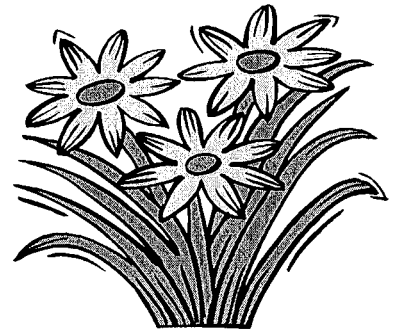


Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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From the Supervisor's Desk

Hope winter hasn't treated you too bad? We still have a lot to do at the office.

Water District 7 is at the comptroller's for approval. Water District 8 is applying for funding from the USDA Rural Development and Water Districts 9 & 10 are awaiting income surveys for further processing.

As everyone knows by now, the highway garage referendum was voted down. I respect the people's voice, but am disappointed as the committee worked hard on this project with our town engineer. Unfortunately the letters you received by mail or doorstep, by nameless, cowardly persons, did not provide the truth. The Town of Byron is in GREAT financial shape. Unfortunately we are playing catch-up from previous administrations keeping the tax rate too late. A zero tax rate or a too low tax rate makes you look good, but does nothing for the Town. I'm not sure what these persons are trying to make you believe, most of the statements, such as the sales tax haven't even been decided yet, why would they try to scare people like that? For example "Town tax rate to nearly double." That statement has no facts behind it.

We have a very good working town board at this time and that is VERY careful with YOUR money. As I said in the informational letter from the town about the highway referendum, we do not have a Plan B. So, we will have to see what happens next. If you feel you would be a good candidate for a new highway garage committee, please feel free to contact the office. Just because the referendum was voted down, doesn't mean the problem will go away.

Again, please try to attend town board meetings, second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. This is your Town..

Respectfully, Peter Yasses, Town Supervisor

Town Clerk

As a reminder, taxes are collected at the Town Hall through March 31, 2017, and can be paid by cash, check, charge or money order.

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.

Happy Spring,
Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Highway Superintendent

I'm not quite sure we can say goodbye to winter just yet but we're getting close. While it doesn't seem like we had much snow we've had plenty of mixed precipitation or freezing rain events that have required a lot of road treatment. With that being said this year along with every other winter there has been plow (wing) damage to lawns. A lot of this winter has been above freezing before it snowed keeping the lawns and shoulders soft. We will be around road by road to restore things to the way they were. Please be patient with this process. We cover a lot of miles of road and will get to your lawn eventually. Please continue to leave a little earlier on snowy days and drive with patience so we can all get where we need to be.

Respectfully,
Brian

Upcoming Events

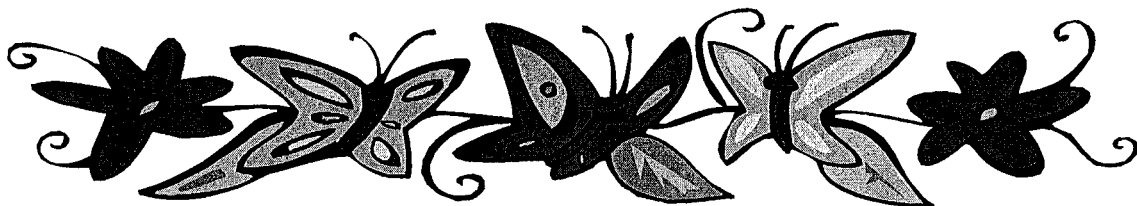
Byron Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary & Byron Kiwanis (co-hosting) – Pancake Breakfast & Chinese Auction at the Byron Fire Hall (6357 East Main) on Sunday, April 2nd, 2017 from 8:30 am – 12:00 noon. Breakfast will be \$7.00 (Ages 8+). Raffle tickets will be \$5.00 per sheet (of 25). Raffle winners will be drawn at 12:00 noon.

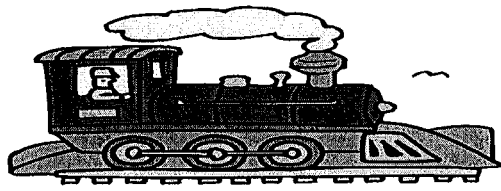
Byron Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary – Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Byron Fire Hall (6357 East Main Street) on Saturday, April 8th, 2017 from 11:00 am until ??? Hunt will be for all of those youngsters ages 12 and under. Kids are encouraged to bring a basket or bag for collecting their treats. Crafts and other activities to follow.

Byron Fire Department (6357 East Main Street) - Recruit NY Open House. Sunday, April 30th from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm.

We'll have lots of activities for the community to observe (e.g. fire related demonstrations; mutual aid exercises), as well as participate in (e.g. blood pressure checks, truck tours and trying on fire gear).

Byron Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary - Memorial Day Chicken BBQ being held at the Byron Fire Hall (6357 East Main Street) on Monday, May 29th, 2017 from 11:30 am – sold out. Check out posted flyer & fire department board for additional details as event draws near.





The R.E.D. (Read Every Day) Express is coming to Byron-Bergen

A committee representing the Byron-Bergen School District, the Byron and Bergen Communities, and the Byron-Bergen Library is partnering up with the Richter Family Foundation to bring the Imagination Library to our children. This program was started by Dolly Parton for her own community, and has grown to include every state in the nation, the UK, Canada and Australia. We are seeking funding support for this project from community organizations, businesses, and individuals.

Children from birth to age 5 receive an age appropriate book each month. These books are sent at absolutely no cost to the family, The goal is to excite children about books, and for them to feel the magic books can create by mailing high quality, age-appropriate books directly to their homes.

One hundred percent (100%) of all donations will be used for books and mailing for children residing in the Byron-Bergen School District; no funds are ever used for any other purpose. All parents are required to do is register their child (children) ages birth to 4 years 10 months. Names and addresses will only be used for the purpose of mailing books, and will remain secure.

Any contribution you can make to this program would enable us to share books with our young children, and help prepare them to enjoy and benefit from the gift of books; it will make a positive difference in their lives and enrich our community.

We are excited about this program being part of the lives of our youngest learners, and for you to participate with us through your donation. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Registration forms are available at the Byron Town Hall.

Thank you for considering supporting this program.

Byron-Bergen Imagination Library Committee

Nancy Bailey - Librarian - Byon-Bergen Public Library

Anna Marie Barclay, Village of Bergen Mayor, retired teacher (494-1513)

Donna Gerrard - Byron Resident, Mom, Grandmother

Brian Meister - Byron-Bergen Elementary School Principal

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.

Town of Byron Comprehensive Plan Update

Framing Byron's Future – Comprehensive Plan Public Survey

The Comprehensive Plan Update will help guide future zoning and development decisions in Byron. What would you like to see for the future of Byron? Please complete a survey and **return to the Byron Town Clerk (P.O. Box 9, 7028 Byron Holley Rd., Byron, NY 14422) by March 31, 2017.**

Survey forms are available at the Byron Town Hall, Byron Hotel & Trailhouse, Fullerino's Pizzeria, Gillett's Hardware or Gillam-Grant Center. The survey can also be taken on-line. You can link to the survey on the Town of Byron website: <http://www.byronny.com/> or go directly to the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ByronCommunitySurvey>

Please only complete one survey (on-line or on paper) Thank you for your participation.

Any questions may be addressed to: George Squires, Comprehensive Plan Chairman; P.O. Box 13; Byron, NY 14422. Email: soilsquire@rochester.rr.com

From the Historian's Desk - Robert and Elizabeth Wilson

About a year ago I was in the office of Turner Funeral Home in Batavia, on display they had a ruler, one of the ones businesses would give away for advertising. On the ruler was printed Turner Furniture, Byron, NY. Turner used to have a furniture factory and sales in Byron, and what I've been able to find out, is it was just west of the Byron Hotel.

In the 1800's and early 1900's funerals were held from your home or the home of a relative, the casket was built by the local furniture shop. As time progressed people did not want their deceased family member hanging around the house. The furniture shop usually had a show room for their wares and would have the showing in there business. What better way to bring in potential customers to see the latest in your furniture and pay your respects to your friend.

Byron Cemetery Association

As spring approaches, spring cleanup will begin in early April at the Byron Cemetery. We would appreciate having all decorations, flowers, flags, etc. in line with the grave markers. This helps protect them from the mowers. Mowing the cemetery is a large job and your assistance and understanding would be greatly appreciated in this matter.

****REMINDER**** Live plants 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. The Byron Cemetery Association's annual meeting will be held in April. Anyone owning property in the cemetery is invited to attend this meeting.

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.

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:

Shirley Hobin, President

Ginny Ivison, Treasurer

Elaine Bezon, Secretary

Kim Dewey

Joe Kuzma

Dave Leaton Jr.

Superintendents:

John Durand (585)813-3531

Donna Durand (585)813-2591

Genesee County Legislator, Robert Bausch

First, there is good news to share: On February 2nd the county nursing home sale was finally completed. The process took much longer than could reasonably be expected. It was set to close on December 31st. Then at the last minute, the state put a new requirement on the purchaser. The issue was more relevant to downstate and had little bearing on upstate localities but it still needed to be addressed and delayed the closing an additional month.

The new nursing home owner assumed operational responsibilities on January 1st. The county had already transferred the employees and vendor contracts to the new owner as of January 1st. Once the closing was delayed due to the late state notification it would have been a real mess to transfer the employees and contracts back to the county only to transfer them back to the new owner a month later. The transition to the new owner appears to have been efficiently handled with just a few problems that were immediately addressed. The new owner's plan is to seek state approval to convert the domiciliary care wing, which has 80 beds and seldom reaches 40% occupancy, to an assisted living facility. This level of care has been needed in the county for many years but the state would not authorize a public nursing home to provide that level of care.

The next step in the long process for the county will be to financially close the nursing home books. After all expenses and outstanding loans are paid, the amount of money available for other projects will be determined. As stated in previous newsletters, the majority of the proceeds will be allocated for county roads and bridges. The estimated cost of bridge reconstruction exceeds \$20,000,000 which will be greater than proceeds from the nursing home sale.

County revenues continue to struggle. As reported in the press, the county overrode the state property tax cap of 0.4% because new or expanded state mandated services alone exceed the cap amount. Sales tax revenues continue to be flat as a result of a number of factors (most of which are good for consumers but not for sales tax receipts): lower gas prices, continued expansion of internet sales, low inflation, and an economy that continues to be sluggish.

One last thought. Much is said about the 2% cap on property taxes but it is a very misleading discussion. As noted above, Genesee County's tax cap was 0.4% for 2017, nowhere near the 2% that the governor states as the cap. Meanwhile, the governor has been touting in his state of the state addresses how the state is living under the self imposed 2% cap. But as is so often the case with Albany, there is a significant slight of hand to arrive at their number. If the state used the same formula as the counties, cities, towns and villages are required to use, the state budget increase would be 4.6% and growing as this is written.

Byron-Bergen Public Library

Stay connected with your Library by checking us out at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org or friend us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter! We have lots of great programs coming up! We also have volunteer opportunities so call or stop in for more information.

We have New York tax forms available here! You also can go to the website at www.nystax.gov and go to forms to print from home. If you need Federal tax forms, they are available at www.irs.gov or at the larger Libraries in Batavia and Brockport.

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Library has toddler/preschool story time at 10:30am on Fridays until April 7th for its winter session and will begin its spring session on April 21st. We enjoy a different themed story each week with a related craft and a snack! Registration is recommended by calling or stopping by the Library.

Book discussion group meets on 2nd Thursday of each month. March 9th is our next meeting. Come join this fun group and see what your neighbors are reading!!! We enjoy lively conversation about the book and refreshments too! Stop by the Library to reserve your copy of our current book.

Join us on St. Patrick's Day for story time Tuesday March 14th at 6:30 pm with Miss Makayla. Wear something green and come enjoy a story, craft and a yummy treat! Registration is not necessary but appreciated

Movie on the Big Screen! At 2:30pm on March 17th featuring "Moana"! Enjoy popcorn and drink too! Join us on your day off from school.

Our Annual Pre -K outreach to our younger patrons and young at heart patrons will be March 22nd at 9:30 with Doug Rougeux --"The Bubble Man" with is "BubbleMania" show at the Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church! Doug will wow our young patrons with his bubbling and juggling talents as well as entertaining them with the science of bubbles using humor just plain fun!

Spring Break Happenings!! National Library Week too!

National Library week is April 14th – 20th Stop in and take out a book or two and have a chance to win a prize!! Everyone invited to participate!

Monday April 10th – Babysitting workshop from 10am-3pm. Cost is \$25/student and includes book. You must be at least 11 years old. Special pricing for workshop so sign up soon! Class size is limited. Payment is needed by April 5th.

Tuesday April 11th - at 2:30pm a special showing of "Sing"-- Come watch on the Big Screen and enjoy popcorn with your friends. Sign- up for this program is appreciated.

Friday April 5th from 10:30am -1pm Make and Take Craft day—just stop in anytime during the allotted hours and make a fun craft to take home and enjoy! No registration required.

Would you like to volunteer during the summer at the Library? For children 11 yrs and older, the Library is looking for your help with the summer reading program. Stop by before June 17th to sign up! Chance to win prizes, help with programs, and place to meet new people! Come join by yourself or with a friend!! The summer reading theme this year is "Build a Better World!"

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Enjoy popular titles from the comfort of home

Byron-Bergen Public Library is proud to offer you best-selling and classic eBooks and digital audiobooks available 24/7 from the library's digital collection, <https://nioga.overdrive.com/>

You can browse the collection, borrow with your library card, and enjoy on your computer, tablet, smartphone or eReader. Many borrowed eBooks, audiobooks and more can be enjoyed immediately in your web browser or can be downloaded to the free OverDrive app for mobile devices. Digital titles can also be enjoyed on tablets and eReader devices such as the iPad®, NOOK®, and Kindle®. No matter how you plan to enjoy, titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period. There are no late fees! With hundreds of popular titles to choose from, this new collection is guaranteed to have something for everyone. You can enjoy best-sellers and classic literature, stories for kids and teens, and much more anytime, anywhere.

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The latest best sellers like Never, Never by James Patterson, Echoes in Death by J D Robb, and Racing the Devil by Charles Todd are just a few we have available to you at the Library to get your copy reserved on-line at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org or stop in and our Library staff will be happy to help. New children's books arrive weekly! New DVD's monthly! Check out Playaways too! If we don't have it we usually can request it free of charge from our Nioga Library System.

Stop in and get a Library card that will open up the whole NIOGA system for ordering books from the comfort of your home! There are databases; Librarian 24/7, Tumbling Talking Books, NOVEL list, downloadable books, e-books, Hoopla –downloadable music and much more are available to you!! Just go to www.byronbergenpubliclibrary.org and you're on your way!

The Library has Roadrunner Internet service available. The Library has copy /fax service for a small cost. Interlibrary loans from any Library in the NIOGA Library system at our catalog www.byronbergenpubliclibrary.org. If you can't find it, please ask! Stop in soon! For more information on our services or programs, please call the Library at 494-1120.

Happy Reading-Nancy Bailey, Library Manager

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

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
CEO/ZEO – Ken Kuter	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



Gillam Grant Community Center

Moving Forward Together

Swim Lessons are Back!

Registration for swimming lessons will be available SOON! The Gillam-Grant Program has been restructured to accommodate more children and more levels of instruction and smaller class size. Class size is limited, so register soon. First come, first serve basis for preferred times. Our Swimming Lesson Coordinator is Randal Henning. **Cost for 6 week Session: \$45 Member / \$55 Non-Member.** Session is April 22 - June 3rd. No class on May 27th. **More information will be on our website soon!**



Mar. 25 Apr. 1, 8, 22, 29 May 6, 13, 20 Jun. 3, 10

Its not too late to join. REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

Supervised and instructed by Hanshi Cyndy Jones.
Cost: \$45M/\$60NM



Colorado Springs

Come travel out west!

Comfortable deluxe motor coach + Ten nights hotel stay; four in scenic Colorado + Ten breakfasts and eight dinners + Knowledgeable tour guides highlighting area attractions + All bus driver & tour guide tips Double occupancy: \$1,009 Members/\$1,069 Non-members.

Includes ALL driver & tour guide tips! \$100

Non-refundable deposit due upon registration

Homework Help

for Grades 1st-12th
Monday-Thursday 2:30 to 4:30
10 Sessions for \$60

We help with **daily homework assignments.**
We encourage **good study habits.**
We teach **independence.**

Students may join the program anytime during the school year. Students may come everyday or just the days you need it due to busy schedules.

Need childcare after Homework Help? Special pricing package available!!

Homework Help

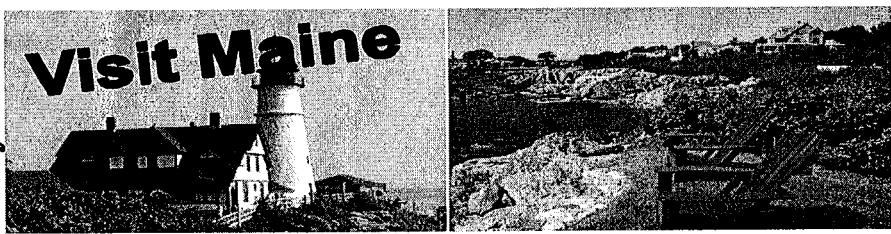
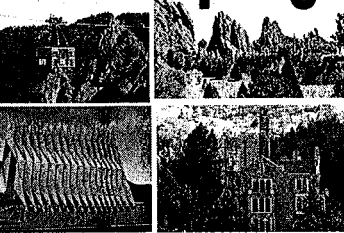


Kid Zone* after Homework Help for an additional \$5 each day.

*Paperwork must be completed 24hr in advance.
Scholarships Available.

Sept. 15-25, 2017

June 26-30, 2017



Experience the beautiful coastal region on your trip to Maine.

From the state's largest city-by-the-sea, Portland, to America's most photographed lighthouse. \$575 Members-double occupancy. \$635 Non-members double occupancy. **Includes ALL driver & tour guide tips.** \$100 Non-refundable deposit due upon registration.

27th ANNUAL GILLAM-GRANT GOLF TOURNAMENT

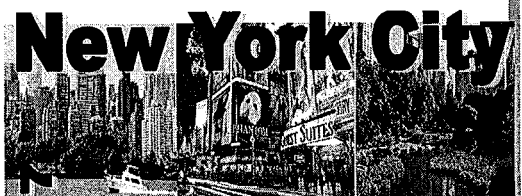
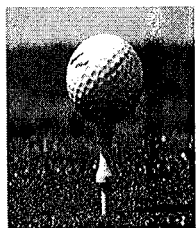
June 9, 2017

A fun and relaxed tournament that everyone can enjoy!

10:30 am Registration - 11:30 am Scramble
At **Batavia Country Club**

7909 Batavia-Byron Rd., Batavia NY 14020

Tee Sponsors Needed!



Visit the City that Never Sleeps!

This expanded five day trip is sure to give you the "Big Apple" experience you are looking for.

Double occupancy: \$616 Members/
\$676 Non-members

Includes ALL driver & tour guide tips!

\$100 Non-refundable deposit due upon registration

Sept. 1-5, 2017

SAVE THE DATE