Town of Byron NEWSLETTER

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From the Supervisor's Desk

I hope everyone had a great summer! Looks like fall is here, and shortly that word that starts with a "W" will be here. I am happy to say that Water District 5 (Swamp, Cole and Hessenthaler Roads) should be completely done by the end of September. Water District 6 (North Byron Road from Searls to Transit and Cockram Road from Rte. 237 East) the bid for this district is scheduled to be opened October 2nd. On the 26th of August we had an informational meeting on Water District 7 (Batavia-Byron, Caswell, Walkers Corners and the remainder of Cockram Road). If there are any questions at all about these or any other areas, please do not hesitate to call. That's what I am here for.

It's budget time! So far things look good. I certainly would like to thank our Town Clerk, Debra, and Assessor, Barry. Their input is invaluable. As all Town residents were notified, we had an informational meeting regarding the fire protection for the Town last summer. With no surprise, the consenesus of the people was to give back the money that was wrongfully taken from both fire companies by the prior administration, as it was deemed counterproductive. With this year's budget, we plan to do just that. There have been quarterly meetings with representatives from both fire companies and members of the Town Board, which I might add are going quite well.

As always, the Town Board meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Please try to attend, this is your Town!

Pete Yasses, Supervisor

Town Clerk

Hunting licenses went on sale recently with the normal glitches we seem to have every year, please be patient with us as the DEC works out the bugs. The first round of doe permits has begun, with October 1st being the deadline, and another round starting November 1st, if there are any left. Some hunting regulations have changed from last year, and I would advise all hunters to take the time to read the new hunting manuals which are available in my office or on the DEC website. The DEC also has a new app for smartphones which is very useful and user friendly, call me for help if you need it.

Please remember to license your dogs. Licensing is necessary to ensure that dogs have proper rabies vaccinations, which without, could be a detriment to the community. ALL dogs age 4 months and older need to be licensed with the Town Clerk. If you are found not to be in compliance, you will be issued an Appearance Ticket to appear in Town Court.

Happy Fall!

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Park Committee

The Byron Parks Committee would like to extend a sincere "thank you" to the Genesee County Soil and Water Conservation District for the generous donation of 6" to 8" channel catfish for stocking at the Trestle Park pond. The fish were stocked on August 21, 2015. All summer long "fishing families" have been catching bass, bluegills and channel cats at the pond.

The Park Committee is also looking for two new members. We meet the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested, please contact the Town Clerk, Debra Buck-Leaton.

Note from the Historians

The museum will be closed the Sunday before Labor Day and will not reopen until next year on Memorial Day. The museum can be opened by appointment by contacting Bob Wilson at 585-409-5990, Byron Town Co-Historian.

Upcoming Events

Byron First Presbyterian Church Turkey Dinner Sunday, October 18th 11:30-2:00 p.m.

An annual tradition, with three options: East in (family-style), Take-out or Drive-through (new!). Tickets are $10 for adult and $5 for 12 and under.

North Bergen Presbyterian Church Pulled Pork Dinner Saturday, October 3rd

Call 484-1815 for more details and Presale tickets.

N. Bergen Presbyterian Church Annual Craft Show Saturday, Nov. 14th 10:00-3:00 p.m.

Call 494-1388 for more info.

The Whole Shebang! Saturday, September 12th 10:00-2:00 p.m.

Byron Fire Hall. Multi-vendor and craft event. Many different crafts and new items for sale, a 50/50 raffle and delicious home-made soups, sandwiches and other food items for purchase all day. Tables are $10.00. To reserve a table, call Brenda at 585-356-3720.

2015 Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic

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

Byron-Bergen Public Library

This year's summer reading program "Every Hero Has a Story!" was a success!!! Over 200 children participated! Thank you to all our junior volunteers!! We couldn't have done it with out your help!

Thank you for your continued support of our summer reading program: Demo's Truck Parts, Dugan Lawn Care, Rose Garden Bowl, Craft Supplies Unlimited, Lou & Diane Romano, Wendy's, Lift Bridge Book Store, Seabreeze Amusement Park, Top's Friendly Markets of LeRoy, Wal-Mart of Brockport, Rochester Museum and Science Center, and Muller Quaker Dairy. Without the generous donations of these merchants and individuals, our summer reading program wouldn't be possible.

Congratulations to Kendall Phillips on winning the Friends of the Library Christopher and Victoria Claus Memorial Award. She won the $50 award for writing a book review on a book she enjoyed reading this summer. Kendall will also get her name put on a plaque in the Library. Honorable Mentions were Dayanara Caballero and Frank Hersom. They each received $25 awards.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month!!! Stop by the Library and get ready to explore!!! All you need is a driver's license to sign up. If you are 18 and younger, we need your parents/guardian to come in and sign you up.

Library hours are:
Tuesday 10-12 & 2-8
Wednesday 10-12 & 2-8
Thursday 10-12 & 2-8
Friday 10-6
Saturday 10-1

Discover us on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org and on FaceBook too! We have Zinio –digital magazines, Overdrive digital audio and e-books, and Freegal – digital music. All this is FREE with your valid Library card anytime you have access to the Internet.

Our Book Discussion Group will begin meeting on September 10th to discuss the book The Hurricane Sisters by Dorothea Benton Frank. This group meets the 2nd Thursday each month: October 8th, November 12th, and December 10th. Come join the fun!

Pre-school story time will run Fridays at 10:30am starting on September 18th. 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.

Join us and the Bergen Historical Society as we hear author Michael Keene will talk about his book "Abandoned" on Thursday October 1st at 7 pm. His book tells us about the Age of Orphan Asylums and how the Orphan Train Movement came to be with stories of everyday heroes. No registration needed.

"Keep me in Stiches"—Knit and Crochet group- Meeting every 2nd Tuesday starting October 13th at 7pm. Join us with your own supplies and get help with an experienced knitter and crocheter—Miss Amy! All levels of experience are welcome! No registration required.

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Technology Classes at the Library with BTOP! October 20th at 3 pm with Gadgets and Gear! Bring in your e-readers and tablets to learn all you can do with them! October 27th at 3 pm with Windows 8/10. Learn about the differences and updates between the two systems. Sign up is necessary! Call for more information!

Family Story time will start again so put these dates on the calendar for everyone to participate in a story, craft and snack! Join us on October 27th, and November 17th. No Registration required.

Movie on the Big Screen on Wednesday November 11th at 2:30pm. Come watch a movie enjoy a treat and drink too! Registration appreciated.

Make and Take Holiday Craft on December 23rd from 3 to 6- come join us as we make a special gift to give! Registration appreciated. Call the Library for more information or to sign up.

The Library has copy /fax service for a small cost, Roadrunner Internet on 3 computers, and interlibrary loans from any Library in the NIOGA Library system. Check us out on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org or stop in and we will assist you! You can also friend us on Facebook to keep up with the latest events. For more information on our services or programs, please call the Library at 494-1120.

~Happy Reading

Nancy Bailey, Library Manager

Byron Cemetery Association

Come check us out! The Byron Cemetery is 200 years old and not looking bad for our age!

We have cemetery plots for sale. Give a call to John or Donna Durand and they will be happy to show you what is available. Land values are rising. To keep up with the surrounding cemeteries, our prices will be increasing next year. Come pick out your final resting place before the prices go up!

We would also like to encourage all our future residents to remember us in your will. A donation to the cemetery will help us keep the Association financially solvent and able to keep our cemetery as attractive as it is today.

We are trying to be a good neighbor. Our residents are quiet and respect their boundaries. We would like to encourage our neighbors to be as considerate. We are having trouble with free roaming pets using the cemetery to do their business and pet owners not cleaning up after them!

Hope you had a good summer and we can all look forward to a beautiful Fall and sparkling white winter.

Trustees:
Shirley Hobin, President
Ginny Ivison, Sec./Treas.
Jean Sackett
Dave Liles
Joe Kuzma
Tom Chapell

Superintendents:
John and Donna Durand
813-3531 & 813-2591

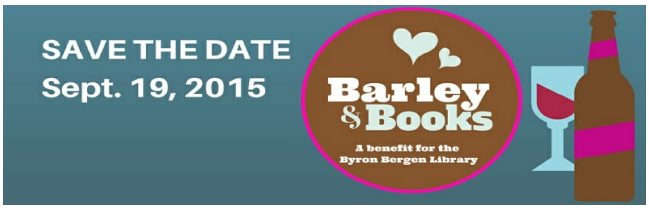
Genesee County Legislator, Robert Bausch

Hopefully, everyone has enjoyed the summer and is looking forward to a beautiful fall. For local town and county governments, the fall is budget season. As Genesee County begins its budget process, I would like to share some background information with you.

Recently, the Pew Charitable Trust analyzed the 2013 revenue sources for all 50 states. They broke the revenue sources down into 5 categories: taxes, federal funds, service charges, miscellaneous and local funds. In NYS, local funds are almost exclusively provided by the counties. The other 49 states average 0.8% or less than 1% of the state budgets are paid for by county taxes. New York State funds 15.4% of its budget from locally raised county taxes or almost 20 times the average of the other 49 states. For a Genesee County resident that means that when they paid their property taxes last January, the money was sent to NYS to pay state bills. Genesee County is actually more fortunate than some other counties where they are turning over more than what is raised through property taxes. Obviously, the counties have no option but to pay their state bill, so that is the first item in the counties' budgets.

This year there will be a major new wrinkle in the process. As has been reported, a buyer for the county nursing home has been identified and the paperwork is in process. Depending on state approvals, the closing should be no later than next spring allowing the county to cut the annual nursing home loss in half for next year and to pay off the outstanding nursing home debts. There are numerous other moving parts in the budget so it is far too early to make any projections as to tax rates. Also, a number of constituents and organizations have requested increases in their county appropriation after years of cuts. These requests are always welcomed because they help the legislature to make better decisions.

Genesee County veterans are fortunate to have a very active and engaged Service Officer, Bill Joyce. Bill has held this position for more than 2 years and is constantly receiving praise from veterans for his efforts and dedication to veterans' concerns. His office is in County Building 2, on West Main St. Rd. in Batavia. If you are a veteran or a relative of a veteran and have questions or concerns, please make an appointment with Bill. He is a great asset to local veterans and their families and is always willing to assist.



From the Byron-Bergen Public Library Board

The Byron-Bergen Public Library is pleased to announce that its annual fundraising event, Barley & Books,will be held Saturday, September 19th at the home of Brian and April Stone in Bergen.

During the past five years this event has raised close to $31,000 for much-needed updates to the library's facilities and technology, as well as provide additional programming for our community. With these funds the library has been able to replace outdated tables and chairs, brighten the space with new curtains and fresh paint and upgrade computer software to provide better service for our community.

Opportunities for sponsorship are still available; donations of auction items are still being accepted. Tickets are $20 pre-sale and $25 the day of the event, available at the library, Bergen Town Clerk's Office and the Byron Town Clerk's Office. For up-to-date information visit the Library Fundraising page:Annual Byron Bergen Public Library Fundraising Event.

Gillam-Grant Community Center

LEGO Club for grades 3-6~ Starts in September. Call Gillam-Grant Learning Center, 494-1621.

Join Fall Co-Ed Kickball League! Call Gillam-Grant for details, 494-1621.

Sept. 17th: Quilters Trunk Show-Irene Bow, a long time quilter, has created many quilts of all sizes in her years of enjoying this hobby. Join us as she shares some of her favorites with us. Free program.

Sept. 21st: Social Supper at 5:30pm, featuring the Batavia Swing Band.

Sept. 23rd: Fall Greeting Card Class- Demonstrator Ann Oehler will use "Stampin Up" products to create 3 greeting cards with you. For more information call Gillam-Grant 494-1621.

Sept. 25th: Gillam-Grant's Drum Circle- Be part of a great interactive music making experience. John Canale will be the leader of the rhythmic adventure as John shows us how creativity and self-expression can come together with a wonderful community event. Free event.

Sept. 24th: Trip to Murphy Orchard- A hidden treasure in Western New York. A working farm with a historical twist with extensive & long-standing local folklore identifies the owners of the farm, the McClews as "station masters" of the Underground Railroad. See and learn about the farm's involvement in this period of history. We will dine in one of the Orchard's Tea rooms in the farmhouse. Call Gillam-Grant 494-1621.

Oct. 1st: Batavia Trip to Papa Pasquale's, Oliver's Candy Store and Holland Land Office-Lunch on your own at a quaint Italian restaurant, then spend time touring history at the Holland Land Office. Conclude the day with a short behind the scenes tour of Oliver's. Call Gillam-Grant to register, 494-1621.

Oct. 2nd: Genesee County Village& Museum Tinsmith comes to Gillam-Grant bringing some of his shiny wares as well as tools he uses to make them highlighting this old time craft. Participates will have an opportunity to try their hand at this art by creating an ornament that can claim a special spot on this year's Christmas tree! Sign up early to reserve spot. "This program is made possible (in part) with Reach Funds, a Decentralization Regrant program of the Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council."

Oct. 3rd: 10 Week Session Gillam-Grant Martial Arts starts including Jeet Kune Do/Kung Fo.

Oct. 7th: Trip to GEVA to see SPAMALOT.

Oct. 9th: Come enjoy a festive meal featuring Sauerbraten, one of Germany's national dishes; a delicious German roast marinated with wine & herbs,sauerkraut balls with BBQ and honey dipping sauce and more! After dinner listen to Willy & Ulrich, a talented duo, rich in culture and customs of Germany and Austria, who will even share some yodeling with us. Sign up early to reserve spot. "This program is made possible (in part) with Reach Funds, a Decentralization Regrant program of the Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council."

Oct. 12th: Spend your day off with Gillam-Grant "traveling" around the world. We will "visit" different countries including Scotland, Mexico, Egypt, Japan and more! At each country you will be have the opportunity to try great activities or games from that country's culture."This program is made possible (in part) with Reach Funds, a Decentralization Regrant program of the Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council."

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Oct. 16th: Free program at Gillam-Grant- Charles Silvernail presents artifacts on Erie Canal and Feeders.

Oct. 19th: Join Gillam-Grant's **LUNCH CLUB.** Call for details, 494-1621.

Oct. 22nd: Fall Getaway Day-Have lunch on your own at Bully Hill Vineyards, featuring breathtaking view of Keuka Lake, then tour the Mark Twain exhibit with photographs and memorabilia from the summers Mark Twain and his family spent in Elmira. Finally, stop at Monica's Pies in Naples where you can shop for a sweet treat! Sign up by calling Gillam-Grant 494-1621.

Oct. 24th: Gillam-Grant's Beer Lovers Trip- Spend the day touring some of the growing craft brewing microbreweries and brew pubs in the Finger Lakes region. Call for details, 494-1621.

Check out Gillam-Grant's Newsletter for schedules for **Total Body Fitness, Water Aerobics, Yoga & Zumba** all starting in September!

Come to Myrtle Beach with Gillam-Grant: This trip features exciting shows mixed with oceanside beauty and history. Live in the moment and enjoy the thrilling experience of Myrtle Beach, SC. Travel April 3-9. Call for more information, 494-1621.

Byron Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church of Byron, 6293 West Main, Byron, NY 14422
548-2800

Sunday Worship, 9:45 AM, with nursery care for young children and Sunday School for older children.
Monthly Bible Study, usually the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 PM. Please call 548-2800 to confirm.

Fall Community Events at the Byron Presbyterian Church:

The 2015 **Night Glowball Golf Tournament** is a fundraiser for the Byron Presbyterian Church. 9 hole, 4 player scramble. Sweetland Pines Golf Course, 5795 Sweetland Road, Stafford; Saturday, September 12, $35 per player ($15 for dinner only). Check-in 6:30 pm. Dinner 7:00 PM, Golf 8:00 PM. Awards 10:00 pm. Includes Greens fees, pull-cart, dinner, and door prizes. Space limited – sign up today. Entry forms available by contacting the church office at 548-2800. Checks should be made out to "Byron Presbyterian". For those that do not play golf, there will be plenty of games and other fun on the deck at the clubhouse. Act now, there is room for a few more teams.

Turkey Dinner, Sunday, October 18, 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM. An annual tradition, with three options: Eat in (family-style), Take-out or Drive-through (new!). Ticket prices will be announced closer to the date, but you won't find a better meal at a better price!.

Foodlink Mobile Food Pantry,Thursday, October 29, 5 - 7 pm and Wednesday, December 2, 5 – 7 pm. Foodlink provides the food items; we always get produce and bread items; other items will be available as well, but we will not know what the items are until that evening. Food is available to anyone in the county that needs it - no financial documentation is needed! So please spread the word! Volunteers will be needed for set up beginning at 4:00 pm as well as helping with carryout, breakdown and serving food. We will have a light meal available to all. Please call the church office at 548-2800 if you would like to help.

Please note that the Morganville United Church of Christ in Stafford will be having Mobile Pantries on Tuesday, September 29 and Tuesday, October 27, 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Volunteers welcome to help beginning at 3:00 PM.

Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals

The Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals are looking for alternates. If you are interested, please call the Town Clerk, Debra Buck-Leaton, at 548-7123 ext. 10.

Park Committee

The Park Committee is looking for two community members who are interested in becoming part of their committee. Please contact the Town Clerk, Debra Buck-Leaton, at 548-7123 ext. 10 if you are interested.

Comprehensive Plan Committee

The Town of Byron's Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 1993, and the Town Board is looking for community members who are interested in being part of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to update the Plan. If you are interested, please contact the Town Clerk at 548-7123 ext. 10.

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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:

Town Hall - Highway Garage - Sewer Dept.

585 - 548 - 7123

Supervisor – Peter Yasses	Ext. 14	Home: 548-7767		
Town Clerk – Debra Buck-Leaton	Ext. 10	Highway Dept. - George Heins	Ext. 11	
Court Clerk - Mollie Avery	Ext. 18	Cell Phone:	703 - 3309	
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Councilman Jim Cudney	548-7602	Councilman Harold Austin	409-9827	