

Town of Byron Newsletter



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Supervisor

Happy spring?! Hopefully by the time you are reading this, we have a glimmer of hope for spring. We really can't complain as it really was an easy winter, if there is such a thing.

I was promised by National Grid that our street lights would all be changed to LED (after numerous calls and complaints to them about our lights not working) starting hopefully by the end of March. Not only will they be brighter, they will save the taxpayers some money. I want to thank our Highway Superintendent, Dave Leaton, for spearheading this; it was a lot of work and telephone calls.

Water benefit #1 is coming along fine, the comptroller called our Town's attorney with a few questions, which means it is not just sitting on someone's desk. Our hope is to get the official go ahead and put this project out to bid ASAP, which could be as early as May/June.

As far as Solar, we are awaiting a contract from Excelsior's attorney to our attorney for approvals. Hopefully by the next newsletter I can tell you some very good news on where this project is headed.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we are still zooming all meetings. All links to the meetings are always on the town website: www.byronny.com. Feel free to join in on any of the meetings: planning board, zoning board of appeals or town board. This is the only true way you can keep informed of what's happening in your town.

Please keep in mind that town board meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM, please try to attend via zoom....it is your town, your voice does matter.

Please stay safe, respectfully, Peter N. Yasses, Supervisor

Town Clerk

The Town of Byron and the Byron Historical Society are still hoping to have the Bicentennial this year pending the County Health Department allowing large gatherings due to COVID. Once a date has been set, it will be announced on the Town's website, Facebook page and the upcoming Summer newsletter.

The Byron Kiwanis will be selling Town of Byron commemorative throws to celebrate our Bicentennial, watch for more information regarding the sale on the Town's website, FaceBook or by contacting a member of Kiwanis.

As a reminder, taxes are collected at the Town Hall through March 31, 2021, and can be paid by cash, check, charge or money order. After March 31st, you will need to contact the Genesee County Treasurer's Office regarding payment.



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

Highway Superintendent

Winter is hopefully coming to an end, and with that comes spring cleanup. The highway department will be repairing snow plow damage to lawns as soon as the weather allows, and after there is no chance of further snowfall. Please be patient, we will work as fast as we can.

Thank you,
David Leaton, Highway Superintendent



Clean Energy Resources Information Committee (CERIC)

The Town of Byron is learning more about New York State's Clean Energy Standard (CES). In October, the Town Board delegated a committee, the Clean Energy Resources Information Committee (CERIC), to investigate the clean energy initiatives in New York and the possible benefits to the Town of Byron.

Some of the programs being looked into include:

- LED Streetlight Relamping
- Municipal Building Benchmarking of Energy uses
- Clean Energy upgrades
- Energy Code Enforcement Training
- Aggregated Electricity possibilities
- Solarizing/Clean Heating-Cooling/Solar for All Campaign
- Clean Energy Communities township designation

The Committee has a need for 3-4 more interested members in the community to join.

Please contact the committee by email- CERIC.BYRON@gmail.com

A Facebook page is being developed for easy access to information that the committee can share.



Did you know? The Library is OPEN!

·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 to 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 OverDrive/Libby (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

Stop in after March 2nd to pick up a St. Patrick's Day Take and Make Craft during regular Library hours! Spring/Easter Take & Make Craft will be available after March 23rd!

National Library week is April 6th – 10th --Stop in and take out 3 or more books and have a chance to win a prize!! Everyone is invited to participate!

The Library has Spectrum Internet service available as well as Wi-Fi. The Library has copy /fax service for a small cost. Interlibrary loans from any Library in the NIOGA Library system at our catalog www.Byron-bergenpubliclibrary.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



Cemetery Association

Everyone is probably looking forward to spring after the winter weather and being stuck inside for a while. The cemetery lawn will start to look wonderful as John Durand keeps it mowed and trimmed. We greatly appreciate the time and effort that John contributes to the cemetery upkeep. Dave Leaton and John ensure that the trees, bushes and older graves are well maintained.

ANNUAL MEETING ~ The annual meeting of the Byron Cemetery Association will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 7 pm at the Byron Fire Hall. Kindly wear a mask to follow COVID protocols.

NEW MEMBERS ~ The Byron Cemetery Association is looking for new members. A member can be a lot owner in the cemetery or a resident of Genesee County. This illustrious group meets occasionally to discuss topics that affect the cemetery. If interested, please contact Kim Dewey at 585-356-2256.

Memorial Day is in the future and we would like to honor and thank the men and women for their service and commitment for our country. Please review the items below if you plan to put flowers or decorations for a loved one.

REMINDERS

- Decorations and flowers may be placed between April 1st and October 1st .
- Kindly place moveable pots or containers in line with the monument, this helps with mowing the grass.
- Please do **not** place any glass containers in the cemetery.
- Live plants (trees, shrubs or flowers) should **not** be planted in the cemetery without the Byron Cemetery Association's permission. They require maintenance that need to be taken into consideration. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

NEW SIGNS ~ You may have noticed new signs at the cemetery. Two signs at the entrances display the rules, a map of the cemetery and the superintendents' contact information. The main sign on Townline Road has been updated. We are very grateful for several people who helped in this project. Tom Chapell, the owner of Visual Impact Graphics, graciously designed and made the signs at no charge. John Durand constructed the holders for the new signs and Pete Yasses provided topsoil needed to edge the signs. Dave Leaton, with the assistance of Todd Cargill, Billy Kennett and Brian Waldruff, installed the signs. Take a walk or ride to the cemetery and check out the new signs. They look great!

There are many available cemetery plots. If you are interested in choosing your final resting place, John or Donna Durand would be happy to show you suitable plots.

Plot and Burial Prices

Cemetery Plot (4x10) \$600

Burial \$600

Pet Burial \$400

Cremation burial \$400

Burials on Sundays & holidays are an additional \$100. Additional charges may be added for snow removal & penetration of frost depending on the costs to the cemetery.

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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

"The only people I am aware of who don't have troubles are gathered in peaceful, little neighborhoods. There is never a care, never a moment of stress and never an obstacle to ruin a day. All is calm. All is serene. Most towns have at least one such worry-free zone. We call them cemeteries."

-Steve Goodier



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— Barry Flansburg	Ext. 17
Sewer Dept.	Ext. 12	Town Justice Smith	Ext. 18
In an Emergency (Sewer Dept.—Shaun)	585-322-0006	Town Justice DiMatteo	343-2770
CEO/ZEO—Mike Morris	Ext. 15	Councilman Sue Fuller	300-3456
Councilman Josh Kent	813-1760	Councilman Eric Zuber	746-5158
Councilman Jeff Thompson	851-1469		

**Drive-Thru
Kiwanis
Chicken BBQ**



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**At Byron Fire Hall
Sunday, March 14th
11:30am**

- Until food is gone -

Benefits Byron Kiwanis