

Town of Byron Newsletter



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Supervisor

Dear Fellow Byronites,

As you are all very aware, the hot topic in town is solar. You can be assured that the Town Board is on top of this, trying to navigate through this with the town's engineers and attorneys. Unfortunately, our Governor has made these projects difficult for our town, and any other town, to have any control. You can be sure that the Town Board is working to make sure that our town gets the best results possible.

There are a lot of other matters going on also. We are working on Water Benefit Area #1 in the northern part of town. Our next step is well sampling to help secure greater loan and grant funding.

Hopefully before long you will see a difference in the appearance of our town. We are working to remove junk and clean up our neighborhoods. This would certainly help us celebrate our town for the 200th anniversary.

The use of the transfer station is a convenience that most towns have had to forego due to the loss of revenue from people not paying for the trash they bring in. With that said, if the town continues to lose money on the transfer station it will be necessary to increase costs, and in the worst situation, close the transfer station altogether.

Don't forget the Town Board monthly meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM. Please try to attend, this is your town.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter N. Yasses, Supervisor

Town Clerk

I would like to remind everyone that the Town of Byron's Bicentennial is coming up on August 15, 2020, and if you would like to help in any way please attend the meeting on Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, many hands make light work! Please watch for more information on the Town's website in coming months and Like the Byron Historical Society page on FaceBook.

The Town maintains three very pretty parks, why not utilize them for your next gathering, call me to reserve your rental for this summer.

Have a great Spring,
Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Highway Superintendent

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new highway superintendent. If there's anything I can help you with please call me at 548-7123 ext. 11 (office) or 402-4717 (cell).

I would like to address a couple of concerns I have noticed so far. When going to the transfer station please be honest and pay the attendants for all trash that you are putting in the roll offs. The town is ultimately responsible for payment of excess trash and we have noticed that there are several items that have not been paid for, which includes TV's, that cost the town a considerable amount of money to dispose of. If you are unsure if there is a fee to dispose of something, please ask an attendant. Also, the transfer station is only open on Saturdays, or in certain circumstances by permission only, so please get permission prior to going out to the transfer station during the week.

The highway men have been working hard repairing equipment this winter along with plowing to keep the roads safe. We will be out repairing damage done to lawns when the weather allows so please be patient.

Thank you,
David Leaton

2020 ANTI-RABIES IMMUNIZATOIN CLINICS

Batavia Town Highway Garage 3833 West Main Street Road, Batavia	February 6, 2020	4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Pembroke Highway Department 1145 Main Road (Rte. 5), Pembroke	May 7, 2020	4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Genesee County Fairgrounds 5031 East Main Street, Batavia	August 13, 2020	4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Pembroke Highway Department 1145 Main Road (Rte. 5), Pembroke	September 17, 2020	4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
LeRoy Village Highway Garage 58 North Street, LeRoy	October 15, 2020	4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Each dog, cat and ferret must be leashed or crated and accompanied by someone who can control it. Dog, cat and ferret vaccinations are free. Voluntary donations are accepted. Save time by filling out your registration form before the clinic at: <http://www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/health/index.html>. Please be sure to print 2 copies for each pet.



The Library is still under renovations- we hope to have the book drop open in March with a soft opening the first or second week of March. We look forward to a Ribbon Cutting ceremony on April 25th during National Library week to celebrate our completion of the project. -More information to follow.

Did you know?

The Library is Bigger than it Looks-The Byron-Bergen's interlibrary loan service gives you access to collections at other libraries! Being part of the Nioga Library system gives you opportunities to interloan books from Niagara, Orleans, and Genesee County Libraries. Just check out our online catalog with your valid Library card unlock millions of books, audio books, music CD's, and DVD's available to you! Can't wait for delivery to the Library? Take your card to other libraries in the system and check it out yourself!

The Library has several free options for online and downloadable books you can read on your **computer, smart phone, dedicated eBook reader, or tablet. Just go to the Byron-BergenPublicLibrary.org website and click on OverDrive/Libby or Hoopla to find out more!**

That you have access to over 80 downloadable magazines that you can read on your computer, smart phone, dedicated e-Book reader, or tablet? Check us out on the RB Digital button at the Library website. You can catch up on past months of your favorite magazine too!

The Library is more than just books – there are movies and music, programs for all ages, book sales, and much more. Check us out at www.Byron-BergenPublicLibrary.org or “Friend” us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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

Library has Pre-K/Toddler story time for children at 10:30am on Fridays until April 3rd for the winter session and will begin the spring session on April 17th. 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 the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm. March 12th we are reading *Southernmost* by Sials House come join this fun group and see what your neighbors are reading!!! We enjoy lively conversation about the book and refreshments too! Call or stop by the Library to reserve your copy of our current book.

Spring Break Happenings!! April 6th- April 10th

Babysitting workshop will be held on Monday April 6th from 10 to 3 pm. This workshop is open to anyone 11yrs old and up. Cost \$25- includes a book to take home to reference. Registration and payment (cash only) is needed by Tuesday March 31st - Space is limited so sign up soon!

Movie Day Wednesday April 8th at 2:30pm – Join us for the movie *Dolittle* Rated PG-102 mins long. Refreshments too!

Spring/Easter Make & Take Craft – April 10th from 3pm- 6pm- Come anytime between 10am and 12am to create a fun colorful craft. No Registration necessary.

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National Library week is April 20th -25th --Stop in and take out 3 or more books and have a chance to win a prize!! Everyone invited to participate!

Save the date of April 22nd for our annual pre-school concert! Join our smaller patrons at the Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church at 9:30am for music and fun with Buffalo and Brandy’s “Magical Storytelling Show”! Children will be swept into an imaginary “storybook world” with songs, dancing and play! No Registration required! Just come join the fun! .

Movie Day at 1:00pm will be Friday May 22nd with the movie to be announced soon! So check out our website for more information.

The Library has Spectrum/Time Warner 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! For more information on our services or programs, please call the Library at 494-1120.

Happy Reading!

Nancy Bailey—Library Manager

Cemetery Association

As spring approaches, spring cleanup will begin at the Byron Cemetery. Looking ahead to Memorial Day, 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 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 Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 7pm at the Byron Town Hall. Please consider attending this meeting. The Byron Cemetery Association is looking for new members to help make cemetery decisions.

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
(585) 356-2256

Laura Bestehorn, Vice President

Kate Wride, Treasurer

Elaine Bezon, Secretary

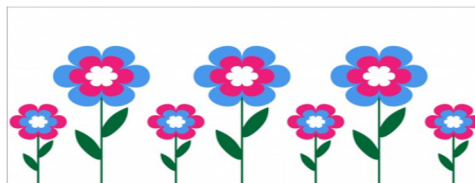
Dave Leaton Jr.

Barb Read

Superintendents:

John Durand (585)813-3531

Donna Durand (585)813-2591



Town of Byron Bicentennial

Bicentennial Celebration Updates

We are progressing towards a wonderful 200th birthday celebration for the Town of Byron. Here are some highlights:

Town of Byron throw/blanket which has pictures of our community from the past to present which is sponsored by the Kiwanis. To preorder your throw/blanket contact Karen Jaczynski @ (585) 314-4245.

Crystal ornament etched with the Town of Byron's 200 years in existence. If you are interested in preordering your ornament, please contact Jeannie Freeman @ (585)548-7197.

Fishing contest – If you are interested in participating in the fishing contact please contact Debra Buck-Leaton @ (585)548-7123x10.

5K Race - If you are interested in participating in the 5K contact please contact Debra Buck-Leaton @ (585)548-7123x10.

The garden contest. This can be a container garden, landscape garden or a flower garden. How about taking an old pickup truck and landscape around the truck with flowers and shrubs. Maybe you could use a manure spreader and do the same. All types of gardens will be considered. Call Cheryl Thompson at 797-8430 for more information.

Musical entertainment throughout the day/evening.

We are looking for graduating classes of the following years, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010 and 2020 to create a float for your graduating year to be in the parade. Any graduates from those years interested in creating a float, please contact Jeannie Freeman @ (585)548-7197.

We are compiling information for a book about the Town of Byron, 200 years in the making. We would like to gather information about our town's residents, new and old alike. If you are interested in sharing some of the following – what brought you and your family to Byron, when did you arrive, where did you originally come from prior to moving to Byron, as well as where did you choose to live in Byron (Byron, North Byron or South Byron), just to name a few. If you have any interesting family tidbits (examples: Grandfather worked on the railroad or Mother helped form the Sunshine club), something you and your family are proud to say helped shape the Town of Byron as it is today, any involvement in the town or other type of tidbit you would like to share. Remember everyone has a family story and this is a great way to share your family story as well as become part of the Town of Byron's history. If you are interested in sharing your family story (please feel free to share photo's as well), please send an email to krisdow@mac.com. Thank you in advance for sharing your story!

We are also gathering pictures of some of our historic houses as well as farms for our book. If you would like to share your photos for our book, please send an email to krisdow@mac.com.

To close out the evening at 9:30, there will be Fireworks for everyone to enjoy. So bring your lawn chairs and enjoy each other's company.

Please feel free to join us at our next Community 200th Celebration meeting on Thursday, March 19th, 7pm @ Byron Town hall for more updates that are too numerous to list at this time.

Forms and information will be available at the Town Hall and on the Town website at www.byronny.com in the coming months.

Byron Presbyterian Church

Byron Presbyterian Church

6293 West Main Street, POB 206, Byron, NY 14422

585-548-2800

www.byronfpc.org

Spring Season at the Byron Presbyterian Church:

Our town is approaching its 200th Anniversary. An anniversary is not just to look back on at what we once were; it's time to look ahead at what we can become! Our church has been a part of the story of our town since 1818, and we're looking forward to what comes next in the third century!

Sunday morning worship, 9:45 AM (includes Sunday School for young children), (Refreshments served after the service on the 1st Sunday of each month)

Every Wednesday, 7:00 PM - Choir practice (Watch for a summer Choir Camp!)

Fourth Tuesday of every month, 7:00 PM - Bible Study (March 24, April 28, May 26)

Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday, 9:45 AM

Thursday, April 9, Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 6:30 PM, includes a potluck meal
(With the North Bergen Presbyterian Church also participating)

Friday, April 10, Good Friday Service, 6:30 PM (at North Bergen Presbyterian Church)

Sunday, May 10, Mother's Day, 9:45 AM

We are always collecting food for our Byron-Bergen Backpack project that provides children with nutritious food over the weekends and during summer months. We also collect food donations each week for the emergency food cupboard at the Salvation Army in Batavia.

"A Time to Sew", on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 PM. Come and learn how to sew! We've got lots of sewing machines and easy projects.

Byron Kiwanis

Byron Kiwanis is giving \$200 to the Imagination Library program for newborn to five year old youth in the Byron-Bergen Central School District (see the article later on in this newsletter).

BBCS 2019 graduate Leah Gale of Byron, the \$1,000 recipient of the Byron Kiwanis Scholarship is progressing nicely in her first year of college.

Byron Kiwanis is organizing the 27th Congressional District candidates to speak at the Byron Recreational Hall promptly at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24th. Interested citizens are welcome.

Upcoming Events

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CHICKEN BBQ AND AUCTION

Byron Fire Hall. Monday, May 25th 11:30 am until sold out. \$10 for 1/2 chicken, \$5 for 1/4 chicken
Live entertainment by the Hill Brothers.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Byron Fire Hall. Saturday, April 4th 11:00 am until ? The hunt is for all kids ages 12 and under.
Please bring a basket or bag for collecting your treats. Stick around after the hunt for some crafts and activities.

Byron-Bergen Imagination Library

The Byron-Byron community is approaching its fifth year sending age appropriate children's books, provided by the Imagination Library through the Richter Family Foundation. As of January 2020 we have delivered over 4,000 books to our important residents of the Byron-Bergen school district, ages birth to 5 years.

This program is only possible with local donations. At present we provide approximately 110 children in the Byron-Bergen district with monthly books. This program would not be possible without the generous donations we have received from local individuals, businesses and organizations. All tax deductible donations are used entirely to pay for the books and postage. Byron-Bergen donations are used solely for the Byron-Bergen district children. The cost per year per child is approximately \$25.00 to receive monthly books.

Without the donations the children would not have this program be a reality, which we believe encourages our young future leaders to develop a love of reading.

The Richter Family Foundation provides brochures, handles the registering and ordering, and provides the necessary 501(c)(3) non-profit status the local community needs to raise the funds to participate, through the tax deductible donations.

We need community monetary support to help keep this program active. We welcome donations of any amount, at any time. Please consider sponsoring a new baby, grandchild, neighbor or friend. Registration and donation forms are available at the Byron Town Hall or by contacting one of the members below.

Thank you for your past donations, they were well used to bring the monthly books to our young readers! We are grateful for your continuing, necessary support.

Anna Marie Barclay 585-494-1513

Donna Gerrard 585-548-7380

Byron Solar Discussion @ The Byron Hotel

Monday Evenings @ 7pm in the Dining Room

All members of the Byron community are welcome to attend and encouraged to do so.

Discussions have included the Article 10 process, impacts to the Town of Byron, updates on proceedings and general comments both for and against the proposed project.

Contact information available to the Excelsior Project and Public Service Commission.

Many questions and concerns you may have could be addressed.

Input on Benefits the Town could realize from the project.

A representative of Next ERA Energy is typically there .



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	
Town Clerk—Debra Buck-Leaton	Ext. 10	Highway Dept.— David Leaton Ext. 11
Court Clerk—Morgan Leaton	Ext. 18	Cell phone: 402-4717
Sewer Dept.	Ext. 12	Assessor— Barry Flansburg Ext. 17
In an Emergency (Sewer Dept.—Shaun)	585-322-0006	Town Justice Smith Ext. 18
CEO/ZEO—Mike Morris	Ext. 15	Town Justice Dimatteo 343-2770
Councilman Josh Kent	813-1760	
Councilman Jeff Thompson	851-1469	
Councilman Eric Zuber	746-5158	
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