

Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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From the Supervisor's Desk

With summer just around the corner, please remember to treat your Town parks with respect. It takes a lot of effort from many volunteers to keep our parks running and looking beautiful.

Please be sure to support the Byron Heritage Festival on July 30th, and say thank you to the volunteers who make this an enjoyable day for our entire community.

Also, thank you to Karen and Roger Jaczynski, and Kim and Mark Dewey, for maintaining the flower beds around the "Welcome to Byron" signs at the entrances into Byron on Rtes. 262 and 237, and thank you to our Highway Department for building the beautiful flower boxes on the four corners in Byron and S. Byron.

If at any time you have questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 548-7123 ext. 14.

Have a safe and fun summer,
Bob Crnkovich, Supervisor

Town Clerk

By law, the Town is required to do a dog census every three years. This year, instead of having someone go door-to-door, we sent out postcards for you to verify with the Town Clerk's Office that your dog is licensed. This method of doing the dog census is only as good as the residents are honest. New York State Law mandates that any dog over 4 months old must be licensed, so please return your census postcard as soon as possible, and if your dog(s) aren't licensed, please do so. For those residents who do not return their census postcard by July 1st, the Town will have the Dog Control Officer come to your house, and if you are harboring an unlicensed dog, you will be issued a court appearance ticket.

If you are planning on having a garage sale on July 30th during the Heritage Festival, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 548-7123 ext. 10 to be put on the list to be distributed.

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

BUILDING AND ZONING INFORMATION 2009

Spring is slowly approaching and with the nice weather, comes building projects. Please come to the Town Hall to obtain a zoning permit and, if necessary, a building permit when any construction will be happening on your property... pools, sheds, decks, additions, garages, etc. **ZONING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED** for ALL new construction. If you're not sure if you need one, we will try to help, and please remember there are fines in place for anyone NOT applying for a proper permit.

If you intend to excavate, you must first arrange to have the buried utilities located at your worksite **BEFORE** you dig. New York State law, Industrial Code 53, requires it. Your safety and liability demand it.

To help simplify your responsibilities, DIG SAFELY NEW YORK is there to help. With one quick phone call to DIG SAFELY NEW YORK an excavator may contact several utilities with their stake-out request. As a One Call Center, DIG SAFELY NEW YORK will relay your excavation to its member utilities, which will visit your work site and mark or "clear" their buried utilities. NYS Law requires at least 2 FULL working days notice.

The service and phone call are absolutely free!

To get more information on DIG SAFELY NEW YORK or a free copy of Code 53, call DIG SAFELY NEW YORK at 1-800-962-7962.

Thinking about installing a portable or inflatable pool? Here are some pool guidelines to aid in your decision.

Did you know?

Portable Pools/Inflatable (Temporary)

- Above 24" require a rigid fence (48") with a self-closing gate containing a self latching device
- Electrical must be GFI protected
- Pool alarm is required
- 24" or less – no fence required and no permit required

Above Ground Pools (Permanent)

- Below 48" require rigid fence
- Electrical must be GFI protected and inspected by a NYS Electrical Inspector
- Pool alarm is required
- Building permit required

In-Ground Pools (Permanent)

- A rigid fence (48") with a self-closing gate containing a self-latching device is required
- Electrical must be GFI protected and inspected by a NYS Electrical Inspector
- Pool alarm is required
- Building permit required

All pools, existing and new, must comply.

Other codes apply, depending on your application.

Ken Kuter, Town of Byron Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer

From the Historian's Desk

I hope everyone was able to join us in the Byron Cemetery on Memorial Day, and did you notice all the flags. The Byron Cemetery has a representative from the Revolution up to the Vietnam War. These Veterans are the reason that we have the freedoms that we have.

This year is the 150th anniversary of the Civil War which started in 1861. You may think that the war was so far away that it didn't have an affect on Byron, but it did. If you were at the Memorial Day Services in the Byron Cemetery you would have seen the American Legion lay a wreath before a tall monument. This monument has special significance to Byron. In the Byron Cemetery Directory By Betsy Newton is a short description of this monument that I'll quote, " There is a Civil War Soldiers Monument in the Cemetery, dedicated to the memory of our Patriotic Townsmen who sacrificed their lives to suppress Rebellion, maintain Union, and Freedom. Erected by subscription September 1864.

Following is a list of those names of Byronites killed in battle:

Barnard, Cary W. died 04, June 1862 age 17 years

Barnard, George L. died 20 May 1862 age 22 years

Brill, Joseph died 13 November 1863 age 24 years

Brown, William M. Died 09 December 1861 age 38 years

Bushman, Albert C. died 25 August 1864-Petersburge, VA age 20 years

Busser, Peter died 09 April 1864

Feagles, Salem died 05 September 1864 age 27 years

Foster, Henry died 18 June 1864-near Petersburg, VA age 25 years

Gardner, Capt. Alex died 03 June 1864-Old Harbor, VA

Lewis, Alonzo died 31 July 1864 age 35 years

Lower, George W. died July 1864 age 20 years

McQuire, William age 20 years

Miller, Jacob died 09 December 1863

Perkins, Flavius died 14 November 1861 age 22 years

Perkins, Dwight W. died 10 September 1861 age 30 years

Sharp, William died July 1864 age 20 years

Shelt, William died 20 October 1863 age 23 years

Bob and Beth Wilson, Town Historians

Byron Youth Recreation Summer Program

The Town of Byron will be continuing the youth recreation summer program beginning July 5th and running through August 12th 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.

Upcoming Events

Byron Fire Dept. Gun Raffle Saturday, October 1st Byron Fire Hall 5:00 p.m. - ?

14 guns and cash prizes awarded. Tickets are \$20 and include entry, food and drinks. Winning tickets will be re-entered. Tickets available from any Byron fireman or stop by the fire hall on Monday nights. Only 800 tickets sold.

Annual Kiwanis Beef & Chicken BBQ and Auction

Sunday, September 11th S. Byron Fire Hall 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Chicken BBQ will be presale only.

Kiwanis Fall Raffle Sunday, September 11th

Winners to be announced at the Kiwanis Beef BBQ and Auction

1st Prize: 1 night stay at the Sheraton Falls View Canada or \$200 cash

2nd Prize: Sony Blue Ray DVD

3rd Prize: Apple IPOD Touch

\$5 Donation - only 300 tickets sold Proceeds to benefit Byron Community Projects

Contact John Sackett at 548-2434, or any Byron Kiwanian for tickets.

Sleds of Stafford

Memberships: A new membership year has started. Snowmobilers can receive a reduced registration rate by being a Snowmobile association or club member. Join where you ride. Join the Sleds of Stafford now. (Call 585.548.7197 or go to www.nyssnowassoc.org)

Smooth Trails: Did you enjoy those smooth local snowmobile trails this winter? A tax deductible donation to the Sleds of Stafford will help keep those trails smooth by reducing the number of fund raisers (as listed below) that are needed to offset those increased trail grooming costs. Sleds of Stafford, PO Box 709, Stafford, NY 14143.

Volunteers are needed - Help mark trail or help with groomer repair, maintenance, operation, and/or fund raisers.

Golf Tournament: The Groomer Classic at Terry Hills Golf Course, July 23, 2011 at 12:00 Noon, call Todd @ 585.721.7148

Vintage Snowmobile and Outdoor Show: Sept. 18, 2011, 8:00am – 4:00pm, BW's Restaurant, 11070 Perry Rd. Pavilion. Food, Snowmobiles, ATVs and Outdoor clothing, equipment, and accessories. Memberships can be purchased. Genesee Co. DMV will attend to receive registration renewals. Come show your old sleds, also **Vintage Sled Raffle** fund raiser: Win an immaculate 1976 AC Panther. (585.548.7197)

Annual Steak Dinner: Nov. 12, 2011 at BW's at 6:30pm. Lots of door prizes! (Call 585.356.2709 for tickets)

Landowners: All snowmobilers thank you for allowing us to use your property. There would be no trails without cooperative landowners.

Gillam-Grant Community Center

See our newsletter or call the Gillam-Grant Center 494-1621, for more details...

June 17th-Golf Tournament - Still accepting teams and sponsors.

June 27th-July 1st: UK International Soccer Camp 9am – noon

Pick up registration at Gillam-Grant or go online to www.uksocca.com, look for Bergen-Gillam-Grant and follow the directions.

Gillam-Grant Day Camp – Wacky & Wild Words 9am-3pm

Week 1: July 11th to 15th this week's field trip - 7/14 Buffalo Zoo

Week 2: July 18th to 22nd this week's field trip - 7/22 Horizon Fun FX

Week 3: July 25th to 29th this week's field trip - 7/28 Darien Lake Theme Park

Week 4: Aug. 1st to 5th this week's field trip - 8/4 Tinseltown, The Smurfs 3D

Week 5: Aug. 8th to 12th this week's field trip - 8/11 Strong Museum (K-4), Laser Tag (5-6)

July 13th: Trip on Erie Canal aboard the Colonial Belle. Transportation leaves at 1:15pm.

July 14th: AARP Safe Driving Course – 9am to 3:30pm

July 18th to 22nd Jr. Tennis Camp 6 – 7pm, for ages 6-12 years.

July 25th to 29th Basketball Camp 6 – 8:30pm, for 1st to 4th grades.

Pre-School Summer Camp:

Week 1: July 25th to 29th ~ 4 & 5 year olds Mon, Wed, Fri, 9:15 to noon.

Week 2: August 1st to 5th ~ 3 & 4 year olds Tues. & Thurs. 9:15 to 11:15am

July 22nd – Prime Timers FREE picnic lunch at noon. **Pre-register no later than 7/19.**

August 1st: Deadline for Gettysburg/Lancaster Trip on September 19th – 22nd

August 17th: Hurd Orchard Luncheon: Butterfly garden, register by August 1st.

September 12th: Senior Evening meal at 5:30pm with Skip Roberts: Gentleman of Country Music.

September 24th: “Nunsense”, an Interactive Dinner Theatre at Gillam-Grant. Join us at 6pm for Cocktails, 7pm the show begins! A Great Lakes Production Tickets: \$38 each

Byron-Bergen Library

New Library hours starting June 1st!!

Sunday and Monday – Closed

Tuesday 10-12 and 2-8

Wednesday 10-12 and 2-8

Thursday 10-12 and 2-8

Friday 10-6

Saturday 10-1

Closed Saturday July 2nd for Independence Day and September 3rd for Labor Day.

Open up new worlds- read new authors, try a new recipe book, or get lost in a movie! Check us out on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org. There are databases; Librarian 24/7, Tumbling Talking Books, TumbleBook Library, NOVEL list, and many more databases are available to you!! The Library has Downloadable Audio Books and E-books from Overdrive available with a valid Library card!! The Library also has a coupon exchange and a Magazine exchange available to patrons! Just bring in your unexpired coupons and past magazines get new ones. The Library has Wi-Fi available for patron use! Stop in soon!

Friends of the 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. Help support the Friends of the Library!!!

Library Basket Raffle with many themed baskets such as Movies, Wine, Mary Kay, Outdoor Grilling, and In the Garden are available to win! So stop for your chance! The Library will be closed on June 11th so you can join the fun!

The Library will be hosting the Canal Street String Band at the Bergen Park Festival on June 11th at 12:45 right after the parade! This free program is made possible with funds from a Decentralized program, a re-grant program of the NY State Council of the Arts, administered by the Genesee-Orleans Arts Council. Don't forget to stop by the Library tent!

Book discussion group will be meeting on June 9th at 7pm. We have lively conversation about the book and refreshments to enjoy too! Stop by the Library to reserve your copy of our current book The Leisure Seekers by Michael Zadoorian or reserve your copy online!

We are looking for responsible kids age 11 years old and older to help volunteer during the summer reading program. Stop by and pick up an application now before the end of the school year!!! You can win prizes for volunteering and get a first look at all the new books and DVDs!!! Beat the heat in our air conditioned Library and sign up with a friend to join the fun!

Summer is coming!! So is the Summer reading program- "One World Many Stories!" Our Kick-off will be Tuesday June 21st at 2pm with Tales and Tunes! A sing-along, clap-along, highly interactive program will take

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us to many countries. Join us for a great, fun, musical story event that encourages audience members to participate both from their seats and on stage.

The summer reading program is set up for children 3 years old and up to read and win prizes! Having your children read throughout the summer will help keep up their reading skills for school in the fall. If you are not able to make the Kick-off event- stop by anytime after June 21st to sign up! Throughout the summer we will be having special story times, crafts, animal visits, and movie days which will explore the world. For a complete schedule of events check us out on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org and [friend us on Facebook](#).

The Library has preschool story time at 10:30am starting Friday July 8th to August 19th. We will be exploring new places and learning about different people and animals! Join the fun this summer with your young children!!! There's magic in every book!

The American Red Cross Babysitting course will be offered at the Library on July 13th from 10am to 3pm. Bring a drink and snack- lunch provide by the Friends of the Byron-Bergen Public Library You must be at least 11 years old or turn 11 in the month of July to be certified. Call or stop by before July 7th to register. The cost is \$40 which includes book.

Join us at the Byron Heritage Fest on July 30th for the Friends of the Library book sale.

The Library will be hosting along with Byron Heritage Festival the Brick Band that will be playing from 5pm to 7pm. Come join the fun and see old friends!

Are your children between the ages of 7-12? Have you thought about leaving them home alone-For an hour or part of a day? Sign them up for the Home Alone Safety class on August 18th from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Cost is \$18. They will learn telephone tips, Internet safety, what to do in a power outage and much, much more! Registration and payment by August 11th. Class size limited so sign up soon!!

Come check out our newest books: The Sixth Man by David Baldacci, 10th Anniversary by James Patterson, Something Borrowed by Emily Giffin and many more. If they are not on the shelf, check us out on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org to reserve your copy! We have been adding to our books on CD collection with Sing You Home by Jodi. Picoult, Dead Reckoning by Charlaine Harris, and The Lake of Dreams by Kin Edwards. We also have a great selection of children's audio books that are great to listen to while you are driving to your vacation destination!!

The Library has copy /fax service for a small cost, Roadrunner Internet, and interlibrary loans from any library in the NIOGA Library system. If you can't find it at our Library, please ask or check us out on the web at byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org! Stop in soon! For more information on our services or programs, please call the Library at 494-1120.

Happy Reading--

Nancy Bailey

2011 Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic

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

June 11, 2011	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Centennial Park
August 18, 2011	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Genesee County Fairgrounds
September 15, 2011	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Pembroke Highway Department
October 20, 2011	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.

Surplus Food Distribution By Community Action of Orleans & Genesee Counties

Everyone is required to bring: I.D., Proof of Income, Proof of Residence, Bags or a Box
Genesee County Residents Only

At the Genesee County Fairgrounds Kennedy Building, East Main Street, Batavia

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

June 8th, August 3rd, September 14th and October 5th

Byron Heritage Festival - July 30, 2011

The Byron Heritage Festival 2011 will be here again before we know it. The committee is working diligently on making Saturday, July 30th a fun-filled day for the whole community. This year it will include the Fishing Derby at Trestle Park, 3rd Annual 5K run, parade, food and craft vendors, cruise-in, garden contest, town-wide garage sales, live bands, Chicken BBQ, raffles, Basketball Shootout, Horseshoe Tournament and a spectacular fireworks display.

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.

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

Supervisor – Robert Crnkovich

Ext. 14

Highway Dept. - George Heins

Ext. 11

Home:

548-7767

Cell Phone:

703-3309

Town Clerk – Debra Buck-Leaton

Ext. 10

CEO/ZEO - Ken Kuter

Ext. 15

Sewer Dept.

Ext. 12

Assessor - Barry Flansburg

Ext. 17

In an Emergency

585-507-9245

Town Justice DiMatteo 343 - 2770

Town Justice Lamkin

548 - 2818

Byron Heritage Festival Calendar of Events

July 30, 2011

Fishing Derby (Sponsored by Byron Kiwanis)	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (Ages 12 and under) (sign-in begins at 7:30 a.m.)
5K Run (Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop #13)	7:00 a.m. Registration 8:00 a.m. Race Begins 9:30 a.m. Race Results
Craft and Food Vendors	9:00 a.m. – ?
Garage Sales (Call the Town Hall at 548-7123 ext. 10 to be put on hte list)	9:00 a.m. – ?
Bounce House (Sponsored by Fullerino's)	10:00 a.m. - ?
Parade	11:00 a.m.
Cruise In	11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Raffles	Winners announced starting at 3:00 p.m.
Basketball Shootout	2:30 p.m. (Basketball Court)
Garden Contest	Winners announced at 3:00 p.m.
Horseshoe Tournament (Sponsored by Sue Fuller)	4:00 p.m.
Chicken BBQ (Sponsored by Byron Kiwanis)	4:00 p.m. until sold out (Tennis Courts)
Ghostriders	1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Brick Band (Sponsored by Byron-Bergen Public Library in coordination with the Byron Heritage Festival)	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Big Money Bob	8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Fireworks	9:30 p.m.