

Town of Byron Newsletter



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Supervisor

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer!

Water Improvement Benefit Area #1 is moving along. Several residents were sent letters about a month ago asking them to sign easements, if you have received a letter and have not called the Town Clerk to come in to sign, please do so immediately as we cannot move forward without them.

The Town Board, along with Excelsior Energy, are finishing the agreements necessary for them to begin solar, probably early spring 2023.

The Town Assessor, Barry Flansburg, is retiring later this month, and we all wish Barry well in his retirement!

The Town Board is currently working on the 2023 budget and hope to see some reduction in taxes.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers and community members that came out to help the town celebrate its Bicentennial. I think a nice time was had by all!

As always, this is your Town. Please try to attend Town board meetings, the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM.

Have a safe Fall.

Respectfully,

Peter N. Yasses, Supervisor

Town Clerk

What a quick summer we had! I would like to thank Emily VanEenwyk, Nathan Knickerbocker, George Squires, David Leaton, the Byron-Bergen Public Library and all of the parent volunteers who helped to make this year's summer recreation program such a success! I think the kids enjoy it more every year!

I'd also like to thank the Bicentennial Committee and all of the volunteers who spent many, many hours to make this a day to remember!

As a reminder to all hunters, hunting licenses are now on sale with the first round of DMPs available until October 1st.

Happy Fall,

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

From the Historian's Desk

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Tuesday, September 30, 1947

Byron Boys Go for Buggies, Rig 'Rigs' with Old Motors

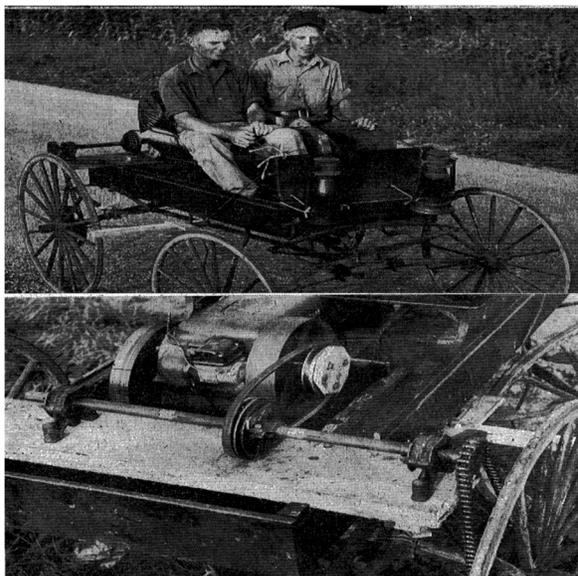
Byron---Remember back in the twenties how the youngsters fooled around with stripped-down Model T's! Well, today they still are fooling around but, what with the automobile shortage, it really takes sheer genius to rig up some good cheap haywire transportation (and we mean haywire).

In Byron, several groups of boys are installing light motors in some old buggies and actually making them work as good or better than in the early days of the automobile. The usual recipe goes something like this: Take an old carriage or buggy, practically anything which has four wheels, and set an old farm motor, (1/2-horse-power or up), anywhere on its floor, figure some way to belt the power to a wheel, add a method of steering, hang a couple of lanterns on front and there you have it!

Two boys, David Leaton and Alen Hanson, both of Byron are using a 2-horsepower auxiliary farm engine in theirs. It is mounted on the floor back of the seat on a sliding base and it drives the right rear wheel through a belt and roller chain. The purpose of the sliding base is to tighten the drive belt when the engine is slid forward, thus serving as a clutch. This action is accomplished by pulling a rope in front of the seat. The brake is simple a stick, across the under side of the buggy, which rubs on the wheels when rocked back by an outboard foot pedal.

There are many ingenious systems of steering being used. Working on the latest model of such a device are Chester Schultz and William Spencer who will use a drum, rope and pully combination with a real steering wheel. Others simply apply attach a rope and pull on the side toward which they want to go.

The boys can get up to 25 miles an hour out of these things, believe it or not, and this is rough going, because they confine their riding to private farm roads. Cost, incidentally, are low. Many buggies have been picked up for \$2. In fact, once when one was wrecked while testing, a farmer offered the boys their pick of a couple other buggies just to get rid of them. This probably is not a trend, but it sure is a lot of fun for a lot boys around Byron this year.





Byron Historical Society

On behalf of the Byron Historical Society, we would like to thank all the residents of Byron and the outlying towns and villages that came out on Saturday August 20th to enjoy Byron's Bicentennial Celebration with us!

We would also like to give some thanks and recognition to the people on the Bicentennial Planning Committee who made our town's celebration possible. These folks worked tirelessly beginning in February to put together this wonderful event.

Special thanks to... Town Supervisor Pete Yasses, Town Clerk Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Highway Supervisor David Leaton, Park Committee Chairman George Squires, Bob Alcott, and Morgan Leaton for coordinating the fishing derby & duck race. Thanks to all the fantastic members of the South Byron and Byron Volunteer Fire Departments who gave their time—especially Fire Chief Bob Mruzek, Al Secash & John Durand. Thanks to the Kiwanis Club. Thanks to Julie & Steve Ivison-Libero, Sara Stockwell, Leanne Hawley, and Jan Kent for coordinating the children's games, crafts, and entertainment. Thank you to Marty Dilcher and crew for their help with the time capsule. Thank you to Jeanne and Bill Freeman who both went above and beyond in volunteering their time as well as coordinating the car, truck, and tractor show. Thanks to Brad Nickerson for coordinating the 5K race. A huge thank you must be given to Nancy Bailey, Director of the Byron-Bergen Library, who donated funds from a grant through GoArt! (Genesee Orleans Art Council) which helped fund the bands who played during the evening as well as funding for the children's entertainment. Another huge thanks must go to historical society members Laurel and Lloyd Smith. Without Laurels steadfast commitment, all the way from Florida, the Bicentennial book wouldn't have ever been made a reality. Finally, thank you to the Byron Historical Society and its board members; President Matt Meier, Secretary Cheryl Thompson, Treasurer Don Yaxley, and our fantastic Town Historians, Bob and Beth Wilson.

We would also like to let everyone know about our annual Byron Historical Society Fall Dinner. This year the dinner will take place on Tuesday October 25th at 6PM at the Byron Fire Department and all are welcome to attend. Each ticket costs \$15, and will include... A homestyle meal prepared by Laura Platt from the Lady's Fire Auxiliary as well as a guest speaker who will discuss the life of a Civil War soldier from Byron and surrounding areas. We will also be having a basket auction as well as a 50/50 raffle.

If you plan on attending the Fall Dinner, please RSVP to Cheryl Thompson at 585-797-8430 no later than Thursday October 20th so that we know how many meals to prepare for.

We look forward to seeing you at the dinner!



This year's summer reading program "Oceans of Possibilities!" was a success!!! Over 190 children participated! Thank you to all our junior volunteers!! We couldn't have done it without your help!

Thank you for your continued support of our summer reading program: Demo's Truck Parts Inc., Seabreeze Amusement Park, Wal-Mart of Brockport, Target –Batavia, Tops Friendly Market – LeRoy, Dollar General -Churchville, Rochester Museum and Science Center and Wal-Mart -Batavia. Without the generous donations of these merchants, our summer reading program wouldn't be possible.

Congratulations to Michael Rogoyski on winning the Friends of the Library Christopher and Victoria Claus Memorial Award. He won the \$50 award for writing a book review on a book he enjoyed reading this summer. Michael will also get his name put on a plaque in the Library.

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 10-1 & 2-7

Wednesday 10-1 & 2-7

Thursday 10-1 & 2-7

Friday 10-6

Saturday 10-1

Discover us on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org and on Facebook and Twitter too! We have Libby/Overdrive digital audio, digital magazines, & e-books, and Hoopla – digital music-audio/e-book and movies. All this is FREE with your valid Library card.

Our Book Discussion Group will begin meeting on September 15th to discuss the book Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner. This group meets the 2nd Thursday each month: October 13th, November 10th, and December 8th. Come join the fun!

Toddler/Pre-school story time will run Fridays at 10:30am starting on September 16th for our new session. Join us for a story, craft and a snack! This is recommended for ages 2-5 but younger children are welcome with their parents/guardian. Registration is appreciated.

Tech time at the Library! Call to set up an appointment for Wednesday during regular Library hours. Our staff can help you set up the many different Library related apps and answer basic questions on your devices and e-readers. Call today for an appointment!

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Calling all Homeschoolers- Book as a Work of Art workshop on Tuesday, September 20th at 10am. Did you know a book can be a work of art? Students in this program will explore the possibilities of using handmade books to express their ideas. We will learn a brief history of the book, the terms, and tools used to make them, and will create 2-3 sample books. Recommended for grades 3 and up. [Made possible through Carman Grant and Erie Canal Programs with Western NY Young Audiences.](#)

Join us and the Bergen Historical Society for “Objects from History” with Genesee Country Moveable Museum on Thursday, October 6th at 7 pm. No registration needed. [This program is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by](#)

goArt!

Learn to sew -special fun day – Monday, October 10th from 10-2pm - Make a Trick or Treat bag with Mrs. Redinger and Mrs. Flood! This free program is recommended for ages 7 and up. Register by Oct 6th.

Another Homeschool opportunity- Thursday, October 20th at 10am- ‘You’re So Dramatic’ Theatre. An introductory level improvisation class for young people! Where you learn how to play pretend with guidelines and build on the creative elements of improvisation. Made possible [through](#) Carman Grant and Erie Canal Programs with Western NY Young Audiences.

Join us for a fun class and make a Holiday woodcraft with Kim on Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30. Cost for this workshop is \$10/person. More information to come with picture of craft too- on email and Facebook. Register by October 20th. All ages welcome!

Halloween Scavenger Hunt- Wednesday, October 26th from 2-7pm. Come search for spooky things in the Library and win a prize! All ages welcome!

Bergen Historical Society and the Library team up to bring you Victorian Yuletide with the Genesee Country Moveable Museum on Thursday, November 3rd at 7pm. Find out the how and why we have certain Victorian holiday traditions and decorations. No registration is needed. This program is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by

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Thanksgiving Make and Take craft time! Wednesday, November 16th from 4-6pm. Stop in and create your own fun Thanksgiving craft to help decorate your home! No Registration required.

Handmade Holiday Gift with Chris from Ari’s Originals on Thursday, November 17th at 6:30pm Cost \$10/person. Make a Bracelet or Bookmark to give to your favorite person! All ages welcome! Please Register by November 10th

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The Library has copy /fax service for a small cost, Spectrum 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 follow us on Facebook and Twitter 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 Presbyterian Church

Byron Presbyterian Church celebrated the retirement of their long-time pastor, Rev. Jim Renfrew at the end of July. As we begin the search for a new minister, we want everyone to know we are alive and well and welcome all to our doors for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am.

You may have noticed our exterior is getting a new facelift! Our town and church are now over 200 years old, and we want to be here another 200 years! We are fixing the exterior, updating our organ, and in general sprucing up the place!!

A quick reference calendar:

Sept. 11 – Sunday School kick off at 9:45 AM – Pancakes for all immediately after

Sept. 25 – Hymn BINGO – 9:45 AM A chance to sing your favorite hymns and have a little fun!

Oct. 2 - World Wide Communion. Join with Christians of all denominations as we share the bread and cup together on this Sunday.

Oct. 23 -Annual Turkey Dinner – 11am until sold out – Drive thru only!

Oct. 30 - Trunk or Treat from 11am to 12:30 – fun for all ages.

Oct. 30 – 12:45 PM – SPOOKY MUSIC CONCERT The concert will be led by our music director and retired BBCS vocal director, Mr. Laurence Tallman. Don't miss it!!

Nov. 27 – Advent begins – watch for many special events during the season.

Dec. 24 – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service – 5pm – make it a tradition

Our doors are open. Our welcome mat is always out! Come on in!

Byron Cemetery Association

We have endured a very warm and dry summer. This meant less lawn mowing for everyone. John Durand always does an excellent job of mowing the cemetery lawn. He continues to maintain the cemetery with the assistance of Dave Leaton. We are very grateful for the work they provide to keep the cemetery looking wonderful. A gentle reminder to remove flowers, pots, decorations, etc. at grave sites by October 1st. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

The Cemetery Association’s Annual Meeting and Trustees Meeting were held on April 20th. Reports from the secretary, treasurer and co-superintendents were presented, discussed and approved. Trustees were elected and the slate of current officers was approved for another term of office. John and Donna Durand were appointed the co-superintendents. Please contact President, Kim Dewey, 585-356-2256, if you would like to be part of the association. New members are always welcome to join this group. Please contact John or Donna Durand if you are interested in purchasing a plot. They would be glad to assist in locating your final resting place.

The cost of a full body burial will increase on September 1, 2022 to \$675. Veterans who have been buried at the Byron Cemetery are now able to be disinterred and buried at the National Veterans Cemetery in Pembroke. Pricing and an explanation of disinterment is below.

Updated Pricing for Byron Cemetery – Approved by NYS 6/30/2022 Prices in effect as of 9/1/2022

Sale of Lot (4’x10’) - \$600.00

Burial Costs:

Full body burial (Human only) - \$675.00

Cremation burial (Human) – \$400.00

Cremation burial (Pet) - \$400.00

Additional Fees:

Burial on Sunday and/or holiday \$100.00

Winter Burial (requiring snow removal) \$100.00

Disinterment Costs/Rules:

Person making the request must be the plot owner, next of kin, and have legal authority to make the request, or a court order.

Must have all the proper permits required with a list of permits required.

The move can only be made between May 1st and November 1st of any year.

Arrangements must be made at least two weeks in advance to properly schedule the work to be done.

Payment must be made prior to work being done.

Remains should be in a solid container.

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Costs:

Full body removal - 2.5 times the current cost for full body burial (\$1687.50)

Cremated remains removal - \$150 for labor to locate remains. Opening/closing cost for cremation burial. \$400

In the previous newsletter there was a Walk the Cemetery Quiz. The questions and answers are listed below. Ten entries were received and we are thankful for their participation. We appreciate that you walked through the cemetery to find the answers.

Walk the Cemetery Quiz

1. What year was the Byron Cemetery incorporated? 1856
2. How many rules and regulations are posted on the cemetery signs? 10
3. Who are the superintendents of the cemetery? John & Donna Durand
4. Find the monument that looks like a tree. Who is buried there? Thomas & Ann Warne
Who is buried next to the tree trunk? Gravestones look like small logs. Sylvia & Charles
5. Locate the large gravestone with fabric draped urn on the top. What plants are represented on it?
(3) wheat, roses & acorns
List the two names on this gravestone. Mann Clark
6. Who is buried at the monument that looks like a rook chess piece?
Hint: A road in Byron bears the same name. Merrill
7. Whose headstone has a corn harvester on it? Richard & Joyce Glazier
8. Which gravestone has a farm scene on it? Duane & Josephine Ivison
9. What family monument has a beach scene on it? Douglas & Linda Chase, also Katerina Stojanova
10. Where is the cemetery vault located? The hill on Swamp Road
What is the date on the vault? 1918

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



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.

Hometown Heroes Banner Program 2023

Updated information and applications are available for Hometown Hero Banners at the Bergen Village Office, Bergen Legion Hall, and at ambo330@rochester.rr.com. The deadline date for orders for 2023 banners has been changed to December 10, 2022 in order to insure the current fee (\$200). Please call Anna Marie at 585-820-8594 or Donna at 585-548-7380 with any questions.

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— Barry Flansburg	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

Byron Bicentennial Winners

Garden Contest Winners:

- 1st: Betty Mroz
- 2nd: Cathy Glazier
- 3rd: Rick and Judy Flanagan



Byron Rescue Squad Cash Raffle:

- 1st—\$2,000: Tim Downs
- 2nd—\$500 (2 winners): Brian Forsyth, Sue Schultz
- 3rd—\$250 (2 winners): Bob Weitz, Shari Felton

Byron Bicentennial 5K:

- 1st: Brandon Rebert (17:49)
- 2nd: Frank Herson (20:53)
- 3rd: Preston Tobolski (22:16)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

BYRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

11 AM – TIL SOLD OUT

DRIVE THRU ONLY