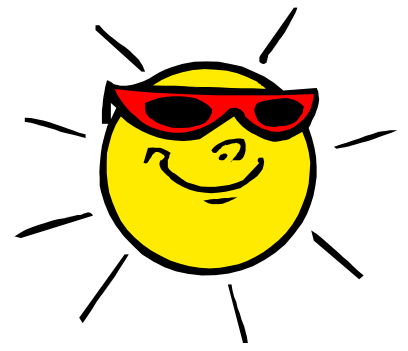


Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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From the Supervisor's Desk

Hope your summer is going well, if the rain ever quits!

I understand that the highway garage referendum was voted down, but the expanded committee is back to work to try and come up with an affordable solution to this problem, as it is not going away. The committee discussed possibly eliminating one work bay, and with the rearranging of the current cold storage, we may not have to add cold storage to the new building, which will eliminate some of the cost as well.

Water District 7 has passed the Comptroller's Office, which means it is currently waiting USDA Rural Development funding. The next step would be sending it out to bid. Water District 8 is currently heading to the Comptroller's Office for approval.

On a personal note, I would like the Town's people to know that I will not be running for Town Supervisor in 2017. I truly appreciate the trust and faith that you have put in me, and hope I have done you proud. I tried to move the Town forward, but with the amount of negativity and resistance from a select few (who will remain nameless) it wasn't worth the effort I was putting in.

Again, thank you for the support you have given me the past three years, I truly appreciate it. Please try to attend the Town meetings the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m....this is your Town.

Respectfully, Peter Yasses, Town Supervisor

Town Clerk

I can't believe it's already that time of year again...the summer youth recreation program will begin on July 6th this year. To register your child, you can either stop at the Town Hall for the necessary forms, or download them online at www.byronny.com and bring them with you on the first day your child attends.

Please remember to contact me if you plan on having a garage sale the morning of the Heritage Festival (July 29th) so that I can put you on the list to be distributed.

You may 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 remember to return your Dog Census forms asap.

Happy Summer,
Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Highway Superintendent

Hello again, now that we've passed Memorial Day it's road construction season again. If you come upon a work zone, please slow down. If there is a flagger present please follow their instructions. We all would like things to flow as smoothly as possible so please be patient. A possible area you may run into this summer is Chapell Road. We will be finishing off the other half of the road with blacktop. The other roads getting surface treatment at this point are Shelt, Merriman, Cook and Upper Holley Roads. These roads will be getting oil and stone. They will be marked in advance of the project. While the loose stone may be an inconvenience at first, please slow down. Once the road has had time to "set up" a few days we will sweep the excess stone off. As always, we will be continuing with ditches, trees and roadside mowing. Additional blacktop work will be done depending on budget and time constraints. Please remember, if you see our trucks in other towns, this is part of shared services, and without us helping them, we wouldn't be able to get as much of our own work done when they come back to help us. As Always, thank you for your patience on our roads and please call with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,
Brian



**IT'S WHERE YOU WANT TO
BE THIS SUMMER!**

Before and After Chill Time available Monday thru Friday for Summer Day Camp. The program runs from 6:30am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 6:00pm. The program fee is \$30.00 a week for Before OR After Camp.

**STEAM ACTIVITIES, SPORTS,
SWIMMING, CONTESTS,
EXCURSIONS, AND MORE!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 585-494-1621**

Register ONLINE or in person at:
6966 West Bergen Road

Gillam Grant Community Center

| SESSION | THEME | FEE |
|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| SUMMER DAY CAMP | | |
| July 10-14 | Adventure Week | \$87M/\$97NM |
| July 17-21 | Secret Agent Camp | \$87M/\$97NM |
| July 24-28 | Rock the Camp | \$87M/\$97NM |
| July 31-Aug 4 | Animal Planet | \$87M/\$97NM |
| August 7-11 | Party in the USA | \$87M/\$97NM |
| PRE-K CAMPS | | |
| July 10-14 | Pirate Camp | \$42M/\$50NM |
| July 17-21 | Once Upon a Time Camp | \$42M/\$50NM |
| July 24-28 | Under the Sea Camp | \$42M/\$50NM |
| EVENING CAMPS | | |
| June 19-22 | Track Camp | \$62M/\$67NM |
| July 5-7 | Soccer Camp | \$30M/\$40NM |
| July 10-13 | LEGO Simple Machines Camp | \$30M/\$35NM |
| July 11-13 | Harry Potter LEGO Camp | \$30M/\$35NM |
| July 17-21 | Intro to Dance Camp | \$55M/\$65NM |
| July 17-20 | "DOGBOT" Engineering Camp | \$30M/\$35NM |
| July 25-27 | Game App Camp | \$35M/\$40NM |
| August 7-10 | Tennis Camp | \$50M/\$60NM |
| August 14-17 | Music Video Design Camp | \$35M/\$40NM |

Heritage Festival

Byron Heritage Festival Calendar of Events
Firemen's Park (Behind Byron Fire Dept. on Rte. 262)
July 29, 2017

Fishing Derby at Trestle Park 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (Ages 12 and under)
(Sponsored by Byron Kiwanis) (sign-in begins at 7:30 a.m.)

5K Run (Begins at Firemen's Park) 7:00 a.m. Registration
(Sponsored by Byron Rescue Squad) 8:30 a.m. Race Begins
Registration forms available at www.byronny.com 9:30 a.m. Race Results
or at the Byron Town Hall

Town Wide Garage Sales 9:00 a.m. – ?

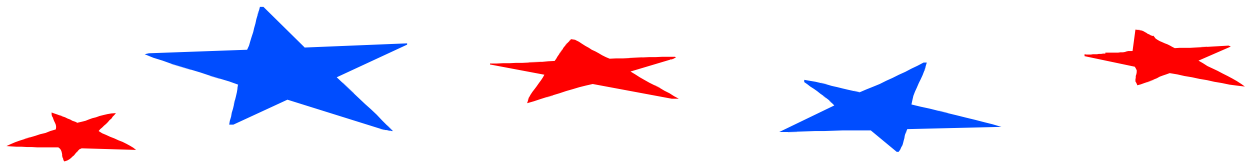
Chicken BBQ 4:00 p.m. until Sold Out
(Sponsored by Byron Kiwanis)

Band:

Koko and The Moon Crickets 4:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

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!).

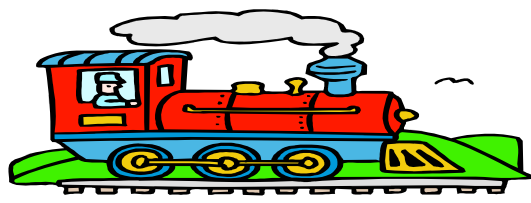
Fireworks At Dark



Byron Presbyterian Church

In conjunction with the Byron Heritage Festival on Saturday, July 29th, the Byron Presbyterian Church will be holding a Rummage Sale from 9-1 p.m., a Bag Sale from 1-2 p.m., and an Auction from 2-?

Hot dogs, beverages and ice cream will be available from 11-2 p.m.



Byron-Bergen Imagination Library Approaching First Anniversary

We continue to partner with the Richter Family Foundation to make this program possible. We need your help!! Ninety-eight children in the Byron-Bergen School District have, and are, receiving monthly books through the generous donation of community businesses, organizations and individuals. Won't you consider donating to this worthwhile program to ensure these children and others, your children, your grandchildren, have the opportunity to participate in this reading program? A \$25 donation supports one child's books and postage for one year; any size donation is appreciated. This program is solely funded through our community donations, and 100% of your tax deductible donations fund our program only.

Checks may be made to The Richter Family Foundation (Byron-Bergen on memo line) 1600 Ham Road, Basom, NY 14013.

From the Historians' Desk

I thought we would touch on the churches of Byron. Originally, I found there were 5 churches in Byron: The Free Will Baptist Church on Route 237 in North Byron; St. Michaels Roman Catholic Church on Route 237 in South Byron; The German Lutheran Church on Route 262 in Byron next to the cemetery, which is now the Byron Historical Museum; and there was a church north of the four corners on Route 237. These churches are no longer active.

Active churches are: South Byron Methodist Church on Route 237 in South Byron, which was first established on September 26, 1842. It was built at a cost of \$2,500. In 1907 an architect was employed to give an estimate of repairs to the old church. It was decided to tear down the old church and build a new one. The new church was build 1908-1909, it was dedicated on March 24, 1910. Membership was 25, only 3 were men.

Byron Presbyterian Church on Route 262 in Byron. In 1824 my notes say it was consolidated, but not which church it consolidated with, it may have been with the church on Route 237 north of the four corners. In 1830 there were 27 members. In 1818 it was organized as a congregation, and in 1845 it changed to Presbyterian.

Respectfully submitted, Bob and Beth Wilson

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 Cemetery Association

A few changes have occurred with the members of the Byron Cemetery Association. Shirley Hobin has stepped down as a member of this group. We are very appreciative for the number of years that Shirley served as a Trustee and as the President. She has been a valuable member to this organization and her knowledge and efforts will be missed. Kim Dewey has graciously taken on the role of President. Virginia Ivison has changed her role as Treasurer to Vice President. Barb Read has joined the Association and will be the Treasurer. Anyone who owns a cemetery plot or has a family member who owns one, may join the Byron Cemetery Association. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Kim Dewey at 585-548-7407. Many hands make light work and several minds help make decisions.

~ Guidelines for decorations and plants ~

Decorations may be placed between April 1st and October 1st. Kindly place moveable pots or containers next to the monument, as this makes it easier to mow the grass. Please do not place any glass containers in the cemetery. Live plants (trees, shrubs or flowers) should not be planted in the cemetery without the Byron Cemetery Association's permission. They require maintenance and this has to be taken into consideration before they are planted. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Current plot and burial prices:

Cemetery Plot (4x10) \$500 Cremation Plot (6x4) \$250
Burial \$600 Cremation burial \$300

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.

Many cemetery plots are available. Planning ahead of time is easier than having your family make decisions during a time of grief. John or Donna Durand would be happy to show the eligible plots.

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Contact John or Donna Durand if you are interested in a cemetery plot. Preplanning can make fewer decisions for your family during their time of grief.

Trustees:

Kim Dewey, President
Ginny Ivison, Vice President
Barb Read, Treasurer
Joe Kuzma

Superintendents:

John Durand (585)813-3531
Donna Durand (585)813-2591
Elaine Bezon, Secretary
Dave Leaton Jr.

The Byron Hotel & Trailhouse Summer Hours

Open Daily Monday - Saturday @ 11am

Kitchen open til 10 pm/bar closes at 11 pm or later

Closed July 3, 4, 5 Reopen July 6 at 11 am
Day

Stop in for our daily features! Memorial Day - Labor

Monday: All day \$3.00 Margaritas

Tuesday: All day \$5.95 Burger Combo Deal (eat-in)

Wednesday: 6-10 pm \$2.00 off our wings or clams (eat-in)

Thursday: 6-8 pm \$13.95 Strip Steak Dinner (eat-in)

Friday: All day til 9 pm \$10.95 Beer Battered Haddock Fish Fry (eat-in or take-out)

Reservations appreciated (585) 548-9992

Byron Hotel Heritage Day Garage Sale Event: Offering side yard space in the center of town for the day. Space rental \$5/Table rental \$5/each. Stop in for details and to reserve your space. Any rental proceeds to be donated to Byron Historical Society.

Don't forget to call ahead and order your sides for any event you have planned this summer!!!

Genesee County Legislator, Robert Bausch

After reading some of the information released by various state agencies one would think that we are living in alternate universe vs. the reality of living in a rural area of Upstate New York. Reviewing the new state budget each spring always brings that feeling to mind. The tax cap is an excellent example.

As discussed in the last newsletter, Genesee County's tax cap was 0.4% for 2017, nowhere near the 2% that the governor cites as the cap. Meanwhile, the governor and state legislators have been touting how the state is living under the self-imposed 2% cap but only by using a different formula. If the state used the same formula the counties, cities, towns, villages and school districts are required to use, the state budget actually increased 4.6%.

As this is being written, the county is still analyzing the cost of the new state budget to the property owners in Genesee County. New cost ends up at the local level in two ways. First, the state mandates some action and tells the counties to pay. Second, state requires the counties to take an action with the understanding the counties will be reimbursed by the state. Then the state reneges. One good example was the state requirement to increase the district attorney salaries with a promise to reimburse the counties. But they refuse to reimburse the counties leaving the property tax payers holding the bag for approximately \$40,000 in Genesee County.

This year a major new expense and concern is the Office of the Public Defender (OPD). Let me start by saying Jerry Ader, Genesee County Public Defender, is professional, committed and a diligent advocate for his clients. Currently, this office costs Genesee County residents in excess of \$1,000,000 per year. But NYS continues to require more services be performed by that office, with a "promise" to reimburse the county in the future. Some of the new requirements that are not funded are: (A.) Financial eligibility to receive OPD services was raised from 125% of the federal poverty level to 250% of the federal poverty level; (B.) OPD must be present at the first appearance before a judge or magistrate; (C.) Limited the case load for OPD staff attorneys requiring additional hires. Last June both houses of the state legislature overwhelmingly passed a bipartisan bill to have the state take over all cost of OPD. At 11:45PM on December 31, 2016 (literally) the governor vetoed the bill thereby not allowing the legislature to vote to override the veto, which would have been the outcome.

I apologize for being so negative but this is the reality of New York State and the impact of state government's actions on local property taxes.

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 and Saturday 10-1.

Closed: Saturday June 10th for Bergen Park Festival, Saturday July 1st and July 4th for Independence Day, and Saturday September 2nd for Labor Day

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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-readers advisory, Zinio- digital magazines, Overdrive –e-books and downloadable audio books and Hoopla for eBooks, audio books, video and music are available to you with a valid Library card! The Library also has a coupon exchange available to patrons! The Library has Wi-Fi available as well as three patron computers with printing and fax capabilities for a small fee.

Library book sale will be at the Bergen Park Festival on June 10th. There are audio books, movies, children's books and many bestselling authors. The Library will be closed on June 10th so stop by the tent at the Park Fest!

The Library will be hosting the Kelley's Hero's Marching Band at the Bergen Park Festival on June 10th in the parade and right after the parade too with a field show not to be missed! 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!)

Balloon Twister Artist Michael Heister will be at the Library tent from 1pm- 3 pm. Stop by to see what he can create 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- "Build a Better World-Read" The kick-off will be Tuesday June 20th at 2:00pm with Buffalo and Brandy! Come join us for a fun musical magical afternoon and sign up for the summer reading program! 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!)

Why should you join the reading program? The summer reading programs are set up for children 3 years old and up to read and win prizes! Having your child read throughout the summer will help keep up their reading skills for school in the fall. Reading to your preschool child will help them master the skills of language at an early age.

If you are not able to make the Kick-off event- stop in any time after June 20th 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!

Is your child staying home alone while you are at work? The Library is offering a "Home Alone" safety workshop on June 27th 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 \$25. Class size is limited so stop by soon to sign up no later than June 24th!

The Library has preschool story time at 10:30am starting Friday July 7th to August 18th. We will be exploring sound, color, and animals! Join the fun this summer with your young children! There's magic in every book!

A Babysitting workshop will be offered on July 17th from 10-3. 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 July 29 at 4:00 the Library will be hosting the band, Koko and the Moon Crickets! 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!) Come join the fun and see old friends and make some new ones too! Fireworks at dark!

Come check out our newest books 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

From the Byron-Bergen Public Library Board of Trustees:

The Byron-Bergen Public Library is pleased to announce that its annual fundraising event, **Barley & Books**, will be held on Saturday, **September 9th**.

During the past six years, these events raised over to \$50,000 for much-needed updates to the Library's facilities and technology, as well as provide additional programming for our community.

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

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| 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 | |
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