

Town of Byron Newsletter



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Supervisor

Construction of Water Improvement Benefit Area No. 1 Contract B (Batavia-Byron Road, Walkers-Corners Road, Clinton Street Road (Rte. 33), Old State Road, Cockram Road, Bank Street Road, Byron-Elba Road (Rte. 262), Tower Hill Road and Searls Road) has begun. Contract A (the remainder of the Town) will finally start in October. Both contracts have an April 2024 completion date. Residents of Contract B should have already attended a meeting with the Monroe County Water Authority regarding hook up fees and requirements. Residents of Contract A who have not already attended a meeting with the Monroe County Water Authority should be receiving a letter in the next couple of weeks regarding a date and time for a separate meeting. Please do not hesitate to call either myself or Debra at the Town Hall if you have any questions regarding this.

There has been no new news regarding the NextEra solar project, with material and labor shortages stalling the project.

As always, this is your Town. Please try to attend Town Board meetings the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., or if you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me.

Respectfully,

Peter N. Yasses, Supervisor



Town Clerk

I would like to thank Emily VanEenwyk, Michelle and Jacob Seward, George Squires and the Genesee County Park Program, David Leaton, Billy Kennett, Brian Waldruff, Mark Kimble, the Byron-Bergen Public Library, the Byron Fire Department, Reverend Michael of the Byron Presbyterian Church, and all of the parent volunteers who helped to make this year's summer recreation program such a success! We had an average of 30 kids per day who enjoyed seven weeks of summer fun!

Enjoy your Fall!

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Byron Presbyterian Church



Sunday Worship at 9:45 AM
Pastor: Rev. Michael Fry Music Dir.: Laurence Tallman
585-548-28006293 W. Main St., Byron, NY 14422

SAVE THESE DATES!

Sept. 10, 2023 - Sunday School Kick Off – 9:45AM
Wear your PJs to church and enjoy
a pancake breakfast after worship.

Oct. 15, 2023 – Annual Turkey Dinner
11AM til Sold Out/ \$15 per person.

Fri. Dec. 22, 2023 – 6:30 to 8PM Caroling in the church.
Stay warm and toasty while we sing carols and enjoy
Christmas cookies. All Welcome!

Dec. 24, 2023 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5PM
Celebrate Christmas with a service of
candles, music, and the Christmas story.

Hope to see you there!

Imagination Library

Over 6,000 books have been delivered to our local Byron-Bergen children, ages birth to 5 years, through the Imagination Library. This program is run entirely on community donations. We are struggling to keep this program active. The cost per child per year is \$25.00 to receive a monthly book through the Dolly World Foundation. It's through donations from individuals, clubs, businesses, etc. that this program continues.

Receiving these books provide children with an early start on reading and an appreciation of learning at an early age.

Please consider supporting our young readers by a donation to our program! Any amount is appreciated and is tax deductible. Checks can be made to Richter Family Foundation and sent to 1600 Ham Road, Basom, New York 14013. Our sincere thank you to our past, continuing, and new donors! Registration and information can be found online at ImaginationLibrary.com. Questions are welcome: Anna Marie Barclay at 494-1979, or Donna Gerrard at 548-7380.

Byron Cemetery Association

As you drive or walk through the cemetery grounds, we hope that you notice all the work that has been completed. We greatly appreciate the efforts of John Durand and Dave Leaton as they make the cemetery look amazing. Several hours have been spent trimming the bushes & trees, adding sod and backfilling graves. John has been very busy this year keeping the grass mowed. Many thanks to John and Donna Durand, the cemetery superintendents, for their time and effort to schedule and prepare for burials, assist people with purchasing plots and the various paperwork needed to maintain the cemetery records. Contact the Durands for more information if you are interested in a cemetery plot. They can show you eligible plots and explain plot and burial prices. Preplanning now makes fewer decisions for your family during a time of grief.

The annual meeting for the Byron Cemetery Association is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17th, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Byron Fire Hall. All are welcome to attend this meeting. The association is looking for new members to join and assist in making decisions for the cemetery. Contact Kim Dewey, 585-356-2256, for more details.

As fall approaches we kindly ask that urns and flowers be removed from grave sites. If you plan to put a wreath or holiday decoration on a loved one's gravesite please remove it by mid-January.

As the holidays approach, let's take a moment to count our blessings. We ask everyone to watch out for your friends and neighbors. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one in the past, this can be a difficult time. Reach out if you need help. Reach out to someone you know that might need a smile or kind word.



Trustees:

Kim Dewey, President
(585)356-2256
Laura Bestehorn, Vice President
Kate Wride, Treasurer
Dave Leaton Jr. Vice Treasurer
Elaine Bezon, Secretary
Audrey Henry
Barb Read

Superintendents:

John Durand (585)813-3531
Donna Durand (585)813-2591

From the Historian's Desk...

Hello from your Town Historians Bob & Beth Wilson

GRIST MILL STONE

This summer with the water line installation was taking place near Byron Road and Tower Hill Road there was a grist mill stone found. Our wonderful Byron Highway Superintendent David Leaton was able to recover this stone in its original shape.

In 1814, just at the close of the war of 1812, Asa Williams built the first grist mill in Byron, located on Spring Creek, about half a mile west of now North Byron. It is believed that the stone was picked up in the neighborhood, and modeled out to suit. After this time, they got along very well for grinding. Before that they had to travel all the way to Churchville.

At the heart of the gristmill are the grinding stones. There are two stones, an upper and a lower stone. Each stone is 4 to 6 feet in diameter, 18 to 24 inches thick and they weighed as much as a ton. Millstones were made of ordinary granite or sandstone, quarried so each stone is a single piece.

A grist mill was used to grind corn, oats and wheat into much needed flour. When the mill was not being used for grinding, they would use it as a saw mill.



The above information was gathered from "The Pioneer Story" of Asa Merrill Addressed by him to the Genesee County Pioneer Society for its Annual Meeting in 1872. Also looking at old maps of Byron.



This year's summer reading program "All Together Now!" was a success!!! Over 215 children participated and read over 59,700 minutes! This year we had a Teen/Adult reading program too! Over 78 people participated and read over 234 books!!



Thank you to all our junior volunteers! Our junior volunteers gave up 150 hours to help with our summer reading program! They won fun prizes every week – tickets from Seabreeze Amusement Park too. We couldn't have done it without your help!

Thank you for your continued support of our summer reading program: Demo's Truck Parts, Seabreeze Amusement Park, Tops Friendly Markets of Leroy, Target of Batavia, Wal-Mart of Brockport, McDonalds and Wegmans in Brockport. 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 , Facebook and Instagram too!

If you pay for Audible and Kindle books -- We have Overdrive/Libby app with digital audio and e-books–digital magazines, and Hoopla app with – 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 14th to discuss the book Firefly Lane by Kristin Hannah. This group meets the 2nd Thursday of each month: October 12th, November 9th, and December 14th.

Come join the fun!

Pre-school/Toddler story time will run Fridays at 10:30am starting on September 15th. 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.**

Chair Yoga with Colleen on September 19th, October 3rd, and October 17th at 4pm! Colleen is a certified yoga instructor so come join the fun and get fit! Please sign up by September 15th- Space is limited.

Wood Vase workshop with Kim on Thursday, September 21st at 6:30pm! Come make a crafty and cool wooden vase to decorate! All supplies will be provided to construct the vase. The cost is \$15 a vase. Sign- up by Sept 19th to reserve your spot!

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Join us for a fun night with the Bergen Historical Society on October 5th at 7pm as we present History of Oktoberfest with Marianna Gonzalez. Marianna will give us some fun insight as to the why of the Oktoberfest. No registration necessary. This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by GO ART!

Boxmaking with Laura Jackett on Tuesday, October 17th at 6pm. We will learn how to cut book-board with a straight edge and exacto knife, glue the pieces together and choose your favorite Japanese paper to wrap the box in. Recommended for ages 12 and up or a younger child with adult supervision. Registration is necessary by calling us or stopping in. Space is limited. [This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by GO ART!](#)

Paint with Stari Ari on Saturday, October 21st at 10:30am. Come find out new ways to paint using shaving cream. Recommended for grades 2nd to 5th or younger children with parent supervision. Space is limited so sign up soon.

Fall Décor Workshop with Leslie Hill on Tuesday, October 24th at 6pm or Saturday, October 28th at 10:30am. Come make an autumn theme table decoration using flowers, pumpkins and more. Sign up by October 20th. – space is limited. Cost is \$5 per person. This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by GO ART!

Stop by the Library on Halloween to get a treat! Costumes welcome! We are open from 10-1 & 2-7. Happy Halloween!

Edible & Medicinal plants in your Garden with Joel Humphrey on Thursday, November 2nd at 7pm. Join us with the Bergen Historical Society as we learn the history and helping properties of plants. No registration necessary.

Join us on Wednesday, November 15th from 5 pm to 7 pm for a Thanksgiving Craft night. All ages welcome to come make a fun craft or two to help decorate for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Library will be closed November 23rd – 25th 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 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, 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 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 Instagram! For more information on our services or programs, please call the Library at 494-1120.

Happy Reading-
Nancy Bailey
Library Manager



DEER HUNTERS

Just a reminder...the first round of DMPs will end on October 1, 2023. The next round of permits will begin on or around November 1, 2023. If you purchased permits in the first round you do not have to pay for the second round. Good luck and be safe!

2023 Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic

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

October 12, 2023 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Genesee County Fairgrounds

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

For more information, visit: www.GOHealthNY.org



Town Clerk’s Office Hours:

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:00 a.m.-12 noon & 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Thursday and Friday: 9:00 a.m.-12 noon

Saturday: Closed

Phone Number and Extensions:

Town Hall - Highway Garage - Sewer Dept.
585 - 548 - 7123

Supervisor—Peter Yasses	Ext. 14	Highway Dept.— David Leaton	Ext. 11
Town Clerk—Debra Buck-Leaton	Ext. 10	Cell phone:	402-4717
Court Clerk—Michelle Caballero	Ext. 18	Assessor— Louise Passarell	Ext. 17
Sewer Dept.	Ext. 12	Town Justice Smith	Ext. 18
In an Emergency (Sewer Dept.—Shaun)	585-322-0006	Town Justice Forsyth	Ext. 18
CEO/ZEO—Melissa Ierlan	Ext. 15	Councilman Eric Zuber	746-5158
Councilman Josh Kent	813-1760		
Councilman Jeff Thompson	851-1469		