

Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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From the Supervisor's Desk

The Town is in the process of working on the 2012 budget. With the state of the economy, the Town Board is hoping to pass an affordable budget.

The sewer filter bed generators have been replaced in Byron and McElver Street with propane generators. The old generators were becoming obsolete and needed to be replaced.

We are also in the process of trying to secure a grant to replace aging tanks in the trailer park to cut down on water infiltration into the sewer beds.

Money is still unavailable for grants for water districts. The Town and Stuart Brown Associates will stay on top of any grant money that becomes available for water projects.

Bob Crnkovich, Supervisor

Town Clerk

Hunting licenses went on sale on August 15th, so that means the first round of doe permits has begun. October 1st is the deadline for the 1st round of doe permits, with another round starting November 1st, if there are any left. The price for a hunting license has remained the same as last year.

The Thorman Family

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the love and concern expressed by the community (and beyond) to our family at a time of great sorrow...the death of our daughters and sisters, Caroline and Amber.

The monetary doantions and gifts of time, food, baskets of flowers, the wreath, cross, calls, letters and cards, etc. will be etched in our hearts forever and were deeply appreciated.

When someone is in need it is truly a blessing to find that there is support in a community when one needs it.

Thank you for your thoughts, love and concerns,
The Thorman Family

From the Historian's Desk

The Byron Museum is now closed until Memorial Day of 2012; it can still be opened by appointment though. Just remember most of the Museum is unheated.

I have received the comment that we no longer accept donations, which is untrue. We have had to turn down large items due to space limitations, but we will gladly except smaller items like old records, genealogies or small items that fill our mission of preserving items from Byron, or were used by or would have been used by residents of Byron, and that we can find space for or store for a latter display. The Byron Historical society is sorting some of the duplicate clothing for storage, it is really not good for it to remain on hangers for years on end, and we are hoping to preserve some material from deterioration so the younger generations will be able to enjoy them.

We did receive a major donation, The Byron Field Tax books were found in a barn and have been turned over to the Historians, these range from the 50s and 60s. They have been inventoried and we will soon have them cataloged for display.

2011 is the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and many of our ancestors enlisted, most were in the 129th infantry which later changed to the 8th Heavy Artillery. If you get to the Town Hall we will have a display case of some of our Civil War artifacts, and included are some items that were on loan just for this display. We are planning a Civil War display election day that you can see while you wait to vote.

Bob and Beth Wilson, Town Historians

Byron Presbyterian Church

Many thanks to friends and neighbors who supported our Youth Group paper recycling bins behind the Byron Presbyterian Church. Unfortunately, Abitibi has decided to remove the bins due to higher transportation costs involved in making pick-ups. We have no idea if they will change their minds. Supporting this project was good for the planet, and also helped our youth raise funds for their mission projects.

The Byron Presbyterian Church would like to thank the various people throughtout our town and surrounding community who have contributed funds in support of our parking lot re-paving project. The overall expense is likely to be in the neighborhood of \$23,000, and will include re-grading, re-paving and striping. No one can remember the last time the parking lot was paved, so the need for a project like this is long overdue. We expect the project will be completed this fall by a local contractor.

Smoothing over potholes will make a visit to our church safer, and we hope the completed project will also add to the attraction of our town. And - we can't forget this - there is Biblical inspiration for the project from the prophet Isaiah: "I'll go ahead of you, clearing and paving the road." Amen!

If you'd like to help us with a donation: Byron Presbyterian Church, POB 206, Byron, NY 14422 (attention Robin Glazier, Treasurer). Thank you!

Robin Glazier, Marc and Pam Kenward
Byron Presbyterian Church

Upcoming Events

Byron Fire Dept. Gun Raffle *Saturday, October 1st* *Byron Fire Hall* *5:00 p.m. - ?*

14 guns and cash prizes awarded. Tickets are \$20 and include entry, food and drinks. Winning tickets will be re-entered. Tickets available from any Byron fireman or stop by the fire hall on Monday nights. Only 800 tickets sold.

South Byron United Methodist Church *Saturday, September 17th* *4:00 p.m. until sold out*

All are invited to join us at our roast pork dinner. The cost per dinner is \$8.50. We will be serving roast pork with trimmings and pie for dessert.

Byron Presbyterian Church Turkey Dinner *Sunday, October 23rd* *11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*

\$8.50 for adults, \$5 for children 5-12, under 5 free

Byron Fire Department

The Byron Fire Department would like to remind everyone that with the heating season rapidly approaching that now is the time to have your heating system checked by a qualified technician both for efficiency and safety. By having your heating system brought up to its best operating capacity it will reduce the amount that you will need to pay for heating costs, and with today's prices that savings can be quite significant. Also it is time to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. If your smoke detector batteries are old or the detectors are over 10 years old then they may not work when they are most needed and should be replaced. Battery operated Carbon Monoxide detectors will need to have their batteries replaced also. Carbon Monoxide detectors are only good for 2-5 years depending on manufacturer and how much CO they have been exposed to. Please read your owner's manual for details on their life span and where to place them. We recently had a call where the CO detector was placed in the ceiling right over the furnace and it was worn out in just 6 months due to the small amount of CO that was given off each time the furnace and water heater were ignited.

Also both the Byron and South Byron Fire Departments are always looking for new members. Fire Departments have both an emergency service side and an administrative side so if you do not want to do one we can always use help in the other. There is record keeping, fundraising, training, accounting, computer work, fire fighting, EMTs, etc. If you are interested in helping your community, stop by either hall any Monday night around 7:00 pm or contact any member. Training and equipment is provided free of charge to all members.

John Durand, 1st Asst, Chief Byron Fire Department.

2011 Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic

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

September 15, 2011 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Pembroke Highway Department
October 20, 2011 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	LeRoy Village Highway Garage

A \$5 voluntary donation per dog, cat or ferret is requested to offset clinic expenses.

Gillam-Grant Community Center

Call the Gillam-Grant Center 494-1621, for more details...

September 15th: Beginning and Intermediate Fencing for 8 Thursdays.

September 17th –Oct. 29th (no class 10/8): Swimming Lessons

September 19th- 22nd: Last Chance- Gettysburg/Lancaster trip.

September 24th: “Nunsense”, an Interactive Dinner Theatre at Gillam-Grant. Join us at 6pm for Cocktails, 7pm the show begins! A Great Lakes Production Tickets: \$35 each

September 28th: Trip to see *On Golden Pond* ~ at GEVA Theater.

Sept. 30th: Hidden Valley Animal Adventure trip. Enjoy a trolley ride viewing animals.

Oct. 1st: Karate starts a ten week session.

October 10th: Trip to see Latshaw Pops Orchestra ~ Crooners and Their Music. Transportation leaves at 12:30pm.

October 11th: Cooking Class-The Secret to Great Soup.

October 18th: Making Beer at home. Come find out about this fun hobby!

October 19th: Photo Editing Computer Workshop.

October 20th: Fall Foliage Trip, travel to Letchworth, Mt. Morris Dam, lunch at Historic Yard of Ale and a visit to the Abbey of Genesee. Motor coach will leave at 8am.

October 24th: Social Supper at 5:30pm with entertainment by Christine Mannix DeValder.

October 25th: Learn How to Make Balloon Animals.

October 28th: Luncheon at Hurd's Orchard ~ Harvest Table, Transportation leaves at 11:45am.

October 29th: Mystery Table Runner Quilting Class.

October 31st: Mad Hatter Party. Celebrate Halloween with a crazy hat contest and entertainment by Allen Hopkins.

Nov. 6th: – Sunday Brunch and visit to Vidler's Five and Dime.

Nov. 7th: Social Supper with audio visual, Freedom's Story... Liberty's Glory entertainment by Diane Potter.

Nov. 21st: deadline for Photo Contest

Nov. 30th: Lunch at Red Bird Café followed by a shopping trip to the Glue Factory in Chili, NY.

Dec. 12th: Social Supper at 5:30pm with entertainment. Celebrate a Celtic Christmas with music by Cuisle Mo Chroi.

South Byron United Methodist Church

We will meet weekly on Monday nights for Bible Study beginning at 7:00 p.m. During the heating season we take turns at individual houses, but feel free to contact the church to find out where we will be during any particular week.

We will be having special Advent events beginning Sunday, November 27th, culminating with our Christmas Eve Service at the church at 7:00 p.m. Join us Christmas Day with worship at 9:30 a.m.

For more information concerning these events or others, Pastor Linda Haight can be reached at 585-330-0618.

Byron-Bergen Library

The "One World –Many Stories" summer reading program was awesome!! I am very proud of how many children participated in our community!!! We had over 210 children signed up for the reading program this year!! They read over 615 books! Thank you to all our Junior Volunteers who put in over 245 hours of help to make the summer reading program a success!

Thank you to the following businesses and individuals that donated money, gift cards, or prizes to make the summer special: Mr. and Mrs. Lou Romano, Craft Supplies Unlimited, Harris Wilcox, Inc., Ralph and Rosie's, Chark's Glass & Mirror, Demo's Truck Sales, Lift Bridge Book Shop, McDonald's of Brockport, Wal-Mart of Brockport, Seabreeze Amusement Park, Wendy's, Wegmans Food Market of Brockport, and Darien Lake Amusement Park. Without the generous donations of these merchants and individuals, our summer reading program wouldn't be possible.

Reminder: the Library will be closed September 3rd to celebrate Labor Day.

Pre school story time will be starting on Friday, September 9th at 10:30am. Bring your 3-5 year old for a story, craft, and snack!! Registration is recommended -space limited. Home school children welcome!

Our book discussion group meets every 2nd Thursday at 7pm to discuss selected book both fiction and non-fiction. Our next book will be Shanghai Girls by Lisa See on September 8th. Stop by the library to reserve your copy. Our book discussion meets every month so come join the fun!

Saturday morning Movie Time September 17th at 10am! Come join us for a fun movie on the Big Screen! Call or stop by for more information.

Back to School story time will be September 22nd at 7pm. Join us for a story or two, craft and snack. Registration is welcome by call the Library.

Baby Signing Time Class for babies less than 25 months and their caregivers on Wednesday September 21st from 6:30 to 7:00 with instructor Linda Schmackpfeffer. Registration is recommended by call the Library. Come find out the benefits of signing with your baby!

Journalist Nancy E. Lynch, author of the award-winning social history, *Vietnam Mailbag, Voices From the War: 1968-1972*, will speak on her book at 7 p.m. Oct. 19th. Her 456-page book is based on nearly 1,000 letters and hundreds of pictures her popular newspaper column, Nancy's Vietnam Mailbag, received from our troops on the front lines during the last five years of the contentious war. She will read some letters and talk about her experience with throughout this time period. Come join us for this great historical program along with the Bergen Historical Society.

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Our Spooky story time will be October 27th at 7pm. Hear fun Halloween stories, make a spookacular craft, and enjoy a special treat. Fun for the whole family!

Turkey Time Stories will be November 22nd at 7pm. Come join us for a story or two, craft and snack!!! This fun story time is open to all ages.

Thanksgiving week hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 10-12 and 2-8. We will be closed Thursday –Thanksgiving Day thru Saturday the 26th. We will reopen Tuesday 29th at 10am.

Come check out our newest books: One Day by David Nicholls, A Stolen Life by Jaycee Dugard, and Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand and many more!! If they are not on the shelf, check us out on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org to reserve your copy!

We have been adding to our books on CD and MP3 CD collection with Paris Wife by Paula McLain, Sing you Home by Jodi Picoult, 007 Carte Blanche by Jeffery Deaver. We have Playaways available too with many new titles: I'll Walk Alone by Mary Higgins Clark, Bel-Air by Stuart Woods, and Lover Unleashed by J. R. Ward. Playaways are a compact audio book that you loan out and all you have to do is attach earphones and go! Great new way to listen to books!

The Library has copy /fax service for a small cost, Roadrunner Internet on 3 computers, Free Wi-Fi, 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

Surplus Food Distribution By Community Action of Orleans & Genesee Counties

Everyone is required to bring: I.D., Proof of Income, Proof of Residence, Bags or a Box
Genesee County Residents Only

At the Genesee County Fairgrounds Kennedy Building, East Main Street, Batavia

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

September 14th and October 5th