

Town of Byron Newsletter



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Supervisor

Hello. Hopefully Spring is on the way. We had a mild November and December, but January and February made up for it.

Water Improvement Benefit Area #1 is basically designed with most approvals from different agencies approved and ready to go to bid. We are again waiting on the comptroller's approval, which hopefully will come late Spring. We hope to put it out to bid early Summer, with an immediate start, because of the size it will be broken down into two separate contracts.

As far as solar, Excelsior Energy is waiting on siting board approval and we are working through the process of road use agreements. If water and solar both get approvals this year, it will definitely be a busy Summer in the town of Byron. But, rest assured, we will be ready.

The day-to-day operations of the town have been running quite smoothly. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our new CEO/ZEO Melissa Ierlan. She started in January and so far is doing an excellent job, and hopefully by Summer you should see a difference in the Town's appearance. It is a work in progress.

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

Have a prosperous and safe Summer.

Respectfully,

Peter N. Yasses, Supervisor

Town Clerk

The Town of Byron Bicentennial will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2022. If you are interested in helping out, please attend our meeting on Tuesday, March 8th at 7:00 pm at the Byron Fire Hall.

The Byron Kiwanis and the Town Clerk's Office are selling Town of Byron commemorative throws to celebrate our Bicentennial, the cost is \$40 and will need to be prepaid. Please either call the Town Hall or Karen Jaczynski at 585-314-4245. If you'd like to be a part of the Bicentennial celebration planning, please call me for a meeting date and time.

As a reminder, taxes are collected at the Town Hall through March 31, 2022, and can be paid by cash, check, charge or money order. After March 31st, you will need to contact the Genesee County Treasurer's Office regarding payment.

Happy Spring,

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Assessor

The housing market was even stronger in 2021 than in 2020. Change notices for the 2022 annual update will be sent out in March. The trend for 2021 was 11% which means the average home in Byron was selling for more than 11% above the 2021 assessed value. Home sales still continue to be well above current assessed values. This will cause residential assessments for Byron to go up in 2022 even more than the increases in 2021. The increases still may not be high enough to be certified at 100% for the 2022 assessment roll. If you have any questions about values, please feel free to contact me at barreas@rochester.rr.com or 585-734-8372.

Barry Flansburg, Assessor

Highway Superintendent

Winter is hopefully coming to an end, and with that comes spring cleanup. The highway department will be repairing snow plow damage to lawns as soon as the weather allows and after there is no chance of further snowfall. Please be patient, we will work as fast as we can.

Thank you,
David Leaton, Highway Superintendent

Byron-Bergen Imaginary Library

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



Byron Volunteer Fire Department

It is with great gratitude that the Byron Fire Department writes this letter to express our thanks to the community for all the support and appreciation you have shown to us, whether it be with monetary donations, memorial donations, Boot drives or our BBQ's and raffles. Because of your support we now have two new pieces of apparatus Brush Truck 37 and our new Squad 19 (that replaced the old Rescue 19), as well as being able to replace and re-stock on well needed items for our, "Your", ambulance Rescue 40. You are truly the definition of "Good neighbors".

With warmer weather approaching we are working out details for our upcoming events. First to come will be a BBQ on Memorial Day, followed by a summer raffle. Hope to see you there.

Thank you and Stay Safe,
Members of the Byron Fire Department

Byron Fire Department Obtains A FEMA Grant To Upgrade It's Brush Truck

In 1973 the Byron Fire Department purchased a brand-new Chevy Custom 20 4WD Brush Truck, which provided excellent and dependable service, until this January. In March 2020, a grant application was submitted to FEMA for the purchase of a new brush truck to replace our 47-year-old unit. In October of 2020, we were notified that the grant for 95% of the total price was approved. We then started the process of obtaining a new heavy duty pickup truck, which due to the pandemic was very hard to come by. After 10 weeks of searching our vendor told us they were unable to locate a suitable heavy duty pickup truck. Members of the Department then went to work and in February 2021, we were able to order a 2021 Ford F350 Cab and Chassis from West Herr Ford in Hamburg. That unit was delivered that Memorial Day weekend. The truck was then outfitted with an aluminum utility box. The truck has since been fitted with a 150-gal skid unit, pump, hoses and all related equipment needed to fight brush and field fires, supply lighting at scenes, help at motor vehicle accidents, traffic control, wires down, cellar pumps, and many other situations that may arise from time to time.

By the obtaining of a grant for 95% of the cost plus the sale of the old truck we were able to obtain a brand new four door heavy duty 4WD truck with all the current safety features, a bigger water tank and pump, better lighting, along a number of other improvements just using the grant and sale proceeds from the truck.

The new truck went in service the end of February 2022. We would like to thank Jeff Roth, West Herr Ford, for his help in obtaining the Cab and Chassis, Mike Currey, First Out Rescue LLC, for getting us the skid unit, hose, lighting, Enforcer 10, and related equipment, Jim Fodge (Churchville) for the skid unit installation work, Nate Fix (Alexander) for the radio and related electrical work and Tom Chapell (Byron) for the excellent detail work.

BYRON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT
6357 Townline Rd, Byron NY 14422
585-548-2206

We would like to introduce our elected /appointed officers for 2022

Byron Fire 2022 Officers

President Steve Lockner **Vice President** Peter Lockner
Treasurer Tammy Wells **Secretary** Linda Johnston

Officers

Chief	Robert Mruczek	401
Deputy Asst Chief	John Durand	402
Asst Chief	Dwane Weatherall	403
Captain	Edward Sharpe	404
1st Lieutenant	Robert Wasinger	407
Fire Police Captain	Victor Flanagan	405
Safety Officer	Zachary Johnson	408
Rescue Squad Captain	Brad Nickerson	409
Rescue Squad Lieutenant	Eric George	410

Chairman of the Board: Tony Barniak

Contact Information:

President: Steve Lockner 585-548-7474 slockner@rochester.rr.com

Fire Chief: Robert Murczek 585-297-8164 bigmurz21@yahoo.com

Secretary: Linda Johnston 716-474-4755 byronfd21@yahoo.com





Did you know?

The Library is Bigger than it Looks-The Byron-Bergen's interlibrary loan service gives you access to collections at other libraries! Being part of the Nioga Library system gives you opportunities to interloan books from Niagara, Orleans, and Genesee County Libraries. Just check out our online catalog with your valid Library card unlock millions of books, audio books, music CD's, and DVD's available to you! Can't wait for delivery to the Library? Take your card to other libraries in the system and check it out yourself!

The Library has several free options for online and downloadable books, audiobooks, magazines, music and movies you can read on your computer, smart phone, dedicated eBook reader, or tablet. Just go to the Byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org website and click on OverDrive/Libby and Hoopla to find out more!

The Library is more than just books – there are movies and music, programs for all ages, book sales, and much more. Check us out at www.Byron-BergenPublicLibrary.org or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

We have New York tax forms available here! 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

Library has Pre-K/Toddler story time for children at 10:30am on Fridays until April 8th for the winter session and will begin the spring session on April 22nd. We enjoy a different themed story each week with a related craft and a snack! Registration is recommended by calling or stopping by the Library.

Book discussion group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. March 10th we are reading Night Tiger by Yangsze Choo. Come join the discussion and meet new people! We enjoy lively conversation about the book and refreshments too! Call or stop by the Library to reserve your copy of our current book.

Join us for St. Patrick's Day Craft Day March 17th at 6:30 pm. Wear something green and make a fun craft and have a yummy treat! Registration is appreciated by March 16th.

Discover the History and Culture of Dreams with Deborah Dominguez on March 31st at 6pm. The presentation includes a discussion on historical meaning of dreams in different cultures, lands and time periods. Please bring at least 3 written dreams to share. Registration by March 29th is appreciated.

National Library week is April 4th – 9th --Stop in and take out 3 or more books and have a chance to win a prize!! Everyone is invited to participate!

Save the date of April 6th for our annual pre-school concert! Join our smaller patrons at the Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church at 9:30am for music and fun with Buffalo and Brandy's "Magical Musical Storytelling Show"! Children will be swept into an imaginary "storybook world" with songs, dancing and play! No Registration required! Just come join the fun! [This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts](#) with the support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by GO ART!

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Join the Library and the Bergen Historical Society on April 7th as we welcome Joan Wanecski as she presents "Conquering Polio with the Vaccine" at 7pm. A short meeting will be before the presentation. Refreshments to follow. No registration necessary.

Spring Break Happenings!! April 12th – April 16th

Movie Day -Tuesday April 12th at 2:30pm – Join us for the movie *Sing 2*- Rated PG. Enjoy popcorn and refreshments too! Registration by noon on April 12th is appreciated. This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by GO ART!

Spring/Easter Make & Take Craft – April 13th from 3pm- 6pm, come any time between 3pm and 6pm to create a fun colorful craft. No Registration necessary.

Join the Library and the Bergen Historical Society on May 5th at a special time, 6:30pm, as we welcome Perry Ground as he presents "Haudenosaunee Women- From SkyWoman to Influence on American Suffrage". Perry Ground is a Turtle Clan member of the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy that will share stories starting with Creation Story and SkyWoman and highlight the important responsibilities woman have. Refreshments to follow. This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by GO ART!

Movie Day will be Saturday May 21st at 10:30am with the movie to be announced soon! Check out our website for more information. This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by GO ART!

Library book sale will be at the Bergen Park Festival on June 11th. There are audio books, movies, children's books and many bestselling authors. The Library will be closed on June 11th, 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 11th in the parade and right after the parade too, with a field show not to be missed! This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by GO ART!

The Library has Spectrum/Time Warner Internet service available. The Library has copy /fax service for a small cost. Interlibrary loans from any Library in the NIOGA Library system at our catalog www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org. If you can't find it, please ask! Stop in soon! For more information on our services or programs, please call the Library at 494-1120.

Happy Reading!

Nancy Bailey -- Library Manager

Byron Cemetery Association

Spring will be here soon and many are ready for winter to end. John Durand will be busy mowing the grass at the cemetery. He keeps the cemetery looking beautiful. Tasks such as maintaining the trees, bushes, straightening and repairing the older grave stones will be completed by John and Dave Leaton. Their hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

The Cemetery Association sends a huge **thank you** to John and Jean Sackett for donating land to the cemetery. It is located east of the existing land on Swamp Road. We greatly appreciate the added space for future burial plots.

ANNUAL MEETING ~ The annual meeting of the Byron Cemetery Association will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 7pm at the Byron Fire Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Cemetery Association is eagerly looking for new members to make decisions for the cemetery. Please contact Kim Dewey if you are interested 585-356-2256.

Memorial Day is in the future and we would like to honor and thank the men and women for their service and commitment for our country. Many people visit the cemetery with flowers and items of remembrance for their family members or loved ones. Please review the items below if you plan to put flowers or decorations on a grave.

REMINDERS

- Decorations and flowers may be placed between April 1st and October 1st .
- Kindly place moveable pots or containers in line with the monument. This helps with mowing the grass.
- Please do **not** place any glass containers in the cemetery.
- Live plants (trees, shrubs or flowers) should **not** be planted in the cemetery without the Byron Cemetery Association's permission. They require maintenance that need to be taken into consideration. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

There are many available cemetery plots. If you are interested in choosing your final resting place, Superintendents, John and Donna Durand would be glad to show you existing plots.

Plot and Burial Prices

Cemetery Plot (4x10) \$600
Burial \$600

Pet Burial \$400
Cremation burial \$400

Burials on Sundays & holidays are an additional \$100. Additional charges may be added for snow removal & penetration of frost depending on the costs to the cemetery.

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

Upcoming Events

Byron Rescue Squad Chicken BBQ at the Byron Fire Hall

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2022 \$10.00 11:00 a.m. until sold out

Townwide Garage Sales

The Townwide garage sales will be on Saturday, July 30, 2022 so that residents can enjoy the Bicentennial on August 20th.

Town of Byron Bicentennial

Saturday, August 20, 2022. Watch for details and a calendar of events in our June newsletter.



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	Highway Dept.— David Leaton	Ext. 11
Town Clerk—Debra Buck-Leaton	Ext. 10	Cell phone:	402-4717
Court Clerk—Michelle Caballero	Ext. 18	Assessor— Barry Flansburg	Ext. 17
Sewer Dept.	Ext. 12	Town Justice Smith	Ext. 18
In an Emergency (Sewer Dept.—Shaun)	585-322-0006	Town Justice Erion	Ext. 18
CEO/ZEO—Melissa Ierlan	Ext. 15	Councilman Tom Felton	300-3456
Councilman Josh Kent	813-1760	Councilman Eric Zuber	746-5158
Councilman Jeff Thompson	851-1469		