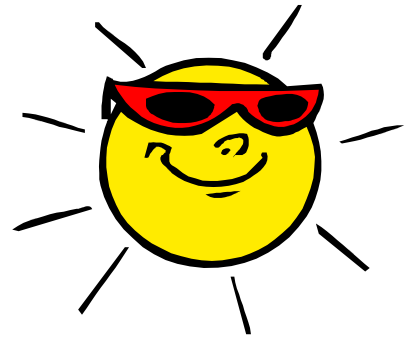


# Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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## From the Supervisor's Desk

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

As you read this, restoration should be complete on Water District 6, Cockram Road East of Rte. 237 and North Byron Road. As part of the funding process for Water District 7 (Cockram/Caswell/Walkers Corners/Rte. 262/Byron Road), homeowners will be sent a well survey to be completed for the Genesee County Health Department to test your water.

We have established a committee to study the need for a new highway garage.

Our Planning Board is working on updating our Comprehensive Plan.

Currently everything at the Town Hall is running very smoothly. I hope everyone enjoyed the Memorial Day parade and have a great summer!

As always, Town Board meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please try to attend, this is your Town.

Respectfully

Peter Yasses, Town Supervisor

## Town Clerk

Please make sure to update your phone number and email on your dog licenses when they become due. In the future we are hoping to do renewals through email.

The Town has received many complaints regarding solicitors/peddlers. The Town does not legally have the right to prohibit solicitation/peddling in the Town. Door to door solicitation is recognized as a protected speech under the First Amendment. If you receive a visit from a solicitor/peddler and they are unable to produce a Peddlers License from the Town, they are in violation of the Town Ordinance and are trespassing, however, religious organizations are not subject to the same regulations. There are a couple of ways to eliminate unwanted solicitors: place a visible "No Soliciting/No Trespassing" sign on your door or house, or call or email me with your name and address and I will be compiling a "No Contact" list to be given to solicitors when they register with the Town.

Have a safe and happy summer,

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

# Highway Superintendent

Hello and happy Memorial Day.

After a mild winter and a slow spring, it now feels like summer. The Highway Department has been busy sandblasting and painting equipment. By the time you will be reading this we will probably have completed some resurfacing projects which are tentatively scheduled for June 1 & 2. We will be oil and stoning the south end of Caswell Road and the north end of Searls Road. Also on the list are Bird Road, East Bird Road and Cole Road from the bridge to Swamp Road, and the dead end of Fairgrounds off of Cole Road. While these roads are safe to drive on once they are completed, please slow down. There will be loose stone for a time and once they have "set" for a while they will be swept to remove excess stone. As for roadside mowing, we have started, but it will take some time to get to everything. We spend a lot of the summer utilizing shared services and this includes the return of our help as well. Sometimes when it looks like no one is around it is because we are helping our neighbors.

Thank you for being patient when we're in your way, and enjoy your summer!!

Respectfully yours,

Brian

## Genesee County YWCA

The YWCA of Genesee County will be providing satellite domestic violence services in Byron, NY beginning December 1, 2015. These services include individual advocacy counseling, filing family offense, custody, and support petitions, court accompaniment, safety planning and any other support services needed by those struggling with domestic violence. Community members can utilize these services at the Byron Town Hall on Tuesdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm starting December 1, 2015. Anyone in need of domestic violence services before December 1st, can call the YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline at (585) 343-7513. If you are experiencing any other crisis please contact YWCA's Care + Crisis Helpline at 1-844-345-4400, (585) 344-4400 or chat at [ywcagenesee.org](http://ywcagenesee.org)



### 2016 Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic

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

<b>August 18, 2016</b>	<b>4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Genesee County Fairgrounds</b>
<b>September 15, 2016</b>	<b>4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Pembroke Highway Department</b>
<b>October 20, 2016</b>	<b>4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>LeRoy Village Highway Garage</b>

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.

# Heritage Festival ~ July 30, 2016

## Calendar of Events

<b>Fishing Derby at Trestle Park</b> (Sponsored by Byron Kiwanis)	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (Ages 12 and under) (sign-in begins at 7:30 a.m.)
<b>5K Run (Begins at Firemen's Park)</b> (Sponsored by Byron Rescue Squad)	7:00 a.m. Registration 8:30 a.m. Race Begins 9:30 a.m. Race Results
<b>Town Wide Garage Sales</b>	9:00 a.m. – ?
<b>Chicken BBQ</b> (Sponsored by Byron Kiwanis)	4:00 p.m. until Sold Out
<b>Bands:</b>	
<b>M.A.C.</b>	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
<b>Koko and The Moon Crickets</b> (Sponsored in part by Byron-Bergen Public Library)	6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
<b>Fireworks</b>	At Dark

## Memorial Day Duck Race Winners

1st Place (\$50)	Brandon and Jessica (#83)
2nd Place (\$20)	Harold Peck (#69)
3rd Place (\$10)	Nick Kowalocyk (#80)
4th Place (\$10)	Stacy Bechard (#75)
5th Place (\$10)	Wende Ferguson (#237)
Bridge Winner (\$10)	Fred Reed (#288)

## Upcoming Events

### **N. Bergen Presbyterian Church**

The Church is located at 7068 N. Bergen Road in Bergen. Bible School will run from August 15-19 from 9 am - noon each day. The theme will be "Where Kids Discover How Love Helps Others". All children are welcome. Call 494-1815 for more information.

### **Vacation Bible School**

### **Town of Byron Summer Youth Recreation Program**

The Summer Youth Recreation program will run from June 27-August 12th. Registration forms and calendars will be available online and at the Town Hall, or call the Town Clerk at 548-7123 ext. 10 for more information.

# Genesee County Legislator, Robert Bausch

Genesee County officials have long identified the need for an effective method to “get the word out” in an emergency. The newspapers are delivered a day later and are of no immediate value. The radio stations in Batavia often can not be received in many corners of the county. Emergency management personnel have relied on Buffalo or Rochester radio and TV stations. A good example is when there is severe weather in one part of the county with no issues in other parts, such as the November 2014 storm that hit the southwest corner of the county with minimal affect on other areas of the county. There was a need to notify residents not to drive into the area and advise those in the area how the storm was progressing, what measures were being taken to assist those stranded and a host of other issues.

To address this serious need the Genesee County Emergency Services Office, in conjunction with the Sheriff’s office, local police agencies, highway departments and the health department have developed an app to alert county residents in emergency situations. The app is Ready Genesee and is available for both Apple and Android phones. In addition to emergency information it has general information about various county activities. The introduction of the app has begun at various civic meetings and information is being placed at local libraries and other public facilities. So please download this new app.

By now everyone should be aware of the opiate epidemic plaguing the country. Often people in a rural area like Genesee County think this type of problem is not an issue for them. That is a mistaken belief because it is a real problem in Genesee County. Fortunately the county is blessed with a number of agencies to assist both the addict and those who are affected, such as family members, friends and co-workers. So if you are affected by this epidemic either as a user or non-user please seek out these agencies. A good starting point is the Genesee/Orleans Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (GCASA) with its main office on East Main St in Batavia. Also please note this epidemic does not discriminate by age or economic class.

Lastly, an example of one of those NYS statistics that can drive you nuts: Everyone receives a charge for 911 services on their phone bills. However, for every \$1 paid for this service, only \$0.41 is allocated to support the service. The remainder goes .....!

Enjoy your summer and the many activities and parks that Genesee County has to offer.

## From the Historians Desk

With Memorial Day passing we thought we would give you a little history on the subject. It was originally called Decoration Day and was begun shortly after the Civil War to recognize and remember the losses of that conflict. Later on, the day was changed to Memorial Day to include all who had passed, that were veterans of all Military service, past, present and future.

We found the following newspaper article that we thought you would find interesting.

A Memorial Day article from “The Progressive Batavian Newspaper”, Batavia, Genesee Co., Friday, June 10, 1870 Byron – A correspondent of the Rochester Democrat says the proceedings of Decoration Day at Byron: In accordance with previous arrangements, there assembled at Byron Centre, about one o’clock, a large number of the citizens of the rural district, animated by a proper desire to join in the appropriate exercise of the day.

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A portion of the graves of our fallen young townsman are at the Cemetery at Sodom, in the southwest portion of the township.

The procession, under the direction of T. Cumming, Marshal of the day, numbering some sixty to eighty carriages, took up his line of March to Sodom Cemetery, about two o'clock, headed by the Byron martial band; next, two four horse carriages conveying the Committee of lady and gent Decorator, with their baskets of flowers followed by a carriage of vocalists, orator of the day, veterans and citizens. Arriving at the Cemetery the band played appropriately while the procession passed into the enclosure, and the Decorating Committee strewed with flowers the graves of our fallen soldiers – Gillett, Feagles and Dean.

Singing by the choir after which an address was delivered by J. W. Seaver, President of the day.

The procession reformed and returned to Byron Centre Cemetery, where had already assembled a large number, awaiting its arrival, and to join in the solemn ceremonies. The band was stationed on an elevation in the Cemetery, playing appropriately while the procession on foot, was passing into the enclosure, and the Decorating Committee strewed their floral offerings upon the graves of Frederic Andrews and Captain Alexander Gardner, who were buried upon private lots. The most of the graves to be decorated were on the soldier lot, upon which was erected a few years since, by subscription, a beautiful marble monument.

Having assembled to this part of the Cemetery, the assigned position was taken by the officers, committees, Etc, Etc, when the Decorators proceeded to perform their closing services by decorating the graves of our young soldier brothers, Flavius J. Perkins, Dwight W. Perkins, George L. Barnard and Alonzo Lewis. The supply of flowers was ample, and their distribution most solemn and affecting. Then followed an eloquent and patriotic address by the Orator of the Day, Hon. H. Wakeman, of Batavia.

The choir favored the audience with a number of appropriate and well executed selections of vocal music. Benediction by Elder Rollin.

This closed one of the most interesting and touching occasions ever participated in by this community, and although unattended by of the pomp and display of larger towns and cities, it manifested the appreciation of the people for the heroic services of our fallen braves, and their heartfelt desire to venerate and cherish their memory.

Bob and Beth Wilson, Byron Historians

## **Byron Cemetery Association**

The Cemetery Association has a dump trailer for sale. Asking price \$3,900. It is located at the Durand's home, 6383 Townline Road in Byron. If you are interested, stop and take a look at it. For further information, contact John Durand at (585)813-3531.

### **Current plot and burial prices:**

Cemetery Plot (4x10) \$500	Cremation Plot (6x4) \$250
Burial \$600	Cremation burial \$300

Additional charges may be made for snow removal or penetration of frost, based on additional costs to the cemetery.

Burials on Sundays and holidays are an additional \$100.

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A cremation area is in the planning stages and will be located in the newer section of the cemetery, on the east side of Swamp Road. Many cemetery plots are available for sale. John or Donna Durand would be glad to show you eligible plots. Planning ahead of time is easier than having your family make decisions during a 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

## Byron Presbyterian Church

Byron Presbyterian Church, 6293 West Main (Rt. 262), Byron, NY 14422

Contact: Rev. James Renfrew (548-2800)

Sunday worship: 9:45 AM

Website: [www.byronfpc.org](http://www.byronfpc.org)

Facebook: "Byron Presbyterian Church"

During the summer months refreshments are served on the front lawn at the end of the Sunday service. If you're wandering by at that time, stop in for some watermelon, iced tea or cookies!

Heritage Weekend activities at the Byron Presbyterian Church:

Saturday, July 30:

9:00 am - 2:00 pm - Rummage Sale on the Church lawn

2:00 pm - Immediately following the sale all tables will be grouped into lots and the contents of each table will be auctioned (winner takes everything on the table. Furniture and re-purposed furniture will also be auctioned at 2:00 pm.

11:30 am - 2:00 pm - Ice cream and hot dogs for sale

Donations to the Rummage Sale are welcomed, please call 548-2800 to make arrangements for drop-off. If you need a little help, call the church office and we will make arrangements to pick up your items. Repurposed furniture: take that old armoire, TV console, bed frame, or picture frame and paint it, glue it, rearrange it and make something unique for the auction

Sunday, July 31: 9:45 am - Outdoor worship service on the lawn next to the church. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Refreshments follow the service.

During August there will be special VBS opportunities for children at the church. Please visit the church web page to see the dates and times when they are posted.

# Gillam-Grant Community Center

**GILLAM-GRANT DAY CAMP: Starts July 11th:** Get ready for some summer FUN! Week 1: Motion Commotion, Week 2: Comedy Collision, Week 3: Olympic Gold, Week 4: Wild Wild West, Week 5: Superhero Showdown. Registration available ONLINE at [www.gillamgrant.org](http://www.gillamgrant.org). Grades K-6th. 9am-3:00pm. Chill Time (*before & after camp program*) from 6:30-9:00am and 3-6pm. Breakfast and Lunch available daily at no charge through the summer food program.

**GILLAM-GRANT PRESCHOOL CAMP: Starts July 11th:** This year's theme: It's All About Camping! **Week 1**-July 11-15, **Week 2** -July 18-22, **Week 3** – July 25-29. Mon., Wed., Fri., 4 & 5 yrs. (Heading to Kindergarten) 9:30am- 12:00pm. AND Tues., Thurs., 3 & 4 (Heading to Pre K in the fall) 9:30am -11:30am. Registration available ONLINE at [www.gillamgrant.org](http://www.gillamgrant.org).

**PIANO LESSONS at Gillam-Grant:** Elaine Bezon, retired Byron-Bergen Elementary School teacher will offer half hour piano lessons on Tuesday afternoons. **All skill levels and ages are welcome.** There may be minimal supply expenses, depending on student needs. Call the Center to set up your lesson time slot.

**June 14, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 12 & 14: Basic Dog Obedience from 6:30-7:30pm,** Learn to use this relationship to master basic obedience commands, such as sit, stay, down, come, heal and stand. This class includes behaviors such as: dominance, nipping, chewing, jumping, digging, etc. First class, no dogs. Proof of vaccinations including: Distemper Series, Kennel Cough, & Rabies required.

**June 15th: Patio Gardening at 11am,** Repurpose items from your home into a garden project that will beautify your backyard. Join Sandy Pawlak who will help you create your pot. A light lunch will follow the presentation. Cost: Free

*This program made possible in part by a grant from the Genesee Senior Foundation Inc. with funds from the Rochester Area Community Foundation's Muriel H. Marshall Fund for the Aging in Genesee County.*

**June 20th:** Social Supper at 5:30pm -Summer is coming and it is time for a picnic dinner with pulled pork sandwiches and dessert. After dinner be entertained by the LeRoy Town Band.

**June 23rd: Brown Bag Lunch Series,** Theme- Artifacts of the Erie Canal, Bring your own bag lunch at noon and we will provide an interesting presentation along with coffee, tea and lemonade. Cost: \$5M/\$7NM

**June 27th: Trip to Mill Art Center & Gallery,** Located in an old grist mill along the Honeoye Creek, circa 1827, the Mill is a National & State Historic place. Spend a day and enjoy history, art and gourmet food. Browse the Galley, shop and get a bite of lunch on your own. Shuttle leaves at 11am and returns approx. 3:30pm.

**June 30, July 7, 14 & 21: Improv for Teens!** Learn some improvisational comedy basics with Defiant Monkey Improv! An interactive acting workshop series will introduce you to the thrill of performing by the seat of your pants. Defiant Monkey Improv is a two-person improvisational group that creates on-the-spot theatre based on audience suggestions and participation, like you see on the TV show *Whose Line is It Anyway?* Karen Eichler & Andrew Spragge have over 30 years combined improv experience. Suggested for Grades 7-12.

**July 11-14: NXT Car Camp** from 6—8pm, Grades 4-8, Build, program and race Lego NXT cars! Build your own race car out of Lego NXT kits. Learn to program your car using Lego mindstorm software and join the race.

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**July 19-20: Build and Blast Camp**, from 6:30-8:30pm, Grades 3-7, Students will build their own K'nex K-Force blaster (foam dart blaster gun). Then students will work together to build targets to shoot. Camp will conclude with a shooting range challenge and a blasting war.

**July 25-26: Jr. Lego Catapult Camp**, Grades K-3 from 6-8pm, Build a working catapult out of Legos and join your friends to see who can launch the farthest!

**July 27-28: Lego Catapult Camp**, Grades K-3 from 6-8pm, Build a working catapult out of Legos and join your friends to see who can launch the farthest!

**Aug 8-11: Lego Pull Back Camp**, from 6-8pm, Grades 4-8, Build a working catapult out of Legos and measure to see who can launch the farthest.

**Art & Writing Olympiad** - Did you know Art competitions were part of the Olympic Games from 1912-1948? Gillam-Grant in cooperation with Byron-Bergen Public Library is hosting an *ART & WRITING OLYMPIAD*. Submit your work of art (painting, drawing or graphic design) or a work of writing (poetry or short story) and try for the GOLD! Pick up an application with all the details at Gillam-Grant or Byron-Bergen Public Library. Submissions will be accepted at both Gillam-Grant & BB Public Library from **August 5-18**. *Awards will be presented on August 25. Awards ceremony details included on application.*

VISIT [www.gillamgrant.org](http://www.gillamgrant.org) ALL ONLINE REGISTRATION! SEE OUR LATEST NEWSLETTER ONLINE

## Byron-Bergen Public Library

### Library hours

Sunday and Monday – Closed

Tuesday 10-12 and 2-8

Wednesday 10-12 and 2-8

Thursday 10-12 and 2-8

Friday 10-6

Saturday 10-1

**Closed: Saturday June 11th for Park Festival**

**Saturday July 2nd for Independence Day**

**Saturday September 3rd for Labor Day**

Open up new worlds- read new authors, try a new recipe book, or get lost in a movie! Check us out on the web at [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org). There are databases, Librarian 24/7, TumbleBook Library-e-books for Kids, NOVEL list-readers' advisory,

Zinio- digital magazines, Overdrive –e-books and downloadable audio books and Hoopla - eBooks, audio books, video and music are available to you with a valid Library card!

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The Library also has a coupon exchange available to patrons! Just bring in your valid coupons you don't use and get ones you will use. The Library has Wi-Fi available as well as 3 computers with printing capabilities for a small fee. Black and white copies and faxes are a service we offer for a small fee too!

Library book sale will be at the Bergen Park Festival on June 11th. There are audio books, movies, children's books and many bestselling authors. Come early to get the best selection!

The Library will be closed on June 11th so stop by the tent at the Park Fest!

The Library will be hosting the Kelley's Hero's Marching Band at the Bergen Park Festival on June 11th in the parade and right after the parade too with a field show not to be missed! This free performance is made possible with funds from the decentralization program, a regrant program of the NY State Council of the Arts, with support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and NY State Legislature and administered by the Genesee-Orleans Arts Council.

Balloon Twister- Mike Heisler will be at the Library tent from 12:30- 2 pm. Stop by to see what he can create and visit the book sale too!

The Library is looking for responsible kids age 11 years old and older to help volunteer during the summer reading program. Stop by and pick up an application now before the end of the school year! You can win prizes for volunteering and get a first look at all the new books and DVDs! Beat the heat in our air conditioned Library and sign up with a friend to join the fun!

Summer is coming!! So is the summer reading program- "On Your Mark, Get Set...READ!" The kick-off will be Tuesday June 21st at 2:00pm with Charlie and Checkers! Come sign up and get started winning prizes for reading. Magic- Music and fun audience participation and lots of laughs too!

The summer reading programs are set up for children 3 years old and up to read and win prizes! Having your children read throughout the summer will help keep up their reading skills for school in the fall. Reading to your preschool child will help them succeed in the coming school years.

If you are not able to make the Kick-off event- stop in any time after June 21st to sign up! Throughout the summer we will be having special story times, exercise fun, crafts, Olympic games, and movie days. For a complete schedule of events check us out on the web at [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) and friend us on Facebook and Twitter or stop by to pick up a schedule. Lots of fun activities you won't want to miss!

The Library has preschool story time at 10:30am starting Friday July 8th to August 12th. We will be exploring sound, color, and animals! Join the fun this summer with your young children! There's magic in every book!

The Library is planning on offering a Red Cross Babysitting course on June 29th from 9-2pm. Cost is \$45/includes the workbook. If you are interesting, please call the Library to sign up. You must be at least 11 years old to be certified.

Join us at the Byron Heritage Fest on July 30th at 6:30. Library will be hosting along with Byron Heritage Festival the band Koko and The Moon Crickets! Come join the fun, see old friends and enjoy some country music too!

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Come check out our newest books on the web at [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) to reserve your copy! We also have a great selection of adult and children's audio books that are great to listen to while you are driving to your vacation destination!

The Library has copy /fax service for a small cost, Roadrunner Internet, and interlibrary loans from any library in the NIOGA Library system. If you can't find it at our Library, please ask or check us out on the web at [byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org)! Stop in soon! For more information on our services or programs, please call the Library at 494-1120.

Happy Reading--  
Nancy Bailey

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and  
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**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

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	