend!!

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.

Happy Reading,

Nancy Bailey -- Library Manager

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and
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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. - Brian Forsyth	Ext. 11	
Court Clerk - Mollie Avery	Ext. 18	Cell Phone:	615-7713	
Sewer Dept.	Ext. 12	In an Emergency	585-322-0006	
CEO/ZEO – Ken Kuter	Ext. 15	Assessor - Barry Flansburg	Ext. 17	Town
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