

# Town of Byron Newsletter



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## Supervisor

I hope everyone had a great Fall.

As of the reading of this newsletter, we are very pleased to say that we have cleared most of the main hurdles for a new Dollar General at the corner of Rte. 262 and McElver Streets. I hope this is a welcome addition to the community.

We are finally happy to announce that Water Benefit Area No. 1 should go out to bid by the end of the year with construction to begin in early spring. In speaking with our engineer, we are hoping that substantial project completion will be done in one year. Please keep in mind that this is a very large project and will take more time to complete compared to our smaller water projects.

The only new news we have on solar is that they are expected to begin construction in the fall of 2023.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year!

Respectfully,

Peter N. Yasses, Supervisor

## Town Clerk

You should receive your Town/County taxes by the end of December or beginning of January (unless they are escrowed with your bank), if you don't, please call me right away. Taxes are collected at the Town Hall through March 31, 2023, and can be paid by cash, check, charge (a fee applies), or money order. After March 31st, you must contact the Genesee County Treasurer with regard to payment. Taxes paid after January 31st will be assessed a penalty (please see your tax bill for amounts).

As a reminder, NYS law requires that all dogs 4 months of age and older be licensed with the Town Clerk's Office. If it is found that you are harboring an unlicensed dog you will be issued an appearance ticket for court and have to pay a fine.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

# Byron Cemetery Association

## Byron Cemetery Association Winter 2022

Even though Thanksgiving has already been celebrated, the Byron Cemetery Association has a few people they would like to thank. Joseph Kuzma and Jean Sackett were members of the Cemetery Association. Joe served as a trustee for several years. Jean was a trustee and the secretary for many years. Joe died in March and Jean passed away in October. We are grateful for the contributions that both gave to our organization. Other people who contribute to the cemetery are the members of the board of directors. They make the decisions that affect the continued growth and sustainability of the Byron cemetery. Their willingness to volunteer and contribute is appreciated. Our cemetery superintendents, John and Donna Durand, give tirelessly of their time to maintain the grounds, to assist those in need of a plot and during burials. They are a wonderful team. Last, but not least, John Durand and Dave Leaton give countless hours toward the upkeep of the cemetery. Their contribution to the cemetery in maintenance and special projects is invaluable. We have much to be thankful for!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The Annual Meeting of the Byron Cemetery Association will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 7pm at the Byron Fire Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please contact John or Donna Durand if you are interested in purchasing a plot in the Byron Cemetery. They can show you available plots, explain pricing and answer questions.

### Byron Cemetery Association Board of Trustees

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



**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR**



# Byron Presbyterian Church

## BYRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BRICK PROJECT

The Byron church has been undergoing a major facelift to update and renew our building's exterior appearance. Since we began, in 1818, the Presbyterian Church has been a beacon of hope in the center of our community, a place to gather, to pray and to mourn, to rejoice and to celebrate the many milestones in our lives.

We are creating an installation of personalized bricks on the church grounds. This is a lasting tribute you can share with future generations. It is a great gift to honor a loved one or to memorialize a loved one that has passed.

If you would like to take your place in our history, please complete the attached form and send it, with your payment, made payable to: First Presbyterian Church of Byron, PO Box 206, Byron, New York 14422-0206.

Or, if you would prefer to submit your request online using a credit card, provide your email address and we will send you a secure link. Questions? Contact Tamara at [tamarahw@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tamarahw@rochester.rr.com).

Individual/Family	4x8 Brick	\$150.00
Company/Organization	4x8 Brick	\$200.00

Cash     Check     Money Order     Credit Card (use email above for link)

Name/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate below how you would like your name to appear on your brick, ALL CAPS.

Limit 3 lines, 18 characters per line.

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## Byron Presbyterian Church

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
**SATURDAY, DEC. 24, 2022 – 5:30 P.M.**

Celebrate the coming of the Christ child as we usher Christmas into our lives with an evening of time honored music and carols and the telling of the Christmas story. This is a family friendly service (approximately 45 minutes in length). We encourage you to make this a family tradition!



**CHRISTMAS DAY!**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022 – 9:45 A.M.**

Ring in Christmas Day – join us for a shortened service of scripture and carols. Celebrate the “reason for the season”! Dress casual (Christmas pj’s allowed) and bring a cup of coffee!





# Byron-Bergen Public Library

Happy Holidays!! During your holiday rush of activities don't forget to enjoy the many holiday books, music and movies available at your Library! We have cookbooks for meals on the go as well as baking cookbooks for the perfect Christmas cookie! Stop by when the children are on vacation for boredom buster books and craft books to inspire their imaginations. Don't forget your audio books for the long car rides to Grandma's house! Search our website at [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) and check out Library happenings as well as our on-line catalog and like us on Facebook and Twitter too!

### **The Holiday Library hours will be:**

Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am-6pm

Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup> - Closed

### ***Merry Christmas!***

Tuesday Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm and 2pm-7pm

Wednesday Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> -10am-1pm and 2pm-7pm

Thursday Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm and 2pm-7pm

Friday Dec. 30<sup>st</sup> – 10am- 3pm

Saturday December 31<sup>st</sup>-10am-1pm

### ***Happy New Year!***

The Library is more than just books- we have many family games and puzzles to lend- Stop in and take out a new game to try during your holiday gatherings. All you need is a Library card!

### **Holiday Happenings-**

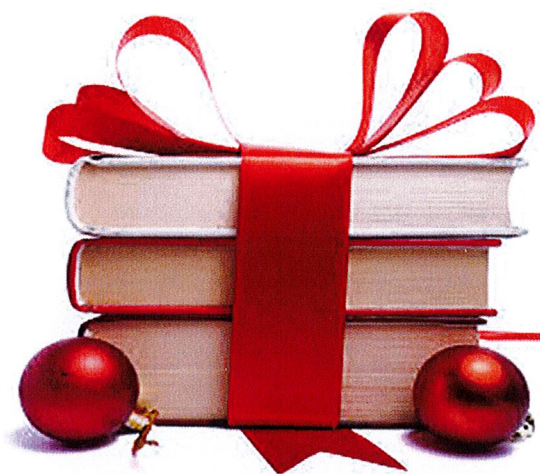
Movie night – fun for the whole family! Bring your family and friends and enjoy the movie Elf and some pizza and popcorn on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm! Registration by Wednesday De. 21<sup>st</sup> is appreciated.

Join us on December 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm for Cookie Decorating with Spoonful of Sugar Sweets. Cost is \$15 per person- Bring your creativity and have some fun learning new decorating techniques with Trish. Recommended for school age children and up- Adults welcome. Registration and payment are required by Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> and space is limited.

Family Game day at the Library – Thursday Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Join us for pizza and board games, learn a new game or bring one of yours to share! Register by Dec. 28th by calling 494-1120.

The Library has Hot Spots to loan-through a Nioga Library System grant. There are 2 mobile Hot Spots available until the end of the year! You can check them out for 2-week at a time- no holds or renewals. All you need is a Library card!

Did you get a new Gadget for Christmas? Do you need help getting Library books, movies and music on you gadget? Set up an appointment any Wednesday during regular Library hours to get the help you need. There are more free materials for our patrons that have E-readers, smart phones, laptops and tablets using your Library card. Call 494-1120 or stop in.



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Pre-school/Toddler story time will run Fridays at 10:30am starting on January 13th. Join us for a story, craft and a treat! This is recommended for ages 2-5 but younger children are welcome with their parents/guardian. Registration is appreciated.

Book Club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 6:30pm! Join us as we explore new and different books and meet new people! No registration required- call the Library for more information.

A Babysitting workshop will be offered on January 16th from 10am-3pm. If you are interested, please stop in or call the Library at 494-1120 to sign up by January 12<sup>th</sup> - Cost is \$25. You must be at least 11 years old to be certified.

Make & Take Winter Fun January 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 pm. Join us for wintery craft and a snack – registration is appreciated by calling 494-1120. Fun for all ages!

February Break Happenings! Look for upcoming activities during winter break– check us out on the web at [www.Byron-BergenPublicLibrary.org](http://www.Byron-BergenPublicLibrary.org).

Getting a new E-Reader for Christmas or have one now.....Check out our catalog for downloadable e-books free with a valid Nioga Library card. We have Digital movies- magazines-music- eBooks- and audio books through HOOPLA and OverDrive/Libby apps! All you have to do is go to the website [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) to download the app & sign up with your Library Card!



If you don't find what you are looking for at the Library, we can order it for you from the NIOGA Library System. The website is [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) and click on Catalog to see if our system has the book you are looking for. You then can order online, call the Library at 494-1120, or stop in with your request.

The Library has copy /fax service for a small cost, Spectrum Internet on three computers, Wi-Fi and interlibrary loans from any Library in the NIOGA Library system. You can follow us on Facebook. If you would like to get on our e-mail list – just call us or e-mail your information to [byrbgn@nioga.org](mailto:byrbgn@nioga.org) . For more information on our services or programs, please call the Library at 494-1120.

Happy Holiday Reading—  
Nancy Bailey, Library Manager



# Byron Fire Department's



**Sunday, December 11, 2022**

***10:00am—Noon***

**\$5. per family of 4**

**At Byron Fire Hall (Rt. 262)**

# Imagination Library

Thank you to all who graciously donated to our latest fund drive for the Imagination Library. We are struggling to keep this program active as it is run completely on donations and needs the support of our communities. Over 7,000 books have been sent to our local Byron-Bergen children in the last six years we've been active. The cost per child, per year, is \$25.00 each. Any donation is greatly appreciated! Let's not disappoint our young readers! Any questions, please call Anna Marie at 585-820-8594, or Donna at 585-548-7380.



### 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		
Town Clerk—Debra Buck-Leaton	Ext. 10	Highway Dept.— David Leaton	Ext. 11
Court Clerk—Michelle Caballero	Ext. 18	Cell phone:	402-4717
Sewer Dept.	Ext. 12	Assessor— Louise Passarell	Ext. 17
In an Emergency (Sewer Dept.—Shaun)	585-322-0006	Town Justice Smith	Ext. 18
CEO/ZEO—Melissa Ierlan	Ext. 15		
Councilman Josh Kent	813-1760	Councilman Tom Felton	300-3456
Councilman Jeff Thompson	851-1469	Councilman Eric Zuber	746-5158