

Town of Byron Newsletter



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Supervisor

With the sudden arrival of warmer weather, please be mindful of people walking and bicycling along our roads and streets. Please remember that motorcyclists observe the same rules of the road as autos and should be considered as such.

Trestle Park, Fireman's Park and Turtle Park are available for you to use to enjoy during the nice weather months.

Water District #7 is back in process with planned completion by mid-July. Water District #8 is starting to bore under the railroad tracks and should be done by the end of the first week of June. Therefore all participating households with people living in Districts #7 and #8 should all be connected to public water by August 2019. If you have questions on Water Districts #7 or #8, give me a call at the Town Hall.

I am extending an open invitation to people interested in service on the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Historical Society, Parks Committee or the Fire Departments to please contact me. Contributing to your Town and community can be self-rewarding where you feel best fitted for.

Roger V.V. Rouse
Supervisor

Town Clerk

The Summer Youth Recreation Program will run from July 8th—August 16th this year in Fireman's Park from 10 am—1 pm. All children 5 years and older are invited to attend. 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.

Please see the schedule of events for the Heritage Festival, which will be held on Saturday, July 27th, later in this Newsletter. Please call my office if you would like to put your name on the list for garage sales.

Happy Spring/Summer!
Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Highway Superintendent

Hello again...Memorial Day has passed so it's the beginning of summer. Throughout the rainy start we've begun summer road projects. I try to remind everyone to be courteous and slow down in work zones. Please obey flagmen and be aware of cones and barrels alerting you to potential places work is being done. For strictly informational purposes as these are not town construction projects, the bridge work on Searls Rd. has begun again with it potentially being done in August. Also the bridge on Caswell Rd. was in the bid process with a potential start date of August. Both of these projects are bid out through the county so the schedules are the latest I've heard. Thank you and have a blessed summer.

Respectfully, Brian

Byron-Bergen Imaginary Library

The Byron-Bergen Imaginary Library is celebrating three years of providing free monthly books to our littlest resident (0-5). This program is completely funded by community businesses and individual donations. We welcome all donations and registrations. For more information contact Donna Gerard 548-7380 or Anna Marie Barclay 494-1979.

Historical Society

This newsletter will cover Memorial Day so I thought we would discuss Byron's involvement in our country's war conflicts. The citizens of Byron have participated in just about every major conflict our country has been in.

In the Byron Cemetery, the Annual Memorial Day service is held. You will find the grave of Samuel Parker a Revolutionary War Soldier. He is buried on the hill behind the flag pole.

There are Civil War Soldiers in Byron Cemetery, Sodom Cemetery, and North Byron as well.

I don't have the numbers of World War 1, World War 2, Korea, or Vietnam. But I know that you can find a lot of the names on the pillar beside the flag pole.

I will touch on one soldier of World War 2. He is Laverne A. Bateman, born in Byron in 1915, graduated from South Byron High School and Rochester Business Institute in Batavia. June 2, 1942 he entered the army. He graduated Officer Candidate School second highest in a class of 200. On D-day, June 6, 1944, Lt. Bateman, aged 29, was killed. He was the county's first officer to lose his life in France, fighting the Nazi's also known as the National Socialist Party of Germany.

Remember that they are the ones that have given you your liberties, and you are not singing God Save the King or raising your arm and repeating sig Heil.

References: Genesee County Gold Mothers book and Betsy A. Newton

Bob and Beth Wilson, Historians



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 8th for Bergen Park Festival

Closed July 4th and 5th for Independence Day!

Closed Saturdays July and August

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, **RBDigital**- digital magazines, **Libby/Overdrive** –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 for a small fee.

Library book sale will be at the Bergen Park Festival on June 8th. There are audio books, movies, children's books and many bestselling authors. The Library will be closed on June 8th so stop by the tent at the Park Fest!

The Library is hosting the Kelley's Hero's Marching Band at the Bergen Park Festival on June 8th in the parade and right after the parade too with a field show not to be missed! Come join us for Laser Tag too this year! Bergen Park Festival is fun for the whole family.

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- "Universe of Stories" The kick-off will be Tuesday June 25th at 2:00pm with Cris Johnson's "Spaced Out" Magic Show! Come join us for a fun magical afternoon and sign up for the summer reading program!

Why should you join the reading program? The summer reading programs are set up for children 3 years old and up to read and win 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

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If you are not able to make the Kick-off event- stop in any time after June 25th to sign up! Throughout the summer we will be having special story times, science fun, crafts, animal visits, and movie days. For a complete schedule of events check us out on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org and friend us on Facebook 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 12th to August 9th. 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 July 18th from 10-3. If you are interested, please call the Library to sign up. Cost is \$25. You must be at least 11 years old to be certified.

Join us at the Byron Heritage Fest on July 27th at 1:00 the Library will be hosting the band, Kelley's Hero's Marching Band in the parade! Come join us at the parade!

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, Spectrum High Speed Internet, Wi-Fi 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 28th**

During the past eight years, this 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.

Town of Byron Bicentennial

The Town of Byron's Bicentennial will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2020. Even though the celebration is over a year away, the committee is busy planning the Town's 200th birthday and would like to make it a memorable event. If you would like to join the committee in any capacity, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 585-548-7123 ext. 10 for more information. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at the Town Hall, please join us!

Cemetery Association

Warm and sunny weather has finally arrived! The grass is growing quickly. John Durand works diligently to mow the lawn and keep the cemetery looking nice. He is able to coordinate with the Sheriff's Department's community service workers and volunteer firemen to have the trim work completed. Dave Leaton does a fine job with repairs and upkeep of the cemetery. We truly value everything these men do for the cemetery. Our cemetery is well maintained and we're proud of it.

The annual meeting of the Byron Cemetery Association was held on April 17, 2019. A change was made in the By-Laws to allow to more people to be members of this group. Article 2 of the By-Laws now reads, "It shall be governed by a Board of Trustees, six to ten in number, who shall be lot owners in the cemetery of the association or a resident of Genesee County, with 55% of the Association being lot owners." Prior to this only plot owners or family members of plot owners could be members of the Cemetery Association. Anyone interested in joining the Byron Cemetery Association is encouraged to contact Kim Dewey. A few changes were made in the membership of the Cemetery Association. Barb Read will remain as a Trustee, but will no longer be the Treasurer. Her dedication in this role has been greatly appreciated. Kate Wride joined the group and will be the Treasurer. Kate has done a lot of hard work into putting the cemetery records into digital format. She has created documents with information on burial plots that is very valuable. Future plans are under way for signs that will designate the various sections of the cemetery.

Memorial Day will have passed by the time this newsletter will be printed, however, the Byron Cemetery Association would like to honor and thank all the men and women for their commitment and service for our country.

~ REMINDER - 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, as 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. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

There are many cemetery plots available. Contact John or Donna Durand for more information.

Trustees:

Kim Dewey, President
 Laura Bestehorn, Vice President
 Elaine Bezon, Secretary
 Kate Wride Treasurer
 Audrey Henry
 Dave Leaton Jr.
 Barb Read

Superintendents:

John Durand (585)813-3531
 Donna Durand (585)813-2591

Genesee County Legislator, Robert Bausch

As discussed in the February newsletter, during the January – June time period each year, county leaders are anxiously awaiting word from Albany regarding new policies and practices and whether the counties will be negatively impacted. Unfortunately, so far this year there has been very little positive alongside a significant number of actions that will be detrimental county resources and residents.

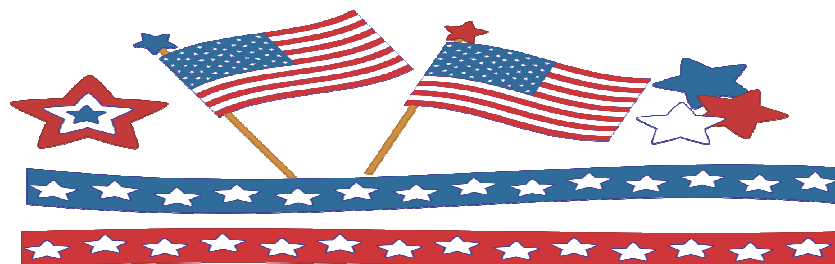
Bail reform is an excellent example. Under the legislation that was passed, bail will not be required, except for the most serious crimes and for individuals with previous arrests. This was proposed on the basis of economic fairness because lower income individuals are often jailed when they cannot make bail while individuals with greater resources are able to make bail. Recently, I attended a lengthy meeting with the county judge, district attorney’s staff, public defender’s staff, sheriff, senior staff from the sheriff’s office and various other individuals which this legislation impacts. Unfortunately, there was little agreement on how this legislation will be implemented, but there was agreement that the state did not consider its local impact or victims’ rights, especially important in domestic violence cases.

A critical component of county operations is the 911 call center. Over the past 6 years, the county has invested significant funds in new towers, software, and various operational components of the 911 operation. The towns, villages, fire departments, and emergency medical services have also made significant investments. Currently, the county is preparing plans for an additional tower in the south central part of the county to service areas where reception is problematic and nationally a Next Generation 911 software package is being developed. The cost of these improvements should be paid from the 911 surcharge on individual phone bills and a federal government matching program. However, New York State diverts 90% of the 911 fees to the general fund. As a result, the FCC has informed NYS that they are not eligible for matching federal funds, putting an added burden on NYS taxpayers.

Two important projects that the county undertook the past year are coming to successful conclusions. County buildings were all evaluated for energy conservation and, where required, upgrades to the electrical and mechanical systems were implemented. All county facilities received a security audit, from a public and staff perspective. Where lapses were identified, upgrades were made and that work is completed.

The county’s two major projects continue to move forward: new jail and increasing water capacity. The architect /engineering firm for the jail project has been hired as well as a construction management firm. The scope of the project is now being defined. On May 16th, the county held its first public information meeting on the jail project which was well attended. You can follow progress on this project on the county’s website. The Phase 2 water project will be starting construction shortly. The preliminary design work on Phase 3 has started. Also, the water resource agency recommended an emergency water plan to the legislature and it was approved. Hopefully, it will not require implementation.

I hope everyone has a great summer season and the weather cooperates.



Heritage Festival

Saturday, July 27th

Byron Heritage Festival Calendar of Events
Firemen's Park (Behind Byron Fire Dept. on Rte. 262)
July 27, 2019

Fishing Derby at Trestle Park (Sponsored by Byron Kiwanis)	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (Ages 12 and under) (sign-in begins at 7:30 a.m.)
5K Run (Begins at Firemen's Park) (Sponsored by Byron Rescue Squad) Registration forms available at www.byronny.com or at the Byron Town Hall	7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Registration 8:30 a.m. Race Begins 9:30 a.m. Race Results
Town Wide Garage Sales	9:00 a.m. – ?
Rummage/Baked Food Sale Byron Fire Dept.	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Parade (Starting at Caswell Road)	1:00 p.m.
Vendors	1:00 p.m. - ?
Chicken BBQ (Sponsored by Byron Kiwanis)	4:00 p.m. until Sold Out
Bands: Ryan and Scott	2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Chris Squier Band	6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Fireworks	At Dark

2019 Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic

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

- August 15, 2019 4:00 to 7:00 pm Genesee County Fairgrounds**
- September 19, 2019 4:00 to 7:00 pm Pembroke Highway Department**
- October 17, 2019 4:00 to 7:00 pm LeRoy Village Highway Dept.**

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.

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

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| Supervisor—Roger Rouse | Ext. 14 | Home : 548-7767 |
| Town Clerk—Debra Buck-Leaton | Ext. 10 | Highway Dept.— Brain Forsyth Ext. 11 |
| Court Clerk—Morgan Leaton | Ext. 18 | Cell phone: 615– 7713 |
| Sewer Dept. | Ext. 12 | Assessor— Barry Flansburg Ext. 17 |
| In an Emergency (Sewer Dept.—Shaun) | 585-322-0006 | Town Justice Smith Ext. 18 |
| CEO/ZEO—Mike Morris | Ext. 15 | Town Justice Dimatteo 343-2770 |
| Councilman Fred Klycek | 548-9025 | |
| Councilman Jeff Thompson | 851-1469 | |
| Councilman Jim Cudney | 548-7383 | |
| Councilman Sue Fuller | 300-3456 | |