

Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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From the Supervisor's Desk

The Town Board is still working on the Swamp Road Water District with the help of the Town Attorney and Engineer. We are also doing income surveys for surrounding water districts. Please be diligent in returning any income surveys you might get from Stuart Brown Associates, this could make a difference on whether or not an area can afford to receive municipal water.

It has come to the attention of the Town Board that there have been several 4-wheelers and dirt bikes on the West Shore Trail (railroad bed) that have been causing disturbances. Please be aware that the Town Board is in the process of meeting with the Town of Bergen and the Genesee County Sheriff's Department with regard to how to proceed to control abuse of the railroad bed. Please call the Genesee County Sheriff's Office by dialing 911 if you experience a problem.

Thank you to Karen and Roger Jaczynski, George Heins, Andy McKenrick and Erick Kleckler for planting the beautiful flowers around the Town Hall and the Welcome to Byron signs.

Robert Crnkovich, Supervisor

Town Clerk

You may have seen the beautiful Barn Quilt Squares in LeRoy on several of the barns there, well now the Town of Byron will also be doing the Quilt Squares. If you're interested in participating, please call me at 548-7123 ext. 10. We will be meeting soon to pick out patterns and to start painting!

If you would like to rent one of the pavilions in the parks, please contact me to receive a permit. The fees are as follows: Turtle Park: \$10; Trestle Park: \$20; Firemen's Park: \$30 for the large pavilion and \$20 for the small pavilion. There is no charge for non-profit groups. Trestle Park is open from Memorial Day until Labor day, and all parks are open from dawn to dusk. There is no camping at Trestle Pond.

Anyone planning on having a garage sale on July 27th during the Heritage Festival, please call me at 548-7123 ext. 10 to be put on the list to be distributed.

Go online to www.byronny.com to get information and forms for anything going on in the Town.

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Swimming Pool Permits

With the return of warmer weather this summer season, portable swimming pools will begin appearing in many backyards in our village. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), “Each year, nationwide, more than 300 children under 5 years old drown in residential swimming pools, usually a pool owned by their family. In addition, more than 2,000 children in that age group are treated in hospital emergency rooms for submersion injuries.”

Please be reminded **all** “swimming pools “require a building permit be issued before installation and final approval is required with in 90 days of being issued a permit, before the pool is put into use.

Definition of “swimming pool”

The term “swimming pool” is defined in the NYS Uniform Building Code as “any structure, basin, chamber or tank which is intended for swimming, diving, recreational bathing or wading and which contains, is designed to contain, or is capable of containing water more than 24 inches (610 mm) deep at any point. This includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground pools; indoor pools; hot tubs; spas; and fixed-in-place wading pools (inflatable pools/storable soft sided)

Swimming Pool FAQ

Are There Property Line Setback Requirements For A Swimming Pool?

Yes. Generally swimming pools and appurtenances (filters, pumps ,etc.) concrete aprons and pool decks have side and rear property line setback requirements and vary per land use district , please call the office for setback distances. Overhead Electric Lines must be located at least **10 feet horizontally** from the water’s edge of the pool/hot tub/spa

Do I Need To Install A Fence or Barrier (Enclosure) Around the Pool?

Yes. New York State Residential Code Appendix G - Outdoor swimming pool. An outdoor swimming pool, including an in-ground, aboveground or on-ground pool (**INFLATABLE**), hot tub or spa **MUST** be provided with a barrier which shall comply with the following:

1. The top of the barrier shall be at least 48 inches (1219 mm) above grade measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. The maximum vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be 2 inches (51 mm) measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. Where the top of the pool structure is above grade, such as an aboveground pool, the barrier may be at ground level, such as the pool structure, or mounted on top of the pool structure. Where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, the maximum vertical clearance between the top of the pool structure and the bottom of the barrier shall be 4 inches (102 mm).
2. Openings in the barrier shall not allow passage of a 4-inch-diameter (102 mm) sphere.
3. Solid barriers which do not have openings, such as a masonry or stone wall, shall not contain indentations or protrusions except for normal construction tolerances and tooled masonry joints.

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4. Where the barrier is composed of horizontal and vertical members and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is less than 45 inches (1143 mm), the horizontal members shall be located on the swimming pool side of the fence. Spacing between vertical members shall not exceed 1.75 inches (44 mm) in width.

Where there are decorative cutouts within vertical members, spacing within the cutouts shall not exceed 1.75 inches (44 mm) in width.

What Type of Gate do I Need?

Gates installed in the enclosure need to be self closing and self latching and must open outward (away) from the pool. If the self latching device is located less than 54” from the bottom of the fence it must be installed on the pool side of the gate at least 3” below the top of the gate and there can be no openings greater than ½ “within 18” of the latching device.

What about Pool Ladders?

Where an aboveground pool structure is used as a barrier or where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, and the means of access is a ladder or steps, then: The ladder or steps shall be capable of being secured, locked or removed to prevent access, or the ladder or steps shall be surrounded by a barrier that meets the requirements of Section 105.2, items 1 through 9. When the ladder or steps are secured, locked or removed, any opening created shall not allow passage of a 4 inch diameter sphere.

Do I Need A Pool Alarm For The Pool?

All swimming pools installed after December 14, 2006 require a pool alarm that sounds an alarm poolside and at another location on the premises where the swimming pool is located. It must be capable of detecting a child entering the water and give an audible alarm when it detects entry into the water.

Are There Electrical Requirements?

Yes. Electrical requirements are based on the National Electrical Code / 2010 Residential Code of New York State Please contact a qualified Electrician or Electrical Inspection Agency.

Please have a safe swimming pool season, and remember many of the above requirements also pertain to pre existing swimming pools on your property.

Please contact the Town of Byron offices
At 548-7123 X 15 with any questions.

Ken Kuter
CEO/Building Inspector

Byron Youth Recreation Summer Program

The Town of Byron will be continuing the youth recreation summer program beginning July 1st and running through August 9th at Firemen's Park. The program will go from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with no cost to participants. If you are interested in sending your child(ren) and have any questions, please call Laura Platt at 548-2245 or Debra Buck-Leaton at 548-7123 ext. 10. Registration forms are available at the Town Hall.

Byron Presbyterian Church

Baccalaureate Service for Byron -Bergen graduates, Sunday, June 16, 9:45 AM, Byron Presbyterian Church. Refreshments follow.

Outdoor Worship Service, Sunday, July 28, 9:45 AM - in the park adjacent to the Byron Presbyterian Church. Refreshments follow.

Outdoor Worship Service, Sunday, August 25, 9:45 AM - in the park adjacent to the Byron Presbyterian Church. Refreshments follow.

Need chairs and tables for an event? They may be rented for a reasonable cost by contacting the church.

For more information, please 548-2800, or visit www.byronfpc.org.

Byron Heritage Festival - July 27, 2013

Fishing Derby 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (Ages 12 and under)
(Sponsored by Byron Kiwanis) (sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)

5K Run 7:00 a.m. Registration
(Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop #13) 8:30 a.m. Race Begins
9:45 a.m. Race Results

Garage Sales 9:00 a.m. – ?

D's Franks 4:00 a.m. - ?

Chicken BBQ 3:30 p.m. until ?
(Sponsored by Byron Kiwanis) Being held behind Byron Fire Hall

Savage Cabbage 7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

(This program is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York Legislature)

Byron-Bergen Public Library

Greetings from the Byron-Bergen Public Library- check us out on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org! On our website you can find out what is happening at the Library, see photos of events, and check up on your Library account. The Library offers Freegal downloadable music, downloadable books ~audio and e-books as well as databases available to use with a valid Library card.

There have been a lot of changes and more to come in the Library! With the support of the Town of Bergen Board of Trustees and NY State grant money, we have put in a doorway from the Library into the meeting room former court room.

With private donations from our Board of Trustee's fundraising events, we have updated shelving in the Tally Almquist History room, painted the Library with help from various volunteer groups, and updated our patron computers with both new hardware and software. Our Library staff computer has been updated also. Coming in the near future, we will be releasing new Library cards with our new logo created by Hannes Widrig, stackable library chairs, and window treatments. Thank you all for your support. Stop in soon to check out the new look!

The Book discussion group will be meeting on June 13th at 7pm. We enjoy lively conversation about the book and refreshments too! Stop by the library to reserve your copy of our current book Charms of the Easy Life by Kay Gibbons or reserve your copy by going on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org.

Friends of the Library book sale will start June 4th to June 7th during regular Library hours and will be at the Bergen Park Festival on June 8th! There are audio books, movies, children's books and many bestselling authors! Help support the Friends of the Library!!! Join today!! Remember - The Library will be closed the day of Bergen Park Festival.

The Library will be hosting Kelly's Hero's Marching Band on June 8th. Join us for their performance during the parade at 12 noon and also a concert after the parade. *This free program is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York Legislature.* The Library will be closed June 8th so you can enjoy the Festival! See you there!

We are looking for responsible children ages 11 years old and older to help volunteer during the summer reading program. Stop by to pick up an application and have it to us by June 18th!!! You can win prizes for volunteering and get a first look at all the new books and DVDs!!! You may volunteer by yourself or with a friend.

Friends of the Library are pleased to announce the 5th Annual Claus Memorial Award for summer readers completing grades 4th, 5th, and 6th. After you join the summer reading program, write a paragraph or two on one of the books that you have read and enjoyed.

Submit to the Library with the official form by August 20th for a chance to win!! First prize, \$50 cash and your name on a plaque in the Library and two honorable mentions will be awarded cash prizes of \$25 each. Stop by the Library to pick up a form! Look at our website www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org for more information and examples of past essay winners.

This summer our reading program is Dig into reading! By stopping in to borrow a book, a good movie, or an audio book you can explore! **Our Kick off program will be June 18th at 2pm with Defiant Monkey's Improve show!** The summer reading program is set up for children (3 years old and up) to read and win prizes!

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Having your children read in the summer will help keep up their reading skills for school in the fall. You can sign up anytime during the summer reading program but the earlier you sign up the more prizes you win! Don't miss out on the summer fun:

June 26th- Explore Steele Drums with Ted Canning at 7pm

June 27th-Dig into Stories with Glories Stories at 7pm

July 2nd- Movie Night-*Escape from Planet Earth*- on the Big Screen at 6pm

July 5th-- Craft 2go Day- come between 11-2 pm

July 9th – Dig into Native Americans with Mr. Tallman at 4pm

July 10th – Dig into Science with Mr. Merritt at 4pm

July 16th-- Enchanted Kingdom Puppet show at 7pm

July 18th--- Dig into Gardening at 7pm

July 19th – Dino Dig Story time at 10:30am

July 24th – Digging for Gold Story time at 7pm

July 25th – Dig into more science with Mr. Merritt at 4pm

July 30th – Who's Digging Story time at 7pm

August 1st – Exploring Dinosaurs at 7pm

August 7th – Movie Night on the big screen at 6:30pm

August 8th- - African Adventure with Mr. Tallman at 4pm

August 9th – Buried Treasure Story time at 10:30am

August 13th – Ending program with Charlie and Checkers at 7pm

For more information on all programs call or stop by the Library!

Summer session for preschool story time starts Friday July 12th at 10:30am. Come for stories, crafts and snacks too! Registration is recommended by calling or stopping by the Library. Join the fun this summer with your young children!!! There's magic in every book!

The American Red Cross Babysitting class will be offered at the Library on July 8th from 9:30-2:30. You must be at least 11 years old to attend. Call or stop by before June 28th to register. The cost is \$45 and includes a book. Bring a drink and a snack. A pizza lunch will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Sign up soon- Space is limited.

Join us at the Byron Heritage Fest on July 27th for music and fun! The Library will be hosting along with Byron Park Committee the group Savage Cabbage at 7:30pm. *This program is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York Legislature.* This rock band will kick off dancing fun at the Festival! There will be Fireworks too!

Our ending summer reading program will be Charlie and Checkers on August 13th at 7pm. Come celebrate your reading success- enjoy the fun with an ice cream sundae treat! No registration required to join the fun!!

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Is your child staying home alone while you are at work? The Library is offering a Home Alone Safety workshop on August 20th from 6pm-8pm. This National Safety Council workshop will prepare your child for situations that can occur when they stay home alone. The cost is only \$20. Class size is limited so stop by soon to sign up no later than August 14th!

Come check out our newest books! If they are not on the shelf, check us out on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org to reserve your copy! We have been adding to our audio, DVD and music collection as well. We also have a great selection of children's audio books that are great to listen to while you are driving to your vacation destination! For more information on our services or programs, please call the library at 494-1120.

Happy Reading,
Nancy Bailey

Byron Park Committee

The Byron Park Committee would like to extend a big thank you to George Heins and the rest of the Highway Department for all the help they have given the Park Committee! They have just finished the new rubber matting at the Firemen's Park Playground and new grills at Trestle Park. Thank you again!

The winners of the Memorial Day Duck Race were: 1st: Joe Riggi, 2nd: Dan and Nicole, 3rd: Ann Trippany, 4th: Jim Moore; 5th: Brenda Miller; 6th: Carson Wells. Congratulations!

The Genesee County Soil & Water Conservation District has again this year donated channel catfish for stocking at Trestle Park. About sixty six inch fish were stocked on May 22nd. the entrance gate to the park off Byron Road is now open (dawn to dusk) through Labor Day. The Park Committee has decided to suspend the "catch and release" requirement at the park for this year. Remember you must still comply with all New York State Fishing Regulations. Bass season opens June 15th.

2013 Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic

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

August 15, 2013	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Genesee County Fairgrounds
September 19, 2013	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Pembroke Highway Department
October 17, 2013	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	LeRoy Village Highway Garage

A \$5 voluntary donation per dog, cat or ferret is requested to offset clinic expenses. Non-county residents must pay a mandatory \$5 fee for each dog, cat and ferret immunized.

Gillam-Grant Community Center

Nashville trip with Gillam-Grant, Oct. 13th - 19th, see all the highlights of Nashville, including Grand Ole Opry, Country Music Hall of Fame and Belle Meade Plantation! Call for details 494-1621.

Monday, June 10th, Swingin' Social Dance. Come dance to the Batavia Swing Band from 7-9pm. Light refreshments served starting at 6:30pm. Call 494-1621 to register.

Friday, June 14th Gillam-Grant's 23rd Annual Golf Tournament at Batavia Country Club, join us!

Tuesday, June 18th Join us on a trip to see the Classic movie, Written on the Wind starring Rock Hudson and Lauren Bacall. Shuttle transportation will leave the Center at 7:00pm for the 8pm show.

Wednesday, June 26th from 12-4:30pm, NYS Pre-licensing Class. Register at Gillam-Grant, 494-1621.

Sunday, June 30th Trip to see a historic Baseball and tour the Village at Genesee Country Museum. Shuttle leaves the Center at noon. Register by calling 494-1621.

Gillam-Grant Day Camp July 8th – August 9th, registration forms available now!

Pre-School Summer Camp: Fun in the Sun! for 3, 4 & 5 year olds, July 8th –July 26th

Thursday, July 11th Enjoy a guided tour of the Holland Land Office Museum and see the pioneering spirit of our forefathers. Enjoy a fresh, homemade lunch as a local café and conclude with a tour at Oliver's Candies. Shuttle will depart at 9:30am Register by July 3rd by calling Gillam-Grant 494-1621.

Thursday, July 11th – August 15th from 6:30-7:30, Intermediate Dog Obedience Level I, First class: proof of vaccinations including distemper Series, Kennel Cough and Rabies. Class held at Gillam-Grant (494-1621)

July 16th 9:00am-3:30pm, AARP Safe Driving Course at Gillam-Grant. Primary drivers aged 50 and older can receive a 10% reduction off their insurance premium & may reduce points. Call 494-1621 register.

July 22-26 Adventure the Outdoors Adirondack Style ~Big Moose, NY. A backcountry adventure for adults in the beauty of the Adirondack park building skills in: kayaking, backpacking, fishing, fire building, fire cooking, & hiking the Adirondack terrain with beginner level survival skills. Trip includes use of necessary gear, food, 2 nights lodge accommodations, wine and cheese reception, wrap up campfire. A pre-trip orientation at the center TBA in June. Trip: 4 nights /5 days (2 back country/2 lodge setting). Call GGCC 494-1621.

The Learning Center at Gillam-Grant:

July 22-25 from 6-8pm, grades 4-8: NXT Basic Programming Camp

July 29-Aug. 1 from 6-8pm, grades 4-8: NXT Advanced Programming Camp

Aug. 6-8 from 6:30-8:30pm, grades 6-12: Website Design Camp

Aug. 13-15 from 6-8:30pm, grades 8-12: Game Development Camp

Aug. 20-22 from 6:30-8:30pm, grades 6-12: Elements of Film Camp

Aug. 27-29 from 6-8:30pm, grades 9-12: Graphic Design Camp

Reading Clinics: Mondays, Aug. 5 to 26, grades 2-5 from 6:30-7:30pm

Math Clinics: Mondays, Aug. 5 to 26, grades 2-5 from 7:45-8:45pm

Call Gillam-Grant Learning Center for more information 494-1621.

Gillam-Grant Basketball Camp: 5th-8th grade July 29th-Aug. 2nd ~ 1st -4th grade Aug. 12th -16th.

Gillam-Grant Jr. Tennis Camp, ages 6-14, August 5th -9th from 6-7:30pm.

Tuesday September 24th from 9:00am - 3:30pm, AARP Safe Driving Course at Gillam-Grant. Primary drivers aged 50 and older can receive a 10% reduction off their insurance premium (liability and collision) & may reduce up to 4 points on their driving record.

Upcoming Events

North Bergen Presbyterian Church

Friday, June 28th

Fish Fry dinner, 7068 North Bergen Road. Dinner will include fried fish, roasted potatoes, coleslaw, applesauce, roll, beverage and homemade dessert. Serving will be from 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Take outs are available. Presale \$9, at the door \$10. Call 494-1815 for tickets.

Paleontology Discussion

Saturday, July 27th

Bill Parsons, a member of the Byron Dig, will be having a discussion for anyone interested in learning more about Paleontology (study of prehistoric fossils) on July 27th at Laura Platt's home on E. Main Street. Please call Laura for more information at 548-2245.

Kiwanis Chicken BBQ

Saturday, July 27th

Behind the Byron Fire Department. 3:30 p.m. - ? Presale must be picked up by 5:30 p.m.

Byron Ladies Auxiliary

American Flag Afghan Raffle

Afghan donated by Noma Evans. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. See any auxiliary member for tickets, or call Laura Platt at 548-2245. Raffle to be held at the Heritage Festival.

ByronBergen Public Library Fundraiser

Saturday, August 3rd

Barley & Books, hosted by Brett & Kristen Wilcox, a fundraiser for the library featuring craft beers, Reisling and more. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the library, 13 S. Lake Avenue, Bergen, or you may call 494-1120 for more information or visit www.Byron-Bergen Public Library.org. Non-alcoholic beverages also available.

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:

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585 - 548 - 7123

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