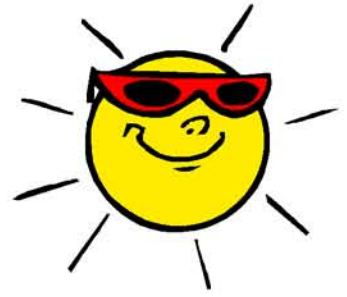


Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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From the Supervisor's Desk

The Town is continuing to work on securing a grant for the Byron Mobile Home Park on Swamp Road. The septic tanks in the Park are aging and in need of repair.

We are also continuing to work on securing a grant for water on Swamp and Hessenthaler Roads. Government funding for other districts is still very slow. The Town Board is aware that many areas of the Town would like municipal water, but with no grant funding, it is not affordable.

Have a safe Spring,
Robert Crnkovich, Supervisor

Town Clerk

As a reminder, taxes are collected at the Town Hall through Monday, April 2, 2012, and can be paid by cash, check, money order or credit/debit card (a fee applies). After April 2nd you must contact the Genesee County Treasurer with regard to payment.

If you would like to rent one of the pavilions in the parks, please contact me to receive a permit. The fees are as follows: Turtle Park: \$10; Trestle Park: \$20; Community Park (behind the Byron Fire Hall): \$30 for the large pavilion and \$20 for the small pavilion. There is no charge for non-profit groups. Trestle Park is open from Memorial Day until Labor day, and all parks are open from dawn to dusk. There is no camping at Trestle Pond.

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Byron Youth Recreation Summer Program

The Town of Byron will be continuing the youth recreation summer program beginning July 2nd and running through August 10th at Firemen's Park. The program will go from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with no cost to participants. If you are interested in sending your child(ren) and have any questions, please call Laura Platt at 548-2245 or Debra Buck-Leaton at 548-7123 ext. 10. Registration forms will be available at the Town Hall in June.

South Byron United Methodist Church

Our Sunday worship service begins at 9:30 am and Bible Studies are held on Mondays at 7pm.

We will celebrate Maundy Thursday with a soup and sandwich meal at 6pm on April 5th.

Our annual Chicken Bar-B-Que will be held on April 14th from 4 - 6pm or until sold out at a cost of \$8.00. Pre-sale tickets are available by calling Sandy at 494-1437.

An ecumenical Good Friday service will be held at 6pm at the Stafford United Methodist church.

The Easter sunrise service will be held at Byron Presbyterian church at 7:30 am with breakfast being served after the service. All are welcome and encouraged to join us in worship, fellowship and studies.

Byron Presbyterian Church

Monthly Bible Study: Monday, March 26 and Monday, April 23, 7:00 PM at the Byron Presbyterian Church.

There is also an Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study for the churches of Byron and Stafford on Mondays, February 27 through April 2, 7:00 PM, at the South Byron United Methodist Church.

Maundy Thursday Service of the Lord's Supper, Thursday, April 5, 6:00 pm at the Byron Presbyterian Church.

Ecumenical Good Friday Prayer Service for the churches of Byron and Stafford, Friday, April 6, 6:00 PM, at the Stafford United Methodist Church.

Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 8, 7:30 AM at the Byron Presbyterian Church, with Pastor Linda Haight of the South Byron United Methodist Church preaching. There will be a free community breakfast following the service.

Easter Sunday Celebration, Sunday, April 8, 9:45 AM at the Byron Presbyterian Church. An Easter Egg Hunt for children will follow the service, outdoors or indoors depending upon the weather.

The Byron Presbyterian Church gathers for worship every Sunday at 9:45 AM. Sunday School is offered during the same hour, along with nursery care for young children. For more information about the Byron Presbyterian Church, please call 548-2800, or visit www.byronfpc.org.

Byron Heritage Festival - July 28, 2012

SAVE THE DATE - The Byron Heritage Festival Committee has decided to try something different this year. The Heritage Festival will be on July 28th and will run from 4:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. with a car show, chicken BBQ, two great bands, and our spectacular fireworks display! More information to come in the Summer Newsletter. Volunteers are always needed, please contact Donna Bobzin at 750-3327, or Debra Buck-Leaton at 548-7123 ext. 10, if you're interested in helping.

Gillam-Grant Community Center

Piano Lessons are back at Gillam-Grant, call for details- 494-1621.

March 16th: St. Patrick's Day Preschool Dance! Bring your family and friends and do the Hokey Pokey, and dance along with other fun children's music. Suggested for children 6 and under. Cost: \$3 per person (parents & children)

Uncover the World...Passport to Culture Programs:

March 14th: Irish Craft time for kids from 3:30-5pm. Grades K-6.

Cost: \$6.50M/\$7.50NM

April 25th: Young Chefs International Cooking class from 3:30-5pm. Grades K-4

Cost: \$15M/\$17NM

May 7th: Cinco de Mayo Celebration! From 3:30-5pm. Grades K-6 Cost: \$5M/\$7NM

These programs were made possible in part with funds from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the NYS Council of the Arts, administered by the Genesee-Orleans Art Council.

March 24th: Utah and Florida Dual Certification Permit Class from 9am-3pm. Register online at: <http://www.safeinrochester.com/courses.php?id=68>. Cost: \$130 person, lunch included.

Coming soon in April ~ African Drumming. Call the Gillam-Grant for more details.

April 2nd - Gillam-Grant hosts MVP Health and Wellness programs: Farm Market Fresh to Table.

Class starts at 10:15am, open to all MVP members, FREE

April 10th - Gillam-Grant travels to Cartwright's for unlimited pancakes!

Bus leaves at 8:45am, Cost: \$25M/\$35NM

April 18th – Gillam-Grant will be going to GEVA to see Superior Donuts. Transportation will leave the Center at noon. Reserve a week prior. Cost: \$35M/\$45NM

April 23rd: Gillam- Grant Social Supper, Entertainment by Cathy McGrath ~ Irish and Scottish songs. Reserve by noon 4/20. Cost: \$9M/ \$12NM.

These programs were made possible in part with funds from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the NYS Council of the Arts, administered by the Genesee-Orleans Art Council.

April 28th – Pre-licensing Course. Must have your Learners Permit. Cost: \$30M/\$35NM

May 17, 18, 19, 20, 25 and June 2: Life guard Course starts. Call Gillam-Grant for details.

May 17th: AARP Safe Driving Course from 9am-3:30pm. Fee: \$17 for AARP members/ \$19 for non-AARP members payable at class.

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May 18th - Gillam-Grant hosts MVP Health and Wellness programs: Revving Up Your Metabolism.

Class starts at 10:15am, open to all MVP members, FREE

May 31st: Gillam-Grant Community Art Exhibit. Class starts at 10:15am, open to all MVP members, FREE

June 13th: Sounds of Hollywood trip ~ Transportation leaves the Center at 11:30am and returns around 4:15pm. Cost: \$50M/\$55NM

Byron-Bergen Library

Stay connected with your Library by checking us out at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org or friend us on Facebook! Lots of great programs coming up!! We also have volunteer opportunities, so call or stop in for more information.

We have New York tax forms available here! Stop in and follow the orange sign to pick up all your tax forms. You also can go to the website at www.nystax.gov and go to forms to print from home. If you need Federal tax forms, they are available at www.irs.gov or at the larger Libraries or Post Offices in Batavia and Brockport.

Library has preschool story time at 10:30am on Fridays until March 30th for its winter session, and will begin its spring session on April 20th. We enjoy a different themed story time each week with a related craft and a snack! Registration is recommended by calling or stopping by the Library.

Our Tale for Three Counties 2012 book The Call by Yannick Murphy community wide book discussion will be held on Thursday, March 8th at 7pm. Join us as we explore the book and its characters!! Share your views of the book with your neighbors and friends. Refreshment served. No registration needed.

Book discussion group meets on Thursdays - April 12th, May 10th, and June 14th!! Come join this fun group and see what your neighbors are reading!!! We enjoy lively conversation about the book and refreshments to enjoy too! Stop by the library to reserve your copy of our current book.

Save the date of March 14th for our annual pre-school concert! Join our smaller patrons at the Bergen First Presbyterian at 9:30am for music, and fun with Gary the Happy Pirate! With audience participation and humor, he is a concert you won't want to miss! This program is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York Legislature.

No Registration required! Just come join the fun!

What would happen if everyone read the same book??? Well, if you read our A Tale for Three Counties book you will find out!! A Tale for Three Counties book for 2012 will be The Call by Yannick Murphy. The author will visit in our area March 22nd at Genesee Community College at 1pm and at the Richmond Memorial

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Library in Batavia at 7pm. Don't miss this opportunity to meet the author and hear what, who, where and when she wrote The Call. Log on to www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org and reserve your copy now.

Book Sale Time! During regular Library hours the week of March 28th until March 30th – we will have LOTS of Adult Fiction books, Children's books, Non-Fiction books, VHS movies, DVD movies, and audio CD's to sell! Sell! Sell! Shop early for the best selection!

Have you ever wanted to be a Friend of the Library?? If so stop by the week of our Book Sale March 28th to March 30th regular Library hours to sign up and get involved.

Spring Break Happenings!! Yes we are open, but will be closed on April 6th for Good Friday and April 7th for Holy Saturday!!

April 4th at 6pm- Movie night! Join us for the showing of "We Bought a Zoo"! The movie is rated PG and will be fun for everyone!

April 10th at 7pm—Meet local author James Bradford Phillips and his sled dogs! Learn about dog sledding and the adventure books he wrote!

April 12th at 7pm – is our Book Discussion night – join us for a lively discussion. It's a great way to meet new people and explore different types of books.

National Library week is April 10th -14th – Stop in and take out a book or two and have a chance to win a prize!! Everyone invited to participate!

Saturday Morning Movie at 10am will be May 19th with the movie to be announced soon! So check out our website for more information.

Would you like to volunteer during the summer at the Library? For children 11yrs and older, the Library is looking for your help with the summer reading program. Stop by before June 19h to sign up! Chance to win prizes, help with programs, and a place to meet new people! Come join by yourself or with a friend!! The summer reading theme this year is "Dream Big – READ!"

Save the Date: 8/11/12 Wine Tasting fundraiser for the Library – watch for details!

We have downloadable e-books available from our website www.Byron-BergenPublicLibrary.org through the [Nioga Library System](#). The latest best sellers like Lone Wolf by Jodi Picoult, Thief by Clive Cussler, and Celebrity in Death by J.D. Robb are just a few we have available to you at the Library. To reserve your copy go on-line to www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org, or stop in and our Library staff will be happy to help. New children's books arrive weekly! New DVD's monthly! Check out Playaways too! If we don't have it we usually can request it free of charge from our Nioga Library System.

Happy Reading-
Nancy Bailey, Library Manager

Upcoming Events

Cash for Gold and Silver

Saturday, March 31st Byron Fire Hall 10-2 p.m.

Why travel out of town when you can get a great price right here. Buyer Lowell Ling will be here to sort out your unwanted coins and jewelry. Also, the Auxiliary will be serving homemade soup and bread for \$1.00 a bowl. Free beverages.

Ladies Auxiliary Chicken BBQ

Memorial Day

Byron Fire Hall

Immediately following parade. \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children (while supplies last).

Byron Fire Dept. Memorial Day Raffle

First Prize: John Deere X300 Riding Lawn Mower or \$2,000 credit at Z & M Ag and Turf.

Second Prize: \$250 Prepaid Visa Card

Third Prize: \$250 Prepaid Visa Card

Raffle to be held at the Byron Fire Hall at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each or buy 2 get one free. Stop in any Monday night for tickets, or get them from any Byron Fire Department personnel.



The Byron Fire Department has orange safety vests available for free (great for walkers). If you're interested, contact David Chupp at 585-409-4914.

2012 Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic

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

April 12, 2012	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Pembroke Highway Department
May 10, 2012	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	LeRoy Village Highway Garage
June 9, 2012	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Centennial Park
August 16, 2012	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Genesee County Fairgrounds
September 13, 2012	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Pembroke Highway Department
October 18, 2012	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. Non-county residents must pay a mandatory \$5 fee for each dog, cat and ferret immunized.

Byron Fire Department

It is now time for the annual No Open Burn Period: Friday March 16 2012 is the start of this year's No Open Burning Period, which lasts until midnight Tuesday May 15, 2012. During this time frame, most open burning is not allowed.

From May 16, 2012 until March 15, 2013 campfires and cooking fires are allowed as long as they are less than three feet in height, and less than four feet in length and width or diameter. Celebratory Bonfires are also permitted during this period.

Also be aware that if a person starts a fire and that fire gets away from them and causes damage or injury then the person, who started the fire, may be held liable for the damage or injury.

Burn Barrels are no longer permitted at any time.

Agricultural fires are allowed as long as they meet the requirements of DEC regulation 6 NYCRR Part 215, Open Fires. These fires have a number of requirements including that they cannot burn for more than 24 hours and they must be attended while burning and there must be the means to put the fire out on location, etc.

If you are going to have a campfire, bonfire, or controlled agricultural burn please contact either the local fire department or the Dispatch Center at 343-5000 as everyone has a cell phone these days and when they are driving by and see a fire they all want to do the right thing and call it in. The fire department then gets dispatched. For more information regarding the burning regulations please see NYS DEC website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4261.html> or <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/58519.html>

John Durand, Chief - Byron Fire Dept. (813-3531)

Byron Historical Society

The Byron Historical Society Spring Meeting will be held Thurs. May 17th at the Byron Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be served at 6 pm with a program and meeting to follow. The program titled THE HISTORY OF THE NEW YORK STATE TROOPERS will be presented by former Trooper Albert Kurek. Al has written two books on the subject and has accumulated much memorabilia. The program is open to all who wish to attend. Reservations will be required for dinner. A short meeting will follow the program.

Membership in the Byron Historical Society is open to anyone interested in the collection and preservation of the history of the Town of Byron. If you are not a member, please consider joining. The cost is only \$5.00 for an individual membership.

From the Historian's Desk

Eggs in the 1800's: Every farm, large and small, had chickens locally here in Byron. We would get our eggs from a local farm, either directly from a local farm, or at the local stores who got them from a local farm. But what about people in large cities - they also got them from Byron farms. The eggs were collected by a merchant that would go from farm to farm collecting the eggs, and then the eggs would be shipped most likely by rail. Small orders would be shipped by US Mail. The museum has a shipping box for eggs. It's a metal box with dividers for individual eggs.

Following is a newspaper article about Byron: 6/7/1889 – May 28th Moore and Seaver shipped and sold in Rochester 100 crates of eggs (3000 dozen), collected by Gene Smith with his egg wagon.

***The Town of Byron Planning Board and
Zoning Board of Appeals are looking for
individuals to serve as an alternates.
The Town is also looking for individuals
to serve on the Byron-Bergen Public Library
Board, and anyone interested in becoming
an election inspector. If interested, please call
the Town Clerk at 548-7123 ext. 10***

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:

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585 - 548 - 7123

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Town Clerk – Debra Buck-Leaton	Ext. 10
Highway Dept. - George Heins	Ext. 11
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 Ivison	Ext. 18
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Councilman Jack Redick	
Councilman Scott Wooton	
Councilman Harold Austin	

