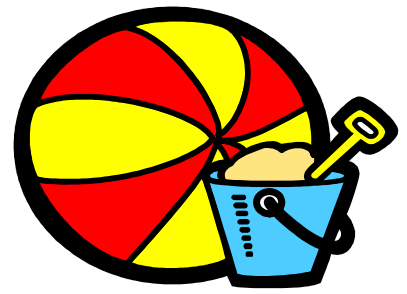


Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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From the Supervisor's Desk

Warmer weather has arrived to enjoy the outdoors, to fish in Trestle Park pond, or to enjoy the Fireman's Park on McElver Street.

Water District #7 went out to bid for construction, and has been awarded. Water District #8 is in the process of getting all of the different agencies to sign off on their part.

I would invite anyone to take time from their busy schedule to visit our Historical Society Museum to see the tools and other items of the past that were used by farmers or business people in their everyday lives.

The Park Committee and Historical Society would welcome volunteers to help in making Byron more attractive and welcoming to people who visit here.

Try to attend a Planning Board meeting (1st Tuesday of each month) or Town Board meeting (2nd Wednesday of each month) to bring ideas for the Town to make it more attractive to people visiting our Town.

Roger Rouse
Supervisor

Town Clerk

This year the Summer Youth Recreation Program will begin on July 2nd and run through August 17th. To register your child, you can either stop at the Town Hall for the necessary forms, or download them online at www.byronny.com and bring them with you on the first day your child(ren) attends. Your child must be at least 5 years old to attend.

There will not be a Heritage Festival this year, however, on July 28th we will still be having the garage sales, fishing derby and 5K. Please contact me if you plan on having a garage sale so that I can put you on the list to be distributed.

If you plan on renting one of the pavilions in the Town Parks (Trestle, Turtle or Firemen's), please call me asap as dates are filling up fast.

Happy Summer!
Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Highway Superintendent

As of this writing Memorial Day has come and gone and so begins summer construction season. Please obey all posted signs and when approaching a work zone please slow down and be courteous to flaggers and workers.

The next thing I would like to discuss is our recycling center. While others around us are struggling and in some cases closing we remain solvent for the time being. When instructed by an attendant please don't give them grief about what they charge. Prices are held as reasonably as possible but we cant afford to lose money . Lastly ...folks have been throwing way too much other than brush in the brush pile. This is intended for tree branches and not all wood products. I have seen doors, headboards and other wood products that belong in Waste management roll off. If this continues no one will be allowed to just dump without being supervised while dumping!! And if you have leaves grass clippings or other composted material please dump closer to the bank and not in the pile. Thank you and have a safe and happy summer.

Respectfully , Brian

Byron Cemetery Association

Good weather has finally arrived! The grass is growing and John Durand has been working hard mowing the lawn to keep the cemetery looking nice. He is able to work with the Sheriff's Department to have some of the trimming done by community service workers. Dave Leaton keeps busy with repairs and upkeep of the cemetery too. We really value everything these men do for the cemetery.

Two members of the Byron Cemetery Association have retired. We greatly appreciate the time and energy of Virginia Ivison and Joseph Kuzma. Ginny held the Treasurer and Secretary positions for several years. Their knowledge and contributions will be greatly missed. Thankfully, Laura Bestehorn and Audrey Henry have joined the Cemetery Association. Laura quickly became the Vice President!

We welcome more trustees to the association. The more, the merrier! Anyone who owns a cemetery plot or has a family member who owns one, may join the Byron Cemetery Association. If you are interested in joining the Byron Cemetery Association, please contact Kim Dewey at 585-356-2256.

~ Guidelines for decorations and plants ~

Decorations may be placed between April 1st and October 1st . Please set moveable pots or containers next to the monument, because this makes it easier to mow the grass. Glass containers are not allowed in the cemetery. Live plants (trees, shrubs or flowers) need prior approval from the Byron Cemetery Association. They require maintenance and this has to be taken into consideration before they are planted. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Current plot and burial prices:

Cemetery Plot (4x10) \$500
Burial \$600

Cremation Plot (6x4) \$250
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.

There are many cemetery plots available. Contact John or Donna Durand about the eligible plots.

Trustees:

Kim Dewey, President

Laura Bestehorn, Vice President

Barb Read Treasurer

Elaine Bezon, Secretary

Audrey Henry

Dave Leaton Jr.

Superintendents:

John Durand (585)813-3531

Donna Durand (585)813-2591

Genesee County Legislator, Robert Bausch

As midyear 2018 approaches, the legislature with 3 new members, a new chair and new chairs of the 3 standing committees, is settling in and addressing a number of issues.

The state has received and reviewed a study the county commissioned relative to a new jail. A meeting with the state, the consultant, the sheriff and the county legislators is being scheduled to discuss the report and any issues the state may have with the county's approach.

A study was recently completed of the mechanical systems in all the county buildings and the need for updates or complete replacement. Integral to the study was an energy conservation component. The legislature after lengthy discussions agreed to move forward with implementation at a cost of \$4,000,000 with a ten year payback from the energy conservation. Using some creative financing and the energy conservation savings, the county will not be required to borrow for the project.

The safety of employees and visitors to county facilities is an on-going concern as demonstrated by recent national events. The legislature has approved upgrading the security in all county buildings. Also, the sheriff's department, working with the school districts, is preparing to provide additional Student Resource Officers (SRO). The cost will be borne by the school districts. An SRO is currently assigned full-time to the Byron-Bergen Schools and the Batavia campus of BOCES.

The legislature continues to move forward with the county wide water project. The benefits of Phase 2 should be starting late this year and initial design of Phase 3 will begin later this summer. Phase 3 will be needed to meet the goal of town wide water in Byron and Bergen.

Recently at a meeting with town and village officials, I raised the issue of fire protection. Many volunteer fire companies are significantly understaffed and, for various reasons, have problems recruiting new volunteers. This is not just a Genesee County problem. After my comments were reported in the press, I was contacted by individuals from around the state and as far away as Ohio and Florida. Fire protection is a town and village service, but the county, through the Emergency Management Service, is prepared to assist with this serious issue.

The Genesee County DMV is an efficient and timely office. The volume of transaction completed is above the state average and numerous individuals and auto dealerships from out-of-county use the office because of its efficiency. This results in the DMV generating a surplus each year which is used to offset property taxes. For various reasons, the volume of work has expanded significantly and waiting times have increased. The County Clerk, Michael Cianfrini, is addressing the problem and the legislature has authorized additional staffing. We ask everyone's patience in the meantime.

2018 Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic

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

August 16, 2018	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Genesee County Fairgrounds
September 20, 2018	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Pembroke Highway Department
October 25, 2018	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	LeRoy Village Highway Garage

A voluntary donation per dog, cat or ferret is requested to offset clinic expenses. Animals must be leashed or crated and accompanied by someone who can control it.

From the Historians' Desk

Dear Byron Town Residents,

On behalf of the Byron Historical Society, it is our pleasure to extend an invitation to you and any guest you would like to bring to our Annual Spring/Summer Dinner Meeting on **Thursday, June 7th at 6pm**. Which will be held at the Byron Presbyterian Church on Route 262.

The dinner will consist of chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, tossed salad, rolls, and dessert. The cost of this wonderful dinner prepared by Laura Platt and her assistants will be **\$10 per person**. Please call either Bill Hawken at 548-7310 or Laurel Hart-Smith at 548-2555 to make reservations, by Monday, June 4th.

Our program this year will be on **“Why Is There A 1906, 100 Ton Steam Shovel in LeRoy, NY. That Is Now Listed on the National Registry”** presented by Lynn Belluscio, Curator of the LeRoy House.

We will be holding our **Annual Pie/Dessert Auction** at our meeting Spring/Summer Dinner meeting. All the desserts will be provided by our Byron Historical Society Board members.

If you are interested in volunteering to **be a Museum Greeter** on a Sunday Afternoon from 2pm-4pm Starting June 10th through Labor Day September 2nd 2018, please contact President Laurel Hart-Smith 585-548-2555 or Secretary Bill Hawken 585-548-7310, or sign-up at our Spring/Summer Dinner Meeting. Please accept our gratitude in advance for helping with being one of our Byron Museum Greeters.

Please consider becoming a member of the Byron Historical Society. Being a member of the Byron Historical Society gives you a sense of pride in our Town of Byron and its history. As a Byron Historical Society member you help to provide a window to our past. Please feel free to contact President Laurel Hart-Smith or Secretary Bill Hawken for further information on becoming a member of a great group of individuals. Thanks for your support!!

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Annual Spring/Summer Dinner Meeting on Thursday, June 7th, 2018 at 6pm, at the Byron Presbyterian Church

Sincerely, Byron Historical Society Board

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 9th for Bergen Park Festival

Wednesday July 4th for Independence Day

Saturday September 1st 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. There are databases, Librarian 24/7, TumbleBook Library-e-books for Kids, NOVEL list-readers advisory, RB Digital- digital magazines, Overdrive – (Libby) –e-books and downloadable audio books and Hoopla for eBooks, audio books, video and music are available to you with a valid Library card! The Library also has a coupon exchange available to patrons! The Library has Wi-Fi available as well as three patron computers with printing and fax capabilities for a small fee.

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Library book sale will be during regular Library hours the week of June 5th to June 8th! Lots of children and adult books available- many best sellers as well as cook books and biographies to choose from!

Library book sale will be at the Bergen Park Festival on June 9th. There are audio books, movies, children's books and many bestselling authors. The Library will be closed on June 9th 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 9th in the parade and right after the parade too with a field show not to be missed!

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- "Libraries Rock!" The kick-off will be Tuesday June 19th at 2:00pm with Farmer Tom! Come join us for a fun musical afternoon and sign up for the summer reading program!

Why should you join the reading program? The summer reading is set up for children 3 years old and up to read and wins prizes! Having your child read throughout the summer will help keep up their reading skills for school in the fall. Reading to your preschool child will help them master the skills of language at an early age.

If you are not able to make the Kick-off event- stop in any time after June 19th to sign up! Throughout the summer we will be having special story times, science fun, crafts, animal visits, movie days and more. For a complete schedule of events check us out on the web at 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 17th. We will be exploring sound, color, and animals! Join the fun this summer with your young children! There's magic in every book!

A Babysitting workshop will be offered on June 28th from 10-3. If you are interested, please call the Library to sign up. You must be at least 11 years old to be certified.

Is your child staying home alone while you are at work? The Library is offering a "Home Alone" safety workshop on August 22nd from 6-8. This National Safety Council workshop will prepare your child for situations that can occur when they stay home alone. The cost is only \$18. Class size is limited so stop by soon to sign up no later than June 24th!

Come check out our newest books the web at 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! Stop in soon! For more information on our services or programs, please call the Library at 494-1120.

Happy Reading--Nancy Bailey

From the Byron-Bergen Public Library Board of Trustees

The Byron-Bergen Public Library is pleased to announce that its annual fundraising event, Barley & Books, will be held Saturday, September 15th—This year's event will be hosted by Jeff Thompson!

During the past seven years, the event has raised over to \$60,000 for much-needed updates to the Library's facilities and technology, as well as provide additional programming for our community.

Byron Presbyterian Church

The Byron Presbyterian Church is celebrating its 200th year during 2018. Here are some of our special anniversary events:

Saturday, November 17, 5:00 PM, **200th Anniversary Dinner**, at the South Byron Rec Hall. A catered meal, with speakers, music, and more! Reservations are needed. Please call the church office at 548-2800 for reservation info. Tickets are \$10 per person.

Sunday, November 18, 9:45 AM, **200th Anniversary Sunday Worship Celebration** at the church.

But wait, there's more ...

200th Anniversary Quilters meet once or twice each month to make a 200th Anniversary Quilt for the church, plus plenty of other side projects for quilters to take home. For skilled and unskilled quilters. Please call the church office 548-2800 for more information.

200th Anniversary T-shirts in all sizes, and "**200 Tastes for 200 Years**" **recipe books** are available from the church. The recipe books are \$10, and the T-shirts vary in price according to size and design. Please call the church office 548-2800 to make arrangements to get yours. The first Sunday of every month in 2018 is "T-Shirt Sunday".

On each Sunday during the summer months our church shares iced tea, lemonade and lots of goodies on our front steps following the 9:45 AM church service. On Sunday, July 15, we will be taking our porch fellowship over to the Byron **Town Museum**, expecting to begin around 10:45 AM.

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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Town Clerk – Debra Buck-Leaton	Ext. 10	Highway Dept. - Brian Forsyth	Ext. 11	
Court Clerk - Michelle Rast	Ext. 18	Cell Phone:	615-7713	
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Justice DiMatteo	343-2770	Town Justice Smith	Ext. 18	Councilman
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