

Town of Byron Newsletter



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Supervisor

We're pleased to announce that Water Benefit Area No. 1 will begin construction in April. Please keep in mind that the construction of the water district is being done by two different contractors, and we do not know right now which part of the Town they will begin at. Construction should be substantially completed by the end of November. You should be receiving a letter from Monroe County Water Authority in the next couple of months regarding a meeting that they will be holding at the Town Hall to discuss hookups and fees.

As of this time, our old park pavilion at the Community Park has been demolished. The pavilion was deemed unsafe by the Town's insurance company and needed to be taken down. The Town is replacing the pavilion with a new one, which will be completed by June, just in time to be enjoyed by our summer recreation program and our community.

With Spring around the corner, now is the time for all of us to do our part in keeping our community looking its best and cleaning up any unsightly debris from your property.

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

Respectfully,

Peter N. Yasses, Supervisor

Town Clerk

I know I sound like a broken record, and my family calls me "The Dog Nazi", but it is very important that you license your dog, not only is it the law, but it helps to protect the community from animals with rabies. I have many people say, "well my dog never goes outside without me", but your dog can still get rabies from vermin living in your house, i.e. bats and mice. Getting your dog licensed also helps identify it if it were ever to run away or get lost. If your dog is wearing a license tag, anyone (including animal control) can call the Town and give me the license number and I can tell them exactly who the dog belongs to. So please do your part and license your dog, I hate to hound you as much as you hate licensing your dog, but I promise, it's pretty painless and you get to come visit me!!!! And if I find you have an unlicensed dog and I ask you nicely to license it and you still don't, well, then you'll have to go see the Judge :(

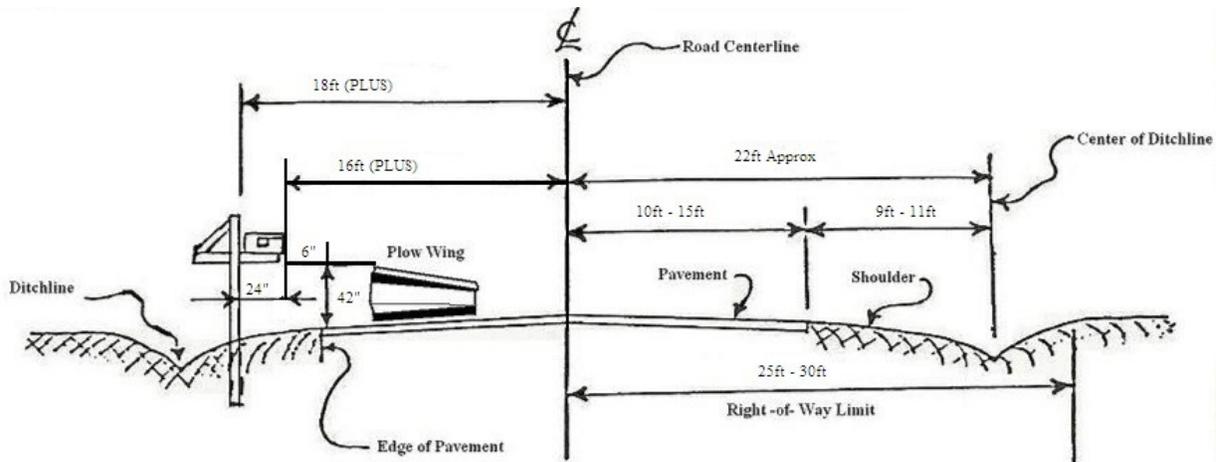
Happy Spring!

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Highway Department

Mailbox Installation Guidelines

Installation Diagram:



Instructions & Notes:

- The face of the mailbox should be a minimum of 16 feet from the center line of the roadway and always at least 6 inches off any asphalt edge or shoulder edge.
- If the shoulder of the roadway permits, the mailbox should be placed off the roadway to allow the mail delivery vehicle to get out of the traffic flow for safety.
- The mailbox and its support arm should have a minimum of 42 inches of clear space under it for at least 2 feet back to the post from the face of the mailbox to allow the snow plow wing to pass under the mailbox and its arm.
- The town is NOT responsible for repairing or replacing mailboxes hit from the removal of snow off the roadway. Therefore some care and thought should be used when placing or repairing mailboxes and posts. The NYS traffic laws require the Town Highway Department to keep a minimum two 15 foot lanes clear of obstructions for the motoring public. This is a minimum total width of 30 feet, roadway and shoulder.
- The mailbox post and box must be strong enough to stand up to heavy snow hitting it from coming off the plows.
- The design of the snow plow with a wing is so that it plows a 15 foot wide path in one pass, at its narrowest setting. The NYS Traffic Laws do not allow anyone to cross the centerline of the roadway, therefore anything within 15 feet of the center of the road will most likely get hit. The height of a wing on a snow plow is 40 inches so a 42 inch clearance under a mailbox is a very risky minimum considering any build up of ice or snow or gravel would lessen the clearance for the wing.

NOTE: Please keep an additional width in mind when planting or putting anything (fences, etc.) near the roadway and allow for the snow removal amount being pushed back an additional 10-12 feet by the snowplows.

Please contact your Highway Superintendent for help and/or questions.

Imagination Library

Over 6,000 books have been delivered to our local Byron-Bergen children, ages birth to 5 years, through the Imagination Library. This program is run entirely on community donations. We are struggling to keep this program active. The cost per child per year is \$25.00 to receive a monthly book through the Dolly World Foundation. It's through donations from individuals, clubs, businesses, etc. that this program continues.

Receiving these books provide children with an early start on reading and an appreciation of learning at an early age.

Please consider supporting our young readers by a donation to our program! Any amount is appreciated and is tax deductible. Checks can be made to Richter Family Foundation and sent to 1600 Ham Road, Basom, New York 14013. Our sincere thank you to our past, continuing, and new donors! Registration and information can be found online at ImaginationLibrary.com. Questions are welcome: Anna Marie Barclay at 494-1979, or Donna Gerrard at 548-7380.



2023 Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic

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

May 18, 2023	4:00 to 6:30 p.m.	Genesee County Fairgrounds 5056 East Main Street, Batavia
August 10, 2023	4:00 to 6:30 p.m.	Genesee County Fairgrounds
October 12, 2023	4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Genesee County Fairgrounds

Each dog, cat and ferret must be leashed or crated and accompanied by someone who can control it.

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

For more information, visit: www.GOHealthNY.org

From the Historian's Desk...

I would like to talk about our two new residents. If you didn't know, we have a pair of Bald Eagles in the area. These magnificent birds should be admired and treated with respect, they do not like to be stared at and may leave the area if they receive too much attention. If you see them, grab a quick picture, keep your distance, share your picture but not where you see them.

At one time these birds, the National Bird symbol of the United States, were on the endangered list but have made a comeback.

Eagles normally eat fish, but if lakes and ponds are frozen they may pick other game, such as geese, raccoons, squirrels, foxes and cats.

To learn more you can visit the Iroquois National refuge in Alabama, NY, one source that I used was Wikipedia.



Byron Presbyterian Church

Spring – new beginnings – new hope – always faith!

Come to Byron Presbyterian!

Sunday Worship – 9:45 AM



What's happening at the church for spring?

It is the season of Lent, many of us try to find what to give up for the next 40 days.

What if we decided to “give to” instead? Think about ways you can give to others during this season. Do a random act of kindness. Extend friendship. Smile!

Lent takes us to the holy season of Easter and we have many ways to renew hope and strengthen your faith. There are prayer books to follow during Lent. If you would like a copy please contact us at 585-548-2800 or send an email request to byronpresb@outlook.com. They are available in digital and print form.

Sunday, March 19th – 12:15 PM – St. Patrick’s Lunch & Concert to benefit the North Bergen Food Pantry. Enjoy a lunch of hot soup and fresh rolls, dessert in the fellowship hall immediately following worship. Then move up to the sanctuary for a concert of Irish tunes with harp, flute, bassoon, organ, piano and voice! All free of charge. A Free Will offering will be collected to benefit the North Bergen Food Pantry. The food pantry feeds hundreds of people in our area that are facing food insecurity. Please support this great cause and have an afternoon of music!

Sunday, April 2nd – Palm Sunday - Worship/Sunday School 9:45 AM –

Wave the palms! Hear the choir. Wave the palms!

Thursday, April 6th – 7PM – Maundy Thursday Service in the sanctuary.

The service honoring the Last Supper. We will have a 30 minute service of scripture, prayer, and communion.

Sunday, April 9th – EASTER SUNDAY - Worship/Sunday School 9:45 AM

Join us for this holiest of Sundays as we celebrate the risen Christ.

Sunday, April 9th – Easter Egg Hunt for children 12 & under – immediately following worship on the church lawn** (**will move inside if weather requires)

In addition, AA meets in our fellowship hall every Wednesday evening.

7:30pm T.O.P.S – Take Off Pounds Sensibly – meets every Wednesday at 5:00 pm in our back fellowship hall.

Byron Cemetery Association

As spring approaches cleanup will begin at the Byron Cemetery. When decorating graves for Memorial Day please be sure that all decorations, flowers, and/or flags are in line with the grave markers. This makes mowing the cemetery easier and protects your decorations from potential damage by the mower blades.

****REMINDER**** Live shrubs and plants may not be planted in the cemetery without the Byron Cemetery Association's prior permission.

The Byron Cemetery Association's annual meeting will be held Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 7pm at the Byron Fire Hall. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

John Sackett, an active member of the Byron Cemetery Association, died January 2, 2023. John regularly attended annual meetings for the cemetery and often contributed to discussions. He and his wife Jean, generously donated land for the cemetery located east of Swamp Road. We wish to publicly thank the Sackett family for John's dedication to the Byron Cemetery and extend our deepest sympathy at his passing.

New Members Needed ~ The Byron Cemetery Association is looking for new members. Many of the current members have volunteered their time for numerous years. Please contact Kim Dewey for more information.

Current Plot and Burial Prices:

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

Contact John or Donna Durand if you are interested in a cemetery plot. Preplanning can make fewer decisions for your family during their time of grief.

Those we love don't go away.

They walk beside us every day.

Unseen, unheard

but always near.

Still loved, still missed

and very dear.

Author ~ Unknown

Byron Cemetery Association Board of Trustees

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



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 March 31st for the winter session and will begin the spring session on April 14th. 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.

Come to the Library and participate in a fantasy, tabletop role-playing game like Dungeons & Dragons on Saturday, March 18th at 10am! This will be the start of a new campaign—all are welcome—run by Dungeon Master Jacob Seward. Registration by Friday, March 17th is appreciated.

Stop in after March 2nd to pick up a St. Patrick's Day Take & Make craft during regular Library hours! Spring/Easter Take & Make Craft will be available after March 21st!

Book discussion group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. March 9th we are reading Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict. 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 scavenger Hunt the week of March 14th -18th during regular Library hours. Stop in with your green on! Win a prize!

BINGO! St. Patty's day theme! Come join us March 16th at 5pm- Enjoy a pizza party, win prizes, and have some fun! Register by March 14th please by calling or stopping in.

New Book Club starting at the Gillam Grant Community Center! March 21st at 10:30 am. Our 1st meeting will be a Book Talk featuring book selections – you decide what to read as a group. Program is FREE – registration is appreciated by calling the Library.

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Chair Yoga at 4pm and Beginning Yoga at 6pm on March 21st! Join our certified instructor Colleen – sign up today by March 17th – space is limited - - Wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle and mat if you have one. Donations to the instructor are appreciated.

Spring Break Happenings!! April 4th—April 8th!!

Movie Day -Tuesday, April 4th– Join us for the movie *Puss in Boots the Last Wish*- Rated PG. Enjoy popcorn and refreshments too! Registration by noon on April 4th is appreciated.

Easter Peep Bunny Craft – April 5th at 4pm! Come make an edible Bunny Peep House with an assortment of yummy craft supplies. Sign up by Friday, March 31st—space is limited.

Adinkra T-Shirts—April 6th at 5pm! In this workshop learn the history and meaning of Adinkra symbols found throughout West Africa, and create your own Adinkras T-Shirt printing! Let us know what T-Shirt size (small, medium, large, or extra-large) beforehand and registration necessary by Friday, March 31st to join. Space is limited so sign up soon. 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 GO ART!

Save the date of April 19th for our annual pre-school concert! Join our smaller patrons at the Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church at 9:30am for music and fun with “Ancient Voices”—a World Music percussion and wind duo. Enjoy a wide array of instruments and music weaving together tradition and improvisation. 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!

Tea time with Julie Fee on Saturday, April 22nd at 11am! Have you ever wanted to grow a tea garden? We'll be planting a few herbs to get you started, plus taste testing some of the herbs you'll be growing! This hands-on class will teach you: How to propagate your herbs; Planting conditions: Harvesting and Dehydrating Tips to make a great Cup of Herbal Tea. Bring your favorite tea cup. Garden gloves optional. Class size limited sign up by April 18th to reserve your spot.

National Library week is April 25th-29th --Stop in and take out 3 or more books and have a chance to win a prize!! Everyone invited to participate!

Join the Library and the Bergen Historical Society on May 4th at 7pm – Join Bruce Schwendy as he presents “The Three Erie Canals History and Folklore”. Refreshments and meeting to follow.

Join Lesle Hill for a Succulent Pot Workshop on either May 10th at 6:30 and May 13th at 10:30am. What better Mother’s Day gift than making a succulent pot for her or make one for yourself. Come and learn how to take care of these beautiful plants so they thrive for years. As a bonus, I’m including one-of-a-kind handmade gift tags to attach to your gift! Cost is \$5 – sign up by May 5th. Space is limit call or sign-up at <https://www.sosnflowers.com/shop>. 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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Succulent Prom Ring or Boutonniere Workshop –Two different days to choose from: May 13th at 11am and May 17th at 7pm. Stand out at prom this year and make your own Succulent Ring or Succulent Boutonniere at this DIY Workshop. We provide all of the supplies and coaching you need so your ring will be unique compared to what your friends make. These are faux succulents so you have a keepsake to hang on to, and they are durable compared to fresh succulents. The ring base is adjustable so it can fit any finger size. Cost is \$10 – space is limited so sign up at the library or sign up at <https://www.sosnflowers.com/shop> 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!

History, Culture and Music of the Ukraine presented by Marianna Gonzalez on June 1st at 7pm. Come learn about who the people are and gain a deeper understanding of their culture. 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 10th. There are audio books, movies, children's books and many bestselling authors. The Library will be closed on June 10th so stop by the tent at the Park Fest!

Library is hosting the Mark Time 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.byronbergenpubliclibrary.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.

Lastly, a great way to show your love of the Library and win prizes from local businesses is by entering this contest---

What is your favorite thing about your Byron-Bergen Public Library? Why? (Forms available at the Library.) *Open to all ages. Ends 4/28/2023*

Happy Reading!

Nancy Bailey -- Library Manager

Concerts in the Park

The Town of Byron, along with the Byron-Bergen Library through a GO-Art Grant, will be having three concerts in the park this summer so bring a lawn chair and a cooler with your favorite beverage and join in on the fun!

July 13th—Glenn Colton at 7:00 p.m.

July 20th—Batavia Swing Band at 7:00 p.m.

July 27th—Savage Cabbage at 7:00 p.m.



New Spring Book Club now forming at the Gillam-Grant Community Center. Join us for the kick off Book Talk on March 21 at 10:30 am and on April 18, May 16, and June 20. We will then decide as a group what books we will read. (You need not commit to all sessions.) Sally Capurso, retired English teacher, will lead the group. Program is FREE and presented by your Byron- Bergen Public Library. Registrations are appreciated by calling your library: (585) 494-1120.

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

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Town Clerk—Debra Buck-Leaton	Ext. 10	Cell phone:	402-4717
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