# Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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# From the Supervisor's Desk

As summer winds down, I hope everyone had a great one! We have been very busy at the Town Hall, as a lot has been happening.

Hopefully, the Swamp Road Water District will go out to bid by mid-winter.

Water District No. 6 (North Byron Road and Cockram Road East of Rte. 237) is in the process of being formed, and we anticipate that district will move along quickly.

The Town of Byron received a records retention grant from NYS that we applied for at the beginning of the year. This grant will allow for more space for necessary records retention.

The Town is also in the process of applying for a Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) grant for a standby generator, cameras, and much needed safety equipment in the courtroom.

It is time for the Town Board to begin work on the 2015 budget. The Town Board will be working hard in the next couple of months to make a budget that controls spending, and keeps our tax rate reasonable.

The new dog ordinance is now in affect. Please see our website at www.byronny.com to review the new law, and to see how you are affected as a dog owner.

In closing, please remember that the Town Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please try to attend, this is your Town!

Thank you, Peter Yasses, Supervisor

# Town Clerk

As most of you hunters already know, hunting licenses went on sale recently. 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. The hunting license procedure and price has changed a bit from last year. Super Sportsman and Sportsman licenses are no longer available, you will have to buy each license separately.

If you, or someone you may know, has lost anything at Trestle Park, please contact me at 548-7123 ext. 10 so that you may claim it. I also have a set of missing keys that were found on the roadside.

Happy Fall,

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

# Gillam-Grant Community Center

**Monday, September 15th at 5:30pm – Social Supper:** D & R Depot will cater a meal. Following the meal, Cydni Kingsley will entertain. Call Gillam-Grant by Fri., 9/12 to pay and reserve.

**September 16th Total Body begins at Gillam-Grant:** The 8 week class from 6-7pm offers body sculpting for all muscle groups with weights & ball to achieve a healthy balance. Walk-ins welcome. Call 494-162.

### September 17th:

- Zumba at Gillam-Grant is BACK! Ditch the workout and join the dance party! Zumba® is designed to get you into shape, but not feel like a workout. All fitness levels welcome. Call 494-1621 for details.
- Gillam-Grant Water Aerobics starts 5:30-6:30pm Use water resistance to strengthen and tone muscles. Call the Center to register at 494-1621.
- Weekly Storytime begins 10:30am- Enjoy stories, activities & snack. Suggested for 18 mos.- 4 yrs. September 18th:
- Trip to Gillam-Grant to Lockport Cave & Underground Boat ride: Explore the historic Erie Canal Locks 67-71, view the ruins for an earlier industrial age. After the visit at the Lockport Caves, we will stop at Lake Effect Ice Cream. Tour requires significant walking and stairs. Call 494-1621.
- YOGA at Gillam-Grant [6 Thursdays] 4:30-5:30pm ~ Explore and enhance your flexibility, balance and strength of mind and body through the practice of yoga. Students of all ages & levels of experience and fitness welcome. Certified Yoga instructor. Call 494-1621.

Gillam-Grant Lunch Club: Once a month we will travel and enjoy lunch and socialize. We will leave the Center at 11:30am. *Registration Requested by Thursday before our lunch date*. **Sept. 22nd ~ Doo Wops Oct. 27th ~ Six50.** Call Gillam-Grant 494-1621, for additional information & dates.

**September 29th Gillam-Grant Learning Center Homework Help begins** - Students may attend M - Th 2:30 - 4:30 on a daily, weekly or as needed basis to receive help with nightly homework assignments. Call Gillam-Grant Learning Center for more information, 494-1621. After school childcare available sessions.

### October 1st:

- **GEVA with Gillam-Grant: Wait Until Dark:** A Greenwich Village apartment becomes the setting for a suspenseful game of cat and mouse. Reservation and payment due by Sept. 15th.
- Gillam-Grant Wednesday Night Men's Basketball from 7:30 until 9:30 pm in the B-B Middle School whenever school is in session.

October 2nd: Feeling Crafty? Come to Gillam-Grant and put your artistic talents to work and make a masterpiece! Recommended for grades 2 and up. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED call 494-1621.

**October 2nd Gillam-Grant Step Aerobics Plus starts** -Try this low impact cardiovascular exercise class that is an effective workout to help burn fat and tone muscles. Class from 6-6:45pm, call 494-1621 to register.

October 4th: 10 Week Session Gillam-Grant Karate

October 7th Gillam-Grant Lunch Cruise ~ Colonial Belle: Enjoy the beautiful colors of fall foliage as you sail along calm blue waters of the Erie Canal. A catered box lunch will be served. The bus leaves at 10:30am estimated return around 3:30. Call 494-1621, sign up early!

October 8th Volunteer Recognition Night at the Batavia Downs 5:30- 6:30pm. RSVP by calling 494-1621

Saturday, October 18th NYS Prelicensing at Gillam-Grant: Call the Center to register at 494-1621.

**Monday, October 20th at 5:30pm Social Supper:** Chef Brandon Smith is back! After dinner Geoff Clough will entertain with classic Gershwin. Reservations by 9/27 by noon. This program is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and is administered by the Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council."

October 23rd Trip to Riviera Theater for Viva Las Vegas- Latshaw Pops make the splendor of Vegas come to life- Space limited, call 494-1621 to sign up.

**SAVE the DATES:** Next Social suppers – November 10th and December 8th

Come to Savannah, Georgia with Gillam-Grant May 3rd -9th. Call for more information, 494-1621.

# Genesee County Legislator, Robert Bausch

As this is being written, the legislature is in the process of declaring the county nursing home an "excess" property. As discussed in previous newsletters, the legislature has attempted to identify options for eliminating, or at least reducing, the ongoing financial burden that the nursing home has placed on county finances. For the years 2009 through 2013 the deficit totaled \$16,221,595. Unfortunately, every alternative has been explored and ruled out for variety of reasons leaving only one option: declaring the nursing home excess property and attempting to sell it. This alternative is similar to the option Orleans and numerous other counties across NYS have pursued, or are pursuing, because of their inability to continually to finance the ongoing deficit. This is only the first step in a long process that will take between 12 to 18 months to complete. For more background information on the nursing home financial issues and steps taken to eliminate the deficits, log on to the county website at www.co.genesee.ny.usor contact me anytime and I will be happy to discuss it.

In September, the legislature will begin the budget process for 2015. Already, there have been preliminary discussions. As reported, the county is committed to a significant increase in its contribution to GCC to meet the funding level required by the state for counties sponsoring community colleges. As always, it will be challenging to balance the budget, operate under the property tax cap, and provide the services that the residents of Genesee County require and deserve.

In closing, I would like to thank and extend best wishes to Sue Conklin, County Historian, who is retiring in September. Sue has been an asset to county residents, as well as many from out of the area, by the assistance she has offered.

# Byron Presbyterian Church

### Special Events at the Byron Presbyterian Church

Foodlink Mobile Pantry at the Byron Presbyterian Church Friday, September 12, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Dealing with tight budgets? Trying to stretch your dollar a bit further? Low on food? ALL are invited to our mobile food pantry, hosted through Foodlink, on Friday, September 12 from 6-8 pm.

NO financial documentation is required, but you will be asked to sign in. Feel free to bring your own boxes or bags - plastic bags will be provided. What items will be given away? We are guaranteed fresh produce and other items. Past events have included canned goods, bread and bakery products, chicken and ground beef, bottled beverages and dairy products. You get to shop through and choose the items you would like. We will also be providing cups of warm chili (both vegetarian and meat) for anyone interested! Hope to see you there!

### A Musical Benefit for Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake at the Byron Presbyterian Church Sunday, September 21, 2:00 PM

Musicians include: Mitzie Collins & Striking Strings, Custom Blend, Rev. Bill Hockey, family-friendly music for children, & much more!

A free concert, but donations gratefully received for Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake, a wonderful summer camp operated by the Presbyteries of Geneva & Genesee Valley.

### Byron Presbyterian Church Annual Turkey Supper Sunday, October 19, 2014, 11:30 AM to 2PM

Dine in or take out.

Come taste a 70 year tradition! Turkey and all the trimmings!

The Byron Presbyterian Church is located at 6293 West Main in Byron. For information, please call 548-2800 or visit <a href="www.byronfpc.org">www.byronfpc.org</a>. Sunday services are at 9:45 AM, with nursery care and Sunday School for young children available.

### Church Information

Sunday Worship & Sunday School: 9:45 AM Church Office: 548-2800 [office@byronfpc.org]

Church Web Page: www.byronfpc.org

James R. Renfrew, Pastor

# Historian

The museum is closed until Memorial Day, except by appointment. To make an appointment call either Beth or Bob Wilson at 585-409-5990 or 585-409-5991. Please remember that heat is minimal in the museum during the winter months.

# **Byron Cemetery Association**

We welcome John and Donna Durand as the cemetery's new superintendents. We appreciate them stepping forward and taking a great interest in our cemetery. They have been busy filling in holes and righting

stones to their proper positions. side by the Historical Society done.

Fall clean up will soon urns and decorations from the the clean up and keep the blowing onto the neighbors'

We have grave sites for Swamp and Townline Rd. resting place and pay at today's



The first two rows on the west building are almost completely

be underway. Please remove all graves by October 1st to expedite artificial flowers, etc. from property.

sale on the North East corner of Come pick out your desired prices! Why wait until inflation

increases the cost of the real estate. Think of this as an investment in your future.

If you have any questions, concerns or wish to purchase a cemetery plot please contact John or Donna at 548-7763. The cost of a grave is \$350.00 each. Burials cost (opening and closing the grave) is \$500.00 for regular burial and \$250.00 for an ash burial.

### Trustees:

Shirley Hobin, Chairperson

Jean Sackett, Treasurer Russ Gillett

Virginia Ivison, Secretary Richard Barnard

**Superintendents:** 

Donna and John Durand

# North Bergen Presbyterian Church

Saturday, September 27th: Roast Beef on Weck dinner from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Menu includes roast beef on Kimmel weck or unseeded roll, roasted potatoes, cabbage salad, beverage and homemade dessert. Take outs are available. The cost is \$10. Call 494-1815 for tickets.

Friday, November 7th: Fish fry from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Menu includes fried fish, potatoes, cabbage salad, applesauce, roll, beverage and homemade dessert. Take outs available. The cost is Presale: \$10. At the door: \$11. Call 494-1815 for tickets.

Saturday, November 15th: Craft Sale from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Crafts and baked goods for sale. Lunch available (brick oven pizza and homemade soups). Call 494-1388 for more information.

# Byron-Bergen Public Library

This year's summer reading program "Fizz-Boom-Read!" was a success!!! Over 205 children participated by reading more than 2020 books! 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, Greg'ry's Bakery, Dr. & Mrs. Maggiulli, Rose Garden Bowl, T.D. Repair, Harris Wilcox Inc., Dugan Lawn Care, Craft Supplies Unlimited, Wendy's, Seabreeze Amusement Park, Tops Friendly Markets of Leroy, Lift Bridge Bookstore of Brockport, Wegman's Brockport, McDonald's Brockport, Target of Batavia, Wal-Mart of Brockport and Yo-Twisters. Without the generous donations of these merchants, our summer reading program wouldn't be possible.

Thank you to the Library Board of Trustees for successful Barley and Books tasting event! Our hosts April and Brian Stone as well as over 100 others participated in raffles and auctions made this day a special fundraiser event. The generosity of time and monies that this community gives is amazing so again thank you to all who helped make this fundraiser succeed!

Congratulations to Hope Hersom on winning the Friends of the Library Christopher and Victoria Claus Memorial Award. This is her 2nd time winning the \$50 award for writing a book review on a book she enjoyed reading this summer. Hope will also get her name put on a plaque in the Library. Honorable Mentions were Auburn Schwartzmeyer and Sadie Cook. They each received \$25 awards.

Discover us on the web at <a href="www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org">www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org</a> 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 <a href="Library card">Library card</a> anytime you have access to the Internet.

Our Book Discussion Group will begin meeting on September 11th to discuss the book <u>The All-Girl Filling Station by Fannie Flagg</u>. This group meets the 2nd Thursday each month: October 9th, November13th, and <u>December 11th</u>. Come join the fun!

Pre-school story time will run Fridays at 10:30am starting on September 12th. Join Miss Kelsey 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.

Journalist Nancy E. Lynch, author and publisher of the award-winning social history, <u>Vietnam Mailbag</u>, <u>Voices From the War: 1968-1972</u>, will read and discuss selected war letters from her book at 7 p.m. Oct. 14. After her talk, Lynch will autograph and personalize her book, available at \$40. A companion DVD will also be available at \$10. Registration is not necessary.

Saturday Morning Movie on October 18th at 10:30am. Come enjoy "Mr. Peabody and Sherman" on the Big Screen! Enjoy a treat and drink too! Registration appreciated.

October 28th is our Spooky but fun- Halloween story time at 6:30pm. Dress up in costume and join us for a story or two, craft and tasty treat! Registration is appreciated.

Movies on the Big Screen-- November 11th at 2:30pm. Come watch the movie "Maleficent" with your favorite Soldier or Military person! Enjoy a treat and drink too! Registration appreciated.

November 18th will be stories of Thanksgiving with Miss Makayla at 6:30pm. After a story or two, there will be a craft, and a fun snack! Registration is recommended.

# The Library will be closed November 27th – 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Have a Great Thanksgiving!

Holiday Craft night on December 23rd at 6:30- come join us as we make a special gift to give to Mom or Grandma. Registration required. Call the Library for more information or to sign up.

The Holiday Library hours will be:

Dec. 24th- 10 -5

Thursday Dec. 25th - Saturday Dec.27th Closed

Wednesday Dec. 31st 10-5

January 1st -- Closed. So Have a Happy and Safe Holiday season!

January 2nd thru 3rd regular Library hours.

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 <a href="https://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org">www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org</a> 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, Roadrunner Internet on three computers, Wi-Fi and interlibrary loans from any Library in the NIOGA Library system. Check us out on the web at <a href="https://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org">www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org</a> 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

### Barley and Books raises \$11,000 the Byron-Bergen Library!

Barley and Books was held recently at the home of Brian and April Stone and raised more than \$11,000 for the Byron-Bergen Public Library. The event featured tastings of craft beer and wine, live music from Paul J. Cummings, a live auction and raffles.

Featured in the tastings were products from Bergen's Autumn Moon Farm Winery, Brockport's Stoneyard Brewing Company and North American Breweries. A special thanks to Harris Wilcox, Inc. which provided tables, chairs and tents and conducted a live auction of unique items from local merchants and more. Thanks to Barry Miller, who donated wines, as well.

A highlight of the Live Auction was the auctioning of "Lunch with the Ladies" featuring the Rose Garden's Mary Sardou and Stone's Countryside's Louis Stone, which sold for \$650!

Sponsors of the event include Bonduelle, Northeast Industrial Technologies, Liberty Pumps, Gregr'y's Bakery, Northeast Setup, Inc., APA Leagues and the Hesperus Lodge #837. Thanks to local merchants Fullerino's, Rose Garden Bowl, Morgan's, The Byron Hotel, Jake's Pub & Grill, DeltaSonic and SunnKing, Inc. for their support.

Committee members Mallorie Higgins, Brian and April Stone, Mike and Maura Shaffer, Kristen Wilcox and Kelly Hallenbeck worked for months to organize the event, sell tickets, solicit sponsors and make the event a success. The event has raised more than \$30,000 for the library in its four years. The funds have paid for updates to the interior of the library, shelving, new chairs and tables and technological upgrades. To see pictures and to learn more information about the event, find the event's Facebook page as Annual Byron Bergen Public Library Fundraising Event. Thank you to our fantastic community for all the support!

# South Byron Fire Dept.

As many of you know an outside group has funded a study of the Fire service here in Byron which was conducted by Paul Bishop of the Center for Governmental Research of Rochester, NY. Please take a moment to review it. This report has been posted on the CGR website, and can be read here:

<a href="http://www.cgr.org/reports/14">http://www.cgr.org/reports/14</a> R-1722 FutureofByronFireService.pdf.

A formal presentation by Paul will be given at a future date to be determined by the Board. I would encourage all of you to take the time to not only review the study but to come to the presentation to get a better understanding of the future of the Fire service for the Town of Byron.

It was during this review process, it came to my attention that the general public is unaware of the costs associated with fire protection. I'll illustrate this with an example. Our newest truck, a 2009 Kenworth/Crimson Tanker 87 had a price tag of \$268,000 with a life span of 20 years. This cost is for the vehicle alone, no additional equipment (hose, air packs, turnout gear etc.) included. Such equipment is all extra. We are currently in the planning stages of replacing our Engine 86. This is a 1997 Freightliner/ New Lexington fire engine and is nearing its end of life. Estimated costs for this have ranged from \$280,000 to \$350,000.

To further illustrate the cost of operating a Fire Co. we have posted our past and current annual budgets for the South Byron Volunteer Fire Co. (see attached)

Town meetings are the secondWednesday of every month. Topics to be discussed are posted on the Town website. The date for the CGR presentation will be announced on this site. Hope to see you there.

### Respectfully,

Christopher D. Hilbert, President, South Byron Volunteer Fire Co. Inc.

### Hilbertc@rochester.rr.com

### 2013 Actual Budget

	Proposed	Actual
\$	1,000.00	\$ 65.00
	8,000.00	7,260.60
	3,000.00	1,468.96
	2,000.00	2,267.25
	1,000.00	1,256.82
	12,000.00	9,759.77
	3,000.00	2,111.80
	3,000.00	2,855.75
	12,500.00	12,391.99
	15,000.00	15,000.00
	20,080.77	20,080.77
	750.00	872.00
	800.00	377.80
	1,500.00	1,391.45
	6,000.00	8,271.28
	3,000.00	3,649.22
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## 2014 Proposed Budget

	Proposed	As of $6/30$
Radio/pagers repair	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,826.30
Building Maintenance	8,000.00	2,102.25
Administration	3,000.00	203.96
Office Expenses/Fees	2,000.00	268.14
Legal Fees	3,000.00	400.00
Utilities (cable, water, electric, phone, gas)	12,000.00	7,156.03
Truck Maintenance	3,000.00	906.00
Annual Pump, Hose, Air pack, Gear and Ladder testing	3,000.00	1,342.47
Insurance	13000.00	11,366.65
Vehicle Replacement (86)	15,000.00	15,000.00
Truck Loan (87)	20,080.77	00,000.00
Physicals and Vaccinations	750.00	000.00
Training	800.00	327.77
Fuel	1,800.00	691.86
New Equipment Purchases	26,000.00	3,967.37
Annual Banquet	3,800.00	3,820.43
Total:	\$ 116,730.77	\$ 49,379.23

# 2015 Proposed Budget

	Proposed		
Radio/pagers repair	\$ 1,500.00		
Building Maintenance	18,000.00		
Administration	3,000.00		
Office Expenses/Fees	2,000.00		
Legal Fees	3,000.00		
Utilities (cable, water, electric, phone, gas)	12,000.00		
Truck Maintenance	3,000.00		
Annual Pump, Hose, Air pack, Gear and Ladder testing	3,000.00		
Insurance	13,500.00		
Vehicle Replacement (86)	15,000.00		
Truck Loan (87)	20,080.77		
Physicals and Vaccinations	750.00		
Training	800.00		
Fuel	1,800.00		
New Equipment Purchases	10,000.00		
Annual Banquet	3,800.00		
Total:	\$111,230.77		

# Byron Fire Dept.

The following activities will be held at the Byron Fire Hall:

### **Developmental Disabilities Dances:**

Thursday, October 16th - Halloween 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 18th - Christmas 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14th - Patriotic 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### **Craft and Things Sale:**

Saturday, September 20th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Tables are still available. Call Brenda at 356-3720. Lunch and refreshments will be available. Free Blood pressure checks. The Sheriff's Department will be having free car seat inspections and sizing. They will switch out defective or wrong size seats free of charge.

#### Gun Raffle:

Saturday, October 4th at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be attained at the fire hall on Monday nights around 7:00 p.m., or from any members. Ticket includes meal, beer, sodas and reentry to drawings on winning tickets. There will be 13 raffles plus table raffles.

# Visit the Town of Byron website at byronny.com 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

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Supervisor – Peter Yasses	Ext. 14	Home: 548-7767					
Town Clerk – Debra Buck-Leaton	Ext. 10	Highway Dept George He	eins Ext. 11				
Court Clerk - Mollie Avery	Ext. 18	Cell Phone:	703 - 3309				
Sewer Dept.	Ext. 12	In an Emergency	585-507-9245				
CEO/ZEO – Ken Kuter	Ext. 15	Assessor - Barry Flansburg	Ext. 17	Town			
Justice DiMatteo	343-2770	Town Justice Smith	Ext. 18	Councilman			
Jeff Thompson	851-1469	Councilman Sue Fuller	300-3456				
Councilman Scott Wooton	548-4741	Councilman Harold Austin	409-9827				