

Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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From the Supervisor's Desk

Happy Summer! I think and hope it's finally here. With Summer everyone is busy, and it is no exception at the Town Hall.

Finally, Water District No. 5 (Swamp, Hessenthaler and Cole Roads) will be started mid July and completed by September with full restoration by the end of October. Water District No. 6, with any luck, will be bid out late Fall with construction to begin shortly after that. Water District No. 6 is North Byron Road and Cockram Road (East of Rte. 237).

We will be making our decision on a new standby generator and security system (through a grant from the Justice Court Assistance Program) at the June 10th board meeting. Both of these items are greatly needed.

Things have been running very smoothly at the Town Hall. We have a good Town Board that thinks things through and makes smart decisions. This is a very rewarding job, and it's good to see that people who need help get it. We have come a long way in 18 months and hope to keep things going full steam ahead.

Always remember, this is your Town! Please try to attend a monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

As always, it's a pleasure!

Pete Yasses, Supervisor

Town Clerk

If you would like to rent one of the pavilions in the parks, please contact me to receive a permit. The fees are as follows: Turtle Park: \$10; Trestle Park: \$20; Firemen's Park: \$30 for the large pavilion and \$20 for the small pavilion. There is no charge for non-profit groups. Trestle Park is open from Memorial Day until Labor day, and all parks are open from dawn to dusk. There is no camping at Trestle Pond.

Anyone planning on having a garage sale on July 25th during the Heritage Festival, please call me at 548-7123 ext. 10 to be put on the list to be distributed.

You can "Like" the Town of Byron on Facebook or go online to www.byronny.com to get information and forms for anything going on in the Town.

Happy Summer!

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Summer Youth Recreation Program

The Town of Byron will be continuing the youth recreation summer program beginning June 29th and running through August 14th at Firemen's Park. The program will go from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with no cost to participants. If you are interested in sending your child(ren) and have any questions, please call Laura Platt at 548-2245 or Debra Buck-Leaton at 548-7123 ext. 10. Registration forms are available at the Town Hall or online at www.byronny.com.

Park Committee

Duck Race Winners:

1st Place: Kristi Tiberio

2nd Place: Debra Leaton

3rd Place: Sue Fuller

4th Place: Fred Read

5th Place: Marianne Alexander

6th Place: Draven Liles

Note from the Historians

The Byron Museum, located next to the Byron Cemetery on Rte. 237, is open every Sunday from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. until Labor Day. Stop in, there is a lot to see.

Bob and Beth Wilson
Historians

2015 Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic

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

August 20, 2015 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Genesee County Fairgrounds

September 17, 2015 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Pembroke Highway Department

October 15, 2015 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.

Byron-Bergen Public Library

Library hours

Sunday and Monday – Closed

Tuesday 10-12 and 2-8

Wednesday 10-12 and 2-8

Thursday 10-12 and 2-8

Friday 10-6

Saturday 10-1

Closed: Saturday June 13th for Park Festival

Saturday July 4th for Independence Day

Saturday September 5th for Labor Day

Open up new worlds- read new authors, try a new recipe book, or get lost in a movie! Check us out on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org. There are databases, Librarian 24/7, TumbleBook Library-e-books for Kids, NOVEL list-a readers advisory, Zinio- digital magazines, Overdrive –e-books and downloadable audio books and Freegal-digital music are available to you with a valid Library card! The Library also has a coupon exchange available to patrons! Just bring in your valid coupons you don't use and look for ones you can use. The Library has Wi-Fi available as well as three patron computers with printing.

Friends of the Library book sale will be at the Bergen Park Festival on June 13th. There are audio books, movies, children's books and many bestselling authors. Help support the Friends of the Library!!!

The Library will be closed on June 13th so stop by the tent at the Park Fest!

The Library will be hosting Kelley's Hero's Marching Band at the Bergen Park Festival on June 13th in the parade and right after the parade with a field show not to be missed! Mr. Scribbles will be at the Library tent from 1pm- 3 pm. Stop by to see what he can create from your scribble and visit the book sale too!

The Library is looking for responsible kids age 11 years old and older to help volunteer during the summer reading program. Stop by and pick up an application now before the end of the school year! You can win prizes for volunteering and get a first look at all the new books and DVDs!!! Beat the heat in our air conditioned Library and sign up with a friend to join the fun!

Summer is coming!! So is the summer reading program- "Every Hero has a Story!" The kick-off will be Tuesday June 23rd at 2:00pm with Dave Ruck's Family Fun Show!

The summer reading programs are set up for children 3 years old and up to read and win prizes! Having your children read throughout the summer will help keep up their reading skills for school in the fall. Reading to your preschool child will help them succeed in school.

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If you are not able to make the Kick-off event- stop in any time after June 23rd to sign up! Throughout the summer we will be having special story times, science fun, crafts, animal visits, and movie days. For a complete schedule of events check us out on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org and friend us on Facebook or stop by to pick up a schedule. Lots of fun activities you won't want to miss!

The Library has preschool story time at 10:30am starting Friday July 10th to August 14th. We will be exploring sound, color, and animals! Join the fun this summer with your young children! There's magic in every book!

The Library is planning on offering a Red Cross Babysitting course. If you are interested, please call the Library to sign up. You must be at least 11 years old to be certified.

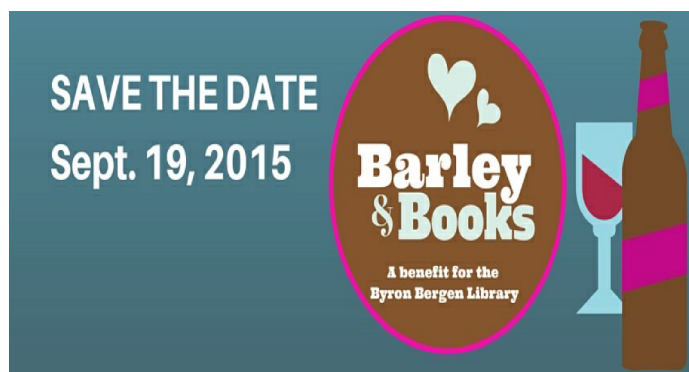
Join us at the Byron Heritage Fest on Saturday July 25th at 7:30 the Library will be hosting, along with Byron Heritage Festival the band, Savage Cabbage! Come join the fun and see old friends!

Come check out our newest books on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org to reserve your copy! We also have a great selection of adult and children's audio books that are great to listen to while you are driving to your vacation destination!

The Library has copy /fax service for a small cost, Roadrunner Internet, and interlibrary loans from any library in the NIOGA Library system. If you can't find it at our Library, please ask or check us out on the web at byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org! Stop in soon! For more information on our services or programs, please call the Library at 494-1120.

~Happy Reading

Nancy Bailey, Library Manager



From the Byron-Bergen Public Library Board

The Byron-Bergen Public Library is pleased to announce that its annual fundraising event, Barley & Books, will be held Saturday, September 19th at the home of Brian and April Stone in Bergen.

During the past five years this event has raised close to \$31,000 for much-needed updates to the library's facilities and technology, as well as provide additional programming for our community. With these funds the library has been able to replace outdated tables and chairs, brighten the space with new curtains and fresh paint and upgrade computer software to provide better service for our community.

Opportunities for sponsorship are still available; donations of auction items are still being accepted. Tickets are \$20 pre-sale and \$25 the day of the event, available at the library during regular hours. For up-to-date information visit the Library Fundraising page: Annual Byron Bergen Public Library Fundraising Event.

Genesee County Legislator, Robert Bausch

May, 2015

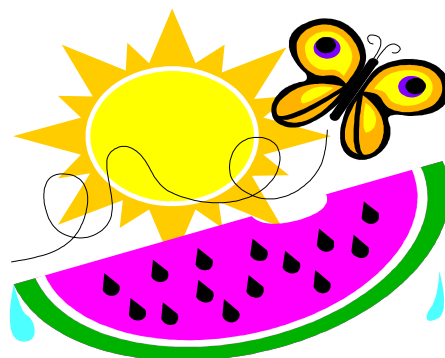
Whenever there is a discussion about government, how much citizens are paying in taxes to the various levels of government will invariably come up. Obviously, this is a topic of much interest and mostly out of the purview of the county government because the cost of county government is a small percent of the total cost of government. But that should not stop county officials and residents from taking actions to minimize the amount county government must raise through taxes. Residents should realize they can take actions to enhance the county revenues without raising taxes or costing them more.

The most significant is sales tax. The county and local municipalities depend heavily on sales tax receipts. Because our county is fortunate to have two thruway rest stops and two major truck stops, the revenue from gasoline sales tax can be as high as 20% of the total sales tax revenue. With the price of gasoline lower than past years, sales tax revenue has fallen. However, some of the lost sales tax revenue can be made up if Genesee County residents purchase their gas and other items within the county.

Another option that residents have to help the county increase revenue is using county facilities to renew vehicle and boat registrations as well as driver licenses. As discussed in the past, when the county processes licenses or 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. Drop boxes located 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. Using these options costs the residents nothing, but helps to increase county revenue.

The Public Services Committee meeting in May was held at the Genesee County Park & Forest in Bethany. What a beautiful park. The DeWitt Park on Cedar St. in Batavia is unique and is continually being upgraded. This summer, take the time to stop at these two parks and enjoy what they have to offer. Paul Osborn and his staff work hard keeping them up and we should all be appreciative of their efforts.

Enjoy the summer! I hope to see you at the various town festivals.



Byron Heritage Festival

Anyone interested in entering the Garden Contest, please contact Jeanne Freeman asap at 548-7197. Jeanne will take pictures of your garden, at your convenience, when it is in full bloom for judging by Town residents at the Heritage Festival.

If you are interested in participating in the parade, please call the Town Clerk at 548-7123 ext. 10. This year will be a Summer Fun themed Parade, so decorate anything you wish to have in the parade (wagon, car, tractor, lawn mower, bike) in any summer theme and join in the fun!

Please call the Town Clerk if you would like to be added to the list of garage sales.

The Byron Hotel & Trailhouse

The Byron Hotel & Trailhouse

548-9992

Corner of Rte. 262 & 237

Open daily @11 am

Summer Happenings:

Tuesday Trivia all day with drawing at 9pm

Wednesday: Wing/Clam special 6-10 pm (eat in)

Thursday : Steak nite 6-8 pm (eat in)

Friday : Fish Fry til 9pm extended dinner menu(reservations accepted)

Kitchen hours:

Monday and Tuesday 11am-10pm

Wednesday-Saturday 11am-11pm

closed Sundays until November(available for special occasions-call for details)

Check out our "Bulk take-out" menu for your special events, items such as pulled pork, sliced beef , assorted homemade salads etc are available priced per pound so you get what you need.

4th of July weekend open Friday July 3rd til midnite -Fish fry til 9pm.

Closed July 4th, 5th and 6th, reopen Tuesday 7th.

Toby Keith concert tickets giveaway drawing July 2nd @ 9pm.



Byron Heritage Festival Calendar of Events
Firemen's Park (Behind Byron Fire Dept. on Rte. 262)
July 25, 2015

Fishing Derby at Trestle Park (Sponsored by Byron Kiwanis & Sackett Merrill White American Legion Post)	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (Ages 12 and under) (sign-in begins at 7:30 a.m.)
5K Run (Begins at Firemen's Park) (Sponsored by Byron Rescue Squad)	7:00 a.m. Registration 8:00 a.m. Race Begins 9:30 a.m. Race Results
Craft and Food Vendors	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Garage Sales	9:00 a.m. – ?
Parade (Begins at Caswell Road)	11:00 a.m.
Cruise In	11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Raffles	Winners announced starting at 3:00 p.m.
Horseshoe Tournament (Sponsored by Sue Fuller)	4:00 p.m.
Garden Contest	Winners announced at 3:00 p.m.
Chicken BBQ @ Byron Fire Hall (Sponsored by Byron Kiwanis)	4:00 p.m. until Sold Out
Bands:	
M.A.C	12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
KoKo and the Moon Crickets	3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Savage Cabbage (Sponsored by the Byron-Bergen Public Library)	7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Fireworks	9:30 p.m.

***Outdoor Worship at the Byron Presbyterian Church on Sunday, July 26, 2015 at 9:45 a.m. Please bring lawn chairs. For more information, please call 548-2800.**

Gillam-Grant Community Center

GILLAM-GRANT DAY CAMP: Starts July 6th: Get ready for our most FUN camp ever. Themed weeks include: Shanghai Festival, Around the World in 80 Days, Deep Blue Sea, Space Odyssey and Discovery Week. Registration Packets available NOW! Grades K-6th. 9am-3:00pm. Chill Time (after camp program) from 3-6pm Breakfast and Lunch available daily at no charge through the summer food program.

GILLAM-GRANT TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS: Oct. 31- Nov. 8, Lively French infused culture awaits you in New Orleans, the city that is alive with the buzz of music and the energy of its people. Stroll the world famous charm of the legendary French Quarter, catch a glimpse into Southern history as you tour a Louisiana plantation. Experience the rolling waters of the Mississippi River on a beautiful riverboat cruise. **Travel with us is care-free and includes:** Call the Center for more details at 494-1621. All bus driver & tour guide tips, **Cost: \$758 Members-double occupancy, \$818 Non-members double occupancy.** Sign up NOW, space is filling up!

July 11th: NYS Pre-Licensing Class, you must have a NYS Learner's Permit to take this class. **Registration & payment required by 7/8.**

July 14-16: Mad Science Camp from 6:00-8:00pm, Grades 3-6, each day will explore a new scientific topic through interactive experiments that will bring science to life. Join us for three days of hands-on fun while learning how science affects the world around us!

July 17th: Sky High Aerial Adventure Park at Holiday Valley, a series of platforms & "bridges" in a 4 acre section of the woods. Everyone wears a harness with a special locking lanyard that safeguards you from falling if you slip or let go. For more information on physical recommendations, call the Center at 494-1621.

July 21-23: Crazy Lego Contraptions Camp, from 6-8pm, Grades 3-6, Explore gears, levers, wheels & axels as you work with a partner to build a Lego Crazy contraption each night. Campers go home with the book Lego Crazy Action Contraptions at the end of camp to continue making your own amazing contraptions.

July 22nd: MVP Program –Sleep from A to Zzzz's, Free program, registration is appreciated one week in advance.

July 27-30: NXT Programming Camp from 6—8pm, Grades 4-8, Get a head start on this year's FLL robotics season. Beginners will learn how to program the NXT robot. Advanced campers will explore the world of sensors. It will be a fun, hands-on learning adventure!

August 4-6: Kids and Kritters Camp from 6-8pm Grades: 1-6, Kids of all ages can come to learn how to take care of their pets as they make delicious pet treats and interactive pet toys to take home to pets!

August 10-11: WeDo Camp, Grades 1—3 from 6-7:30pm, Learn how to make a drumming monkey using the Lego Education WeDo kits.

August 12-13: WeDo Camp, Grades 1 –3, from 6-7:30pm, Create a Lego scene of your choice with simple machines powered by the Lego WeDo kits.

Wed., Sept. 2nd: Cruise the River, Locks & Canal, travel through three bodies of water on the international boundary. Pass through the historic Black Rock Lock and Canal. See Buffalo's original lighthouse built in 1833 as well as Old Fort Erie in Canada. This is just a sampling of the sights to see all aboard the Miss Buffalo II during this two hour cruise. **Reservations by Aug. 25th.** Call Gillam-Grant to sign up 494-1621.

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Murphy Orchards Tour and Lunch on Sept. 24: A hidden treasure in WNY- A working farm with a historical twist. Local folklore identifies the owners of the farm, as "station masters" of the Underground Railroad, then dine in one of the Orchard's Tea rooms in the farmhouse. Enjoy the Country Barn gift shop stuffed with homemade jams, jellies, gift items and uniquely local gift baskets filled locally made items. **Reserve your spot by Sept. 9th**, call Gillam-Grant 494-1621.

Sept 8th: Total Body Fitness: Eight week class every Tuesday from 6pm-7pm.

Sept. 9th: Water Aerobics: Eight week class every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm

Sept. 13th: Zumba: Flexible days call the Gillam-Grant for details 494-1621.

Sept. 23rd: MVP Program —Growing & Cooking with Herbs, Free program, registration is appreciated one week prior.

Byron Presbyterian Church

Byron Presbyterian Church, Rt. 262 in the center of Byron. 548-2800 or visit us on the web or facebook.

Sunday worship is at 9:45 AM.

Summer Events:

Sunday, June 14, 9:45 AM - Children's Sunday - a celebration of our year with children.

Sunday, June 21, 9:45 AM - Baccalaureate Service - honoring high school and college graduates.

Sunday, June 28, 9:45 AM - hot dogs from the grill and other goodies follow the service, on the church lawn.

Every Sunday through the end of August enjoy refreshments and snacks on the front steps following the 9:45 AM service.

Monday, July 20 - Friday, July 24 - Mission service projects in Rochester for Junior High youth, 9:00 - 3:00 PM. Meet at the church at 8:30 AM.

Saturday, July 25 - Rummage Sale and Ice Cream on the front lawn of the church during the Byron Heritage Festival.

Sunday, July 26, 9:45 AM - Outdoor worship service on the church lawn. A great finish to the Byron Heritage weekend.

Thursday, July 30, 5:00 to 7:00 PM - Food items, provided by Foodlink, are available to Genesee County residents in need of food, 18 years of age or older. No financial documentation is needed but you will be asked to sign in. Produce and bread items will be available, along with other food items.

Grill food will also be served.

August (dates to be announced) two day program for young children, 4:00-6:00 PM, with dance instruction and baking. Contact the church for further details.

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.

Park Committee

The Park Committee is looking for two community members who are interested in becoming part of their committee. Please contact the Town Clerk, Debra Buck-Leaton, at 548-7123 ext. 10 if you are interested.

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	
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