

BYRON NEWSLETTER

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

May 26, 2003

The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts of Bergen and Byron, will organize and conduct parades and ceremonies in each town. To honor the veterans and there families of past wars for there commitment and sacrifice for our nations freedom.

The parade in Bergen will start at 9:30am with line up starting on Munger Street at 9:00am. The parade will end at the Mount Rest Cemetery with a ceremony.

The parade in Byron starts at 11:00am with line up starting on Terry St. at 10:30am. The parade will end with a ceremony at the Byron Cemetery.

As part of this year's ceremonies, it would be fitting to honor the men and women who are serving in the United States Military from our Community, by reading there names, branch of service and where they are serving.

We certainly don't want to miss any names of people that are serving in the military. If you know of anyone please contact Ted Paine regarding this matter. If you or your group are interested in marching in the parade or would like more information on the parades, please feel free to call the American Legion Post at 494-2232 any time between 3pm and 8:30pm, Monday thru Friday or you can call Ted, the parade chairman, at 548-7136.

TOWN OF BYRON MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

After the Memorial Day Parade, back at the Byron Presbyterian Church they will have lunch. Hots and Sausages will be sold as well as many other things. Local Clubs and organizations may reserve a table for free by contacting Laura Platt at 548-2245.

Entertainment will be provided at noon by the Byron Bergen Library. This year they will be enjoying music by the Fox Den. Thanks goes to the Byron Bergen Library for finding talented people over the past years.

Free family games will be held in the Church Park around 1:00pm. They will also this year recognize any local resident who is currently in the military at home or abroad. To get your loved one on the list, please contact Ref. Jim Renfrew at 548-2800 or contact Laura Platt at 548-2245.

In this uncertain time of war and violence, why not all of us get together to meet our friends, neighbors and maybe get to know some new faces and make new friends around our town.

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I am the Flag of the
**UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA**

I am the flag of the United States of America.

My name is Old Glory.

I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.

I stand watch in America's Halls of Justice.

I fly majestically over institutions of learning.

I stand guard with power in the world.

Look up and see me.

I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice.

I stand for freedom I am confident.

I am arrogant. I am proud.

When I am flown with my fellow banners,

My head is a little higher,

My colors a little truer.

I bow to no one! I am recognized all

Over the world. I am worshipped –

I am saluted. I am loved –

I am revered. I am respected –

And I am feared.

I have fought in every battle

Of every war for more than 200 years.

I was flown at Valley Forge,

Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appomattox.

I was there at San Juan Hill,

The trenches of France, in the Argonne Forest,

Anzio, Rome and the beaches of Normandy.

Guam, Okinawa, Korea and

KheSan, Saigon, Vietnam know me.

I was there.

I led my troops, I was dirty, battleworn and

tired. But my soldiers cheered me and

I was proud.

I have been burned, torn and trampled on the

Streets of countries I have helped set free.

It does not hurt for

I am invincible.

I have been soiled upon, burned, torn and

trampled in the streets of my country.

And when it's done by those

Whom I've served in battle – it hurts.

But I shall overcome – for

I am strong..

I have slipped the bonds of Earth and stood

watch over the uncharted frontiers of space from

my vantage point on the moon. I have borne

witness to all of America's finest hours but

My finest hours are yet to come.

When I am torn into strips and used as

bandages for my wounded comrades on the

battlefield, when I am flown at half-mast to

honor my soldier, or when I lie in the trembling

arms of a grieving parent at the grave of their

fallen son or daughter,

I am proud.

**THE TOWN
OF BYRON
SALUTES
OUR
OWN**

We proudly salute our local men currently serving in the Armed Forces.

*Charles Jensen
Derek Johnson
Nathan Olmstead
David Thom
Michael Welch*

Please Pray for Their Safe and Quick Return

If we have missed anyone, please call the Town Clerk, Jeanne Freeman at 548-7123x10.

**BERGEN
PARK
FESTIVAL**

Hey folks, have they got a great day planned for Saturday, June 14th. The 14th Annual Bergen Park Festival Committee has been hard at work planning it. The parade will march down Route 19 and pony rides will be available. Due to the great response last year, our Byron-Bergen Library is bringing back "Fiddler's of the Genesee". Hope to see everyone there.

**MARK
YOUR
CALENDARS**

The Town of Byron will be having a lot of fun things to do this spring, summer and fall. Some of the activities planned are as follows:

St. Jude's Bike-a-thon:

Sat., May 17th at 9:00a.m. at the Byron Community Park, behind the Byron Fire Hall.

It's a 10 mile course, two mile laps down to the old railroad bed, one mile down, and one back. It's not a race so take your time. Everybody may help out. Adult riders are welcome. For little ones or strollers, we go around the tennis court. It is great for training wheels and tricycles. Pick up sponsor forms at the Gillett Hardware, Byron Presbyterian Church or contact Laura Platt at 548-2245. Why not try to help out others at this time when we feel helpless. 100% of the dollars raised will go to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital in Tennessee. All the research is spread throughout the world to fight childhood cancer. We need helpers, snacks, sponsors and most of all riders.

If anyone would like to donate prizes, that would be great! This would be a great project for any scout troop. We normally finish by noon. Rain date is May 24th.

Coordinator - Laura Platt

Byron Presbyterian Church

June 8th - Chicken & Biscuits 11:30am-2pm

July 19th - Town Wide Garage Sale 9am

October 19th -Turkey Dinner 11:30am - 2:pm

Byron-Bergen Wrestling Club

The Byron-Bergen Wrestling Club is again sponsoring the ever popular Chiavetta's Chicken Barbeque! This annual event is held on the same day as the school budget vote so you can vote and pick up dinner in one stop. The date is Tuesday, May 20th from 4pm to 7pm with eat-in or take-out and will be at the Elementary School. Call Coach Jeffords at 494-1220 ext 3122 or Anne Sapienza at 494-2468 and a wrestler will contact you. The proceeds go directly to the wrestlers for camp.

Kiwanis Club:

Sept. 14th - Kiwanis Club Beef Barbeque South Byron Fire Hall 12noon to 3:00pm

The Kiwanis Club of Byron was so very thoughtful in placing 4 American Flags in the four corners of Byron. They would like to thank Dale Pickett and Lynn Kirchner for all their help. The residents of Byron can be so very grateful for their help.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Spring Clean Up and Community Pride:

April 28th thru May 3rd Let's set aside a week to clean up our yards and begin to make our town special.

The Transfer Station is open every Saturday from 8:00am to 3:00pm at the Byron Town Hall/Garage. You are able to bring in large items, recyclables and house hold trash. If you have any questions on what the Transfer Station will except, please ask the attendants or pick up a flyer from the Town Clerk's Office. Trash Bags can be purchased from the trash attendants and the Town Clerk's Office.

Town of Byron Signs:

This spring, the Town Board will approved the purchase of new "Town of Byron" signs and they will be placed at the entrances to the town on Route 262 and Route 237.

Roads:

This summer, Rte. 262 from Rte. 237 to Rte. 19 in Bergen will have a new overlay of material. All culverts, drainage and bridges will be completed. The project will be done by the Genesee County Highway Dept. according to Mr. Tim Hens, Genesee County Highway Superintendent.

The culvert next to the Byron Post Office will also be corrected. The culvert will be lowered and the grate will be removed and the area filled in.

Water District #1 Customers:

For emergencies call Monroe County Water Authority at 585-442-2000 ext. 245 for

a dispatcher. Also call the Byron Fire Dept. at 911 and state that you are in Byron. If basement is flooding, they have a wrench to shut off water.

Snow removal from Fire Hydrants – a committee from the Town Board will a host a meeting of Water District #1 customers in the near future to determine how snow removal from hydrants will be handled. Watch in the paper for the meeting date, time and place.

Fire Hydrant Policy Discount – any owner of a building in Water District #1, should receive a discount on their Fire Insurance, due to the short distance from the nearest fire hydrant. See or call your Homeowners Insurance Agent for quotes on your Fire Insurance Policy due to the municipal water, another benefit from municipal water.

Proposed Water District #2:

On hold, until a few problems can be resolved.

Electricity Off At Town Hall:

Hats off to Bob Cudney who was on the job and hooked up the new alternator and kept the Town Clerk's Office humming on Saturday, March 22nd. Thanks Bob.

Interested in Internet Fraud?

You can contact James Thorman 548-2455.

Noise:

If you have a noise problem – call the Genesee County Sheriff's Dept. at 343-5000. However, you must sign a complaint for results.

Planning Board:

Regretfully, the Byron Town Board, accepted the resignation of Tom Hartwig from the Byron Planning Board. Tom had to resign due to his workload doubling. We will miss him.

Fortunately, Mr. Tom Felton has agreed to take his place on the Planning Board. Welcome aboard Tom.

**BERGEN
SWAMP
PRESERVATION
SOCIETY**



The Bergen Swamp Society has scheduled its annual Spring Pilgrimage into the swamp on Sat. May 24th at 9am and 1pm. This is a guided tour to show the many unique plant species and explain the history of the swamp. The tours gather and depart from the Gillam Grant Community Center. Reservations are needed, please call 548-7304 or the e-mail is bops@rochester.ny.com . The Girl Scouts will be providing lunch for a small donation.

A special thanks goes out to all the high school students who have been working all winter on a new bridge on the Pocock Trail. This was an Eagle Scout Project. A reminder that any volunteer work for the Bergen Swamp counts towards community service requirements.

In addition to the Spring Pilgrimage, another date to keep in mind is the Spring Trail Cleanup on April 26th at 9am at Hessenthaler Road.

Please plan a visit to your local National Natural Landmark this summer and enjoy all it has to offer.

For more information, you can visit our website at www.bergenswamp.org, or call 548-7304.

**SEWER
DISTRICT
RESIDENTS**



In a continued effort to improve emergency situation responses, our Sewer Dept. now has voice mail with its bell phone contract. Currently you are using our pager for your emergency contact needs. This has proved to be an effective way in contacting us

although with voice mail capabilities, with the cell phone, the pager is no longer needed.

Therefore we will be discontinuing the pager on April 15th. Along with the cost savings in eliminating the pager, there will be advantages in calling the cell phone. First, the ability to answer your call directly and if not leaving a message on the voice mail. The phone will also give us the ability to call you back as soon as possible. Remember April 15th you can begin to use our new cell number at 585-356-7842. I will be sending you new business cards showing the number changes in the next billing for your convenience. Thank you and have a great upcoming summer.

*Bob Cudney
Chief Operator
Town of Byron Sewer District

**ZONING
CODE
ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER**

I have been busy working on a box of outstanding permits for the Town of Byron. If you have an outstanding permit I would like to close them out if possible. Please call so that I might be able to schedule an appointment at our convenience to finalize this process.

All permits should have a C.C. [Certificate of Compliance] or a C.O. [Certificate of Occupancy] for a project to be considered finalized. Not having a valid C.C/C.O. could affect your Homeowners Insurance or the sale of your home even years after the permit was issued and forgotten.

If you have a need for more time to complete your project there are renewals that can be obtained. You have the legal right for two extensions of your permit, after that a new permit must be obtained. The renewal fee is \$35 for a three month interval extension. The full new permit is the total amount that

the permit cost plus any other necessary inspections. So it pays to get the project done safely and to get the C.C/C.O. issued within the year that the original permit was issued.

Any pools that are getting ready to be used this upcoming summer should have the final inspections so that they will be safe and ready for this summer. Pool permits are only issued for 90 days. These are all safety items that are intent on minimizing any preventable accidents. If you have any questions please call and together we can close out these permits. I can be reached most anytime except Sundays at the Office: 494-1073 or by Cell Phone: 585-356-2137. If you have any questions as to whether a project may or may not need a permit just call. Thank you for your help.

Bob Patterson
Zoning/Code Enforcement

**BYRON
PARK
COMMITTEE**

The Byron Park Committee has many plans in the works for our Byron Parks. We will be having a community workday, to clean up the parks and do any small repairs or painting.

We have many plans for Trestle Park. The gate, at the west end of the railroad bed, will be opened after we have installed a parking area within Trestle Park. The gate will be closed ½ hour before dark. The gate will only be opened on fair weather days, by 7am. You can enter the park from the east end, by parking in the area on Terry St. and using the bridge to walk to the park.

A reminder, the railroad bed, Trestle Park, Byron Community Park and Turtle Park are the properties of the Town of Byron, anyone caught vandalizing, damaging or destroying the property will be prosecuted.

We also will be planting trees along the railroad bed by the trailer parks, to give the homeowners more privacy and to help on the noise.

We also are planning to have a Fishing Derby in July for the children and young adults in town. Watch around town for notices of this or in the next town newsletter.

Any community group wishing for project ideas; such as Girl Scout Silver/Gold Award or Boy Scout Eagle Projects, please contact the Park Committee Chairman, at 548-9049, we have many projects that could be used at any of our parks.

Mrs. Barbara Emerson has just resigned from the Byron Park Committee. There are a couple of openings for the Park Committee. If anyone would like to participate and help plan the future of the Town of Byron Parks please let Jeanne Freeman known by calling 548-7123x10. The committee meets the first Tuesday of each month.

Patti Laubisch
Park Committee, Chairperson

**BYRON
PARK RULES & REGULATIONS**

Park Rules & Regulations

Byron Community Park on McElver St.
Turtle Park on Swamp Rd.
Hours: Dawn to 11:00pm

Trestle Park
(Old Westshore Railroad Bed & Park)
Hours: Dawn to Dusk

Campfires in fire ring distinguish after using. No dumping. No digging holes in the driving area around ponds. Driving through the ponds is prohibited. No swimming. Fishing is catch & release. No hunting. Season for camping is Memorial Day through Labor Day by permit only. No glass containers and all trash brought in will be taken out. Vehicle access will be allowed April through October at the entrance off the Westshore Railroad at the west end, off Byron Road.

Park Reservations:

If anyone is interested in making park reservations, please contact Ms. Patti Laubisch at 548-9049. Reservations are already starting to come in for this summer. Please don't wait to make your reservations for your graduation parties, family reunions or other special events.

**RECREATIONAL
VEHICLES**

Slow speeds are to be used on the railroad bed when others are on it. This is a public use area, owned by the Town of Byron. The taxpayers of Byron purchased this land; this could be your parents, friends or your neighbor. Please show respect to others when using the railroad bed for your recreational use.

**BYRON
BERGEN
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

The Town Board appointed Mrs. Pamela Kenward, as the Town of Byron Representative, to the Byron Bergen Public

Library Board. Thank you goes to Pam Kenward for being an outstanding citizen in volunteering for this position.

**FROM THE
DESK
OF YOUR
COUNTY
LEGISLATOR**

As we again await the approval of the overdue State Budget, counties throughout NYS remain concerned over the prospect of additional non-funded state mandates being imposed upon our property taxpayers and us. The most onerous of these mandates is the county's local share of Medicaid expenses. In this regard, the NYS Assoc. of Counties (NYSAC) is proposing a cap on the counties' net local shares of Medicaid at the 2001 levels. This would fix Genesee County's net local share at about \$4.8 million. From 1990 to 2001 the county's net local share increased approximately 134%. It has increased 22% since that time and is expected to increase another 13% in 2003. The estimated net dollar expense for Genesee County for 2003 is \$6.65 million. Thus if the NYSAC proposal is accepted it would save us about \$1.85 million.

As a further comment on the State Budget process, it appears there is a very disturbing trend in Albany to solve the State's Budget problems by shifting the burden to other entities. For example; there is an effort to shift funding for Mental Health Programs, which have traditionally been fully funded, by the state, to Medicaid. This then reduces the state's responsibility for these programs by 75% by shifting 50% to the Federal government and 25% to the counties. It would also appear that the recent proposal by some to close the budget gap by "closing corporate loopholes" is in reality imposition of new taxes on businesses in New York, and not in our best long term interests.

On a more positive note, plans continue to move forward with respect to the

construction of a Joint Law Enforcement Facility. The issue that remains is the location of the facility, Park Road vs. Bank Street Road, next to the old St Jerome Hospital. We have been advised by the Genesee County Industrial Development Agency (GCIDA) that a private developer is interested in acquiring the entire St. Jerome site from United Memorial Medical Center with the intention of using the old hospital building and possibly selling off enough of the property to the county and city for construction of the joint facility. This could open up the possibility of obtaining a Small Cities Grant from the state for site acquisition and demolition costs, making that site competitive with the Park Road site. We hope to hear from the GCIDA with respect to a definite proposal within the next few weeks.

Plans are also moving ahead on expansion of the runway at the Genesee County Airport. At a recent Public Service Committee meeting we were advised that the County Attorney is optimistic about completing the land acquisition process by mid summer so as to allow for beginning of construction on the re-routing of State Street Road by the end of the summer and completion by the end of this construction season. This would allow for new construction on the runway itself to begin in the spring of 2004. We also discussed a plan to build new hangers, as all the current hangers are full and there is a waiting list. It was agreed that we determine a realistic number of additional tenants and obtain a written commitment from them before deciding how many new hangers, if any, to build. A committee was also formed to study the feasibility of operating the airport as an Enterprise Fund, thereby making it self-sufficient and relieving the Genesee County Taxpayers of the burden of operating it. We were advised that this is a realistic possibility within three years of completion of the runway expansion and the additional improvements that are planned.

I would appreciate your comments and opinions regarding these or nay other issues related to the Genesee County Government. I

can be reached during the day at 757-6880 and in the evening at 757-2341. I look forward to hearing from you.

Charles N. Zambito
Genesee County Legislator
District #2

GLOW SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

The GLOW Region Solid Waste Management Committee is once again sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. The program will be conducted on two consecutive Saturdays, May 10th in Batavia and May 17th in Rock Glen. Drop off time is 9am to 2pm, any resident in Genesee, Livingston, Orleans or Wyoming Counties can participate at either site. In order to participate, residents must make an appointment by calling 585 – 344 – 2580 x 5463 or x 5464 .

Acceptable Materials Are As follows:

Oil Base Paint, Varnishes & Shellac
Household Chemicals & Cleaning Products
Household Pesticides & Insecticides
Aerosol Cans (partial or full)
Vehicle: Fluids, Filters & Batteries
20lb. Propane Tanks & 1lb Canisters
Home Computers & Components
Pool Chemicals
Driveway Sealer
Tires (for a small fee)

Unacceptable Materials Include:

Latex Paint
Empty Containers
Radioactive Waste and Explosives
Farm Pesticides and Asbestos

DEDICATION TO SARAH BATEMAN

For over half a century, Mrs. Sarah Bateman gave of herself to the South Byron Volunteer Fire Company. From cooking meals for weddings and banquets to making coffee for firefighters working a late night scene. But more important than that, she gave of herself to everyone she came in contact with.. Sarah touched each of our hearts in a way only a mother can do. We will always remember her as the loving and caring individual that she was. The dedication of our kitchen in the name of Sarah Bateman reflects this organization's gratitude for her many years of dedicated service. We hope that everyone who enjoys the food from this kitchen will always remember the mother we all shared.

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MUD PUDDLES & DANDELIONS

When I look at a patch of dandelions, I see a bunch of weeds that are going to take over my yard. My kids see flowers for mom and blowing white fluff you can wish on.

When I hear music I love, I know I can't carry a tune and don't have much rhythm so I sit self-consciously & listen.

My kids feel the beat and move to it. They sing out the words. If they don't know them, they make up their own.

When I feel wind on my face, I brace myself against it. I feel it messing up my hair and pulling me back when I walk.

My kids close their eyes, spread their arms and fly with it, until they fall to the ground laughing.

When I pray, I say thee and thou and grant me this, give me that.

My kids say, "Hi God! Thanks for my toys and my friends. Please keep the bad dreams away tonight. Sorry, I don't want to go to Heaven yet. I would miss my Mommy and Daddy."

When I see a mud puddle I step around it. I see muddy shoes and dirty carpets.

My kids sit in it. They see dams to build rivers to cross and worms to play with.

I wonder if we are given kids to each or to learn from? No wonder God loves the little children!

Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.

I wish you Big Mud Puddles and Sunny Dandelions!!!

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away."

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FLAG ETIQUETTE

The flag, when flown at half-staff, should first be hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position.

When the flag is displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the field of stars should be in the uppermost corner and to the observer's left.

The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is used.

When displayed on an automobile, the staff should be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender.

The flag should never be used as clothing bedding or drapery.

The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled or damaged.

The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground the floor or water.

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SERVICE MEN FROM BYRON

Please pray for these fine young men and their families: Brad Nickerson, Torrey Underborn and Jason Ellingham. Our hearts and prayers go out to everyone.

