

# Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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## From the Supervisor's Desk

With cooler weather arriving and Fall colors showing, there is still time to enjoy Trestle Park for fishing or a picnic or visit Fireman's Park to play basketball, horseshoes or play a game of tennis on the courts.

The Park Committee and Historical Society would welcome volunteers for fresh ideas with the intention of making the town more attractive for visitors and current residents. Also, our Fire Departments would welcome new potential firefighters to contact them. The contact numbers are on the Town's website.

Water District seven should be completed this Fall. Water District eight's work is out for bid and expect its completion in Spring 2019. Preliminary work on Water Districts nine and ten is commencing. It covers the western side of the town and along the north side. If you have questions or would be willing to assist in moving the latter process along, please call me at the Town Hall at 548-7123 X14. It would help you to get to know who your neighbors are and their ideas about the town.

The recycling center is open Saturdays from 8am to 2pm accepting metal, glass, plastic containers (no bags), newspapers, and cardboard. Any income received from scrap helps offset the town's cost of having the service available to residents. It should facilitate keeping properties neat and attractive while improving values and everyone's safety.

I am extending an open invitation for interested parties to attend or sign up for the Planning Board (1st Tuesday of the month meetings). Attendees would bring their ideas for desired enhancements to the town for visitors and newcomers.

Roger V.V. Rouse, Supervisor

## Town Clerk

This years Summer Youth Recreation Program saw a record number of children in attendance. I hope that everyone enjoyed their time this summer and I'd like to thank Emily VanEenwyk, our rec leader, and Nathan Knickerbocker, our rec aid, for all their hard work. We also had 2 job development employees, Hannah Catalino and Jared Barnum that were a tremendous help. I'd also like to thank the Byron-Bergen Public Library, South Byron United Methodist Church, Byron Euchre Players, Genesee County Youth Bureau, Pastor Jim Refrew, George Squires, Byron Kiwanis, and all of the parent volunteers for all of your help! It truly does take a village, or in our case, a town, to raise our children!

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

# Highway Superintendent

Hello again...it is hard to believe as of this newsletter Labor Day is upon us. This newsletter goes into December so unfortunately I have to bring up the winter season .

Even though it is early please check over your mailbox. Every year we wind up fixing boxes and posts that have deteriorated over time and haven't been replaced by the homeowner. Sometimes all it takes is a couple screws to re tighten loose posts for when the snow hits them.

Also please remember to pick up any loose lawn ornaments etc etc off the town right of way. If there is something permanent or potentially hidden by snow please make sure it is well marked. The towns right-of-way is 49 ½ feet so if you put up driveway markers, snow men , Christmas ornaments for the winter please start after 25 ft from the center of the road to avoid them getting hit...

Lastly please be patient...We realize "we"(trucks) are big and slow and everyone has places to get to, but taking a few extra minutes is all it takes for all of us to avoid potential problems. And again there is no magic formula for visibility...we cant see any better than you can so please slow down and make sure your high beams are off...Thank you and be safe !!

Respectfully,

Brian Forsyth, Highway Superintendent

## Upcoming Events

### **Byron Fire Department Sportsmans Raffle    Saturday, October 6th 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Byron Fire Hall on Rte. 262. The event begins at 1:00 pm with the doors opening at noon. A meal and snacks are included in the \$20 ticket. There are fishing, hunting, camping and boating packages, as well as cash awards and 50/50 raffles throughout the day. All proceeds go to support the Byron Fire Department . Contact any fireman or Joe Wells at 585-409-1270 to purchase tickets.

### **Byron Presbyterian Church Turkey Dinner    Sunday, October 21st 11:30 - 2:00 p.m.**

Turkey and all the fixings, plus pie, served family style. Take outs available also. Adults \$10, children \$5, 5 and under free. Special music at church 9:45 am worship service.

## **2018 Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic**

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

**September 20, 2018 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.      Pembroke Highway Department**

**October 25, 2018    4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.      LeRoy Village Highway Garage**

A voluntary donation per dog, cat or ferret is requested to offset clinic expenses. Animals must be leashed or crated and accompanied by someone who can control it.

# Genesee County Legislator, Robert Bausch

For the past few months county legislators have been addressing some difficult issues and decisions.

The need for a new or renovated county jail can not be delayed any longer. The current facility is antiquated with portions over 100 years old. There are many safety and code violations making it unsafe for employees as well as inmates. The jail does not accommodate female or youth offenders. These inmates are boarded out averaging 20 females and 1.5 youth per day. The females are held as far away as Cortland County resulting in high transportation costs returning them back to Genesee County for arrangements, etc. The state approved a ten male inmate variance twelve plus years ago but even with the variance male inmates are boarded out on a regular basis.

At a recent meeting, the state correction commissioner made it clear the county must start the building process now with the expectation of a new or upgraded jail operational in five years. If the county does not comply the state could pull the 10 bed variance and require the jail meet other state requirements. All of which would be very expensive. A work group has been appointed to begin the process and start identifying the issues and options available to the county.

Phase 2 of the water project has been approved. The bidding process will begin in September, land purchases have begun (requires 3 small parcels in Monroe County), and financing is being arranged. This project should be completed within two years. Phase 3, which is very important to the Byron-Bergen area, is starting with an anticipated completion in 5 years.

The current sales tax agreement between the Genesee County and the City of Batavia expired earlier this year and an extension was granted by the State Controller until December 31, 2018. It appears that an agreement has been reached with the city. Currently, although the county is required to share sales tax with the city, it is not required to share it with towns and villages. Most counties do not share sales tax with towns and villages but Genesee County has historically shared the sales tax revenue with its town and villages. The county legislature has agreed to continue this sharing agreement.

The New York State Legislature, in 2017, passed legislation to raise the age of criminal responsibility from 16 to 18. Disregarding the merits of this legislation, the bureaucratic implementation process has been and is continuing to be a nightmare. Judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys and other professionals in the justice system all agree it is a poorly written statute and is not addressing the issues it was intended to address. Unfortunately, it was not written by anyone in or previously involved with the justice system.

Lastly, the legislature passed a local law to change the terms of county legislators from two years to four years. Before it can be implemented it must be approved by the voters in November. I would ask that you seriously consider this proposal and support it in November. It has received bi-partisan support. Running every two years is costly to the candidates and from personal experience, it requires at least four years to become knowledgeable about the issues. There has been a lack of interest in these positions and the hope is that this will encourage more individuals to consider running which I believe will lead to better government. There are many other reasons for supporting this change and you will be hearing more about them as November draws near. So please consider this issue and if you have questions or concerns please contact me.



This year's summer reading program "Libraries Rock!" was a success!!! Over 175 children participated by reading more than 3,075 books! This year we had a Teen/Adult reading program too! Over 461 people participated and read over 252 books!! The Basket winner was Caroline Walker!

Thank you to all our junior volunteers! Our junior volunteers gave up 180 hours to help with our summer reading program! They won fun prizes every week – tickets from Seabreeze Amusement Park, Lasertron, and Darien Lake Amusement Park. We couldn't have done it without your help!

Thank you for your continued support of our summer reading program: Demo's Truck Parts, Liberty Pumps, Harris Wilcox Inc., Seabreeze Amusement Park, Tops Friendly Markets of Leroy, Target of Batavia, Wal-Mart of Brockport, Rochester Museum and Science Center, Lasertron, and Darien Lake Amusement Park. Without the generous donations of these merchants, our summer reading program wouldn't be possible.

Discover us on the web at [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org), FaceBook and Twitter too! We have RBdigital –digital magazines, Overdrive/Libby digital audio and e-books, and Hoopla – digital music-movies-books-audio. All this is FREE with your valid Library card anytime you have access to the Internet.

Our Book Discussion Group will begin meeting on September 13th to discuss the book Seven Days of Us by Francesca Hornak. This group meets the 2nd Thursday each month: October 11th, November 8th, and December 13th. Come join the fun!

Pre-school/Toddler story time will run Fridays at 10:30am starting on September 14th. Join us for a story, craft and a treat! This is recommended for ages 2-5 but younger children are welcome with their parents/guardian.

### **Registration is appreciated.**

October 23rd is our Spooky but fun- Halloween story time at 6:30pm. Dress up in costume and join us for a story or two, craft and tasty treat! Registration is appreciated.

November 13th will be stories of Thanksgiving at 6:30pm. After a story or two, there will be a craft, and a fun snack! Registration is recommended.

**The Library will be closed November 22th – 24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Have a Great Thanksgiving!**

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](http://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, Roadrunner Internet on three computers, Wi-Fi and interlibrary loans from any Library in the NIOGA Library system. Check us out on the web at

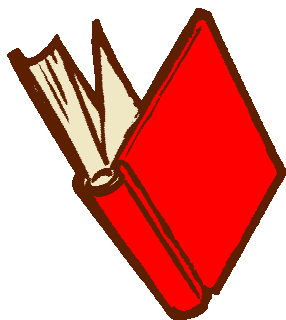


[www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) or stop in and we will assist you! You can also friend us on Facebook to keep up with the latest events. We are also on Twitter too- @byrbg. For more information on our services or programs, please call the library at 494-1120.

Happy Reading-  
Nancy Bailey, Library Manager

### Barley and Books

The Byron-Bergen Public Library is pleased to announce that its annual fundraising event, Barley & Books, will be held Saturday, September 15th from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. This year's event will be hosted by Jeff and Shannon Thompson on Tower Hill Road! There will be a variety of craft beers and wine, light food, live music, raffles and LIVE AUCTION. Tickets are on sale at the library for \$20 presale and \$25 at the door. Must be 21 years or older to attend.



#### 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 – Roger Rouse       | Ext. 14  | Home: 548-7767                |              |            |
| Town Clerk – Debra Buck-Leaton | Ext. 10  | Highway Dept. - Brian Forsyth | Ext. 11      |            |
| Court Clerk - Michelle Rast    | Ext. 18  | Cell Phone:                   | 615-7713     |            |
| Sewer Dept.                    | Ext. 12  | In an Emergency               | 585-322-0006 |            |
| CEO/ZEO – Mike Morris          | Ext. 15  | Assessor - Barry Flansburg    | Ext. 17      | Town       |
| Justice DiMatteo               | 343-2770 | Town Justice Smith            | Ext. 18      | Councilman |
| Jeff Thompson                  | 851-1469 | Councilman Sue Fuller         | 300-3456     |            |
| Councilman Jim Cudney          | 548-7383 | Councilman Fred Klycek        | 548-9025     |            |