

# Town of Byron NEWSLETTER



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## From the Supervisor's Desk

There may be Small Cities grant funds available to do a small water district, therefore, it is very important that you return the income surveys previously sent to you, if you still have one. The income surveys will not only help you, but all future water districts to secure funding, if it becomes available.

There will be no increase in the Town tax rate for 2011, with rates staying the same as 2010. Sales and mortgage tax were down for 2010, and no one knows what the future will bring. The Town Board realizes the many financial difficulties families are going through, and worked hard to maintain the tax rate for the 2011 budget year.

Have a safe and Very Merry Christmas!

Bob Crnkovich, Supervisor

## Town Clerk

If you do not receive a tax bill by the beginning of January, unless your taxes are escrowed with your mortgage company, please call me right away. Taxes are collected at the Town Hall January 1st through March 31, 2011, and can be paid by cash, check or money order. After March 31st you must contact the Genesee County Treasurer with regard to payment. Taxes paid after January 31st will be assessed a penalty (please see your tax bill for amounts).

Starting January 1, 2011, the Town will take over the duty of sending out dog license renewals. Each dog in the Town will be receiving a new license tag at renewal in 2011. This is necessary because the State will not be collecting dog information after January 1st, and a new dog database will need to be established with new tag numbers for each town in the state. The cost of a license may increase due to the cost of postage, paper, envelopes, new dog tags, etc. I will keep you informed as we progress along in the process.

Also, the Town is required to do a dog census in 2011. Our last census was done in 2008. It is important that you remember to license your dog if it is 4 months or older. This is not a Town Law, but New York State Law. To ensure that you do not receive an appearance ticket for an unlicensed dog, please take the time to register your animal. If you receive a renewal in the mail and your dog has passed away, please call me to let me know so that I can take him/her out of the system.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

# Byron Presbyterian Church

## BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Byron Presbyterian Church has launched the backpack program again this fall, providing a backpack of nutritious, easy to eat food items each weekend of the school year for about 30 students. Each week the students return the backpacks to be re-filled.

If you are interested in providing food items for the backpacks please contact our church office for the list of items needed (548-2800, or [office@byronfpc.org](mailto:office@byronfpc.org)). Please follow what is listed (for instance, we want 100% juice if you get juice boxes - not sugary drinks!). You can also make a donation to the Backpack Project by sending a check at any time to the "Byron Presbyterian Church" indicating it is for the backpack program. 100% of every donation goes to support this program.

If you are interested in helping pack bags and dropping them at the schools (both elementary and middle school) please get in touch with Pam Kenward! (548-7746). Thank you for all your support.

## Abitibi Paper Retriever Program

The youth of Byron Presbyterian Church appreciate the effort of Byron residents to fill our paper recycling bins in the church parking lot. With our one bin overflowing, Abitibi has added a second bin. We earn money to support our community mission efforts with each ton of paper donated, plus it's much healthier for the environment. What to recycle? Newspapers, magazines, office and school paper, shopping catalogs, mail, envelopes, folders, fax and copy paper and colored paper. No plastic of any kind, please. It's open for business 24/7. For more information, please call 548-2800. Thank you!

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 12th      9:45 a.m. - Children's Advent program, "What's the Real Meaning of Christmas?", produced and directed by Emily George, a student at Byron-Bergen High School.

Sunday, December 19th      1:00 p.m. - Children's Christmas caroling at various senior citizen homes in Byron.

Friday, December 24th      7:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve service of candlelight and carols. All ages welcome. We love to sing!

## Upcoming Events

### ***Genesee County's Individuals With Disabilities Dance at the Byron Fire Hall***

Sunday, January 16th (New Years Eve) 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 20th (Valentines) 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 20th (Mardi Gras) 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

***Sponsored by the Byron Ladies Auxiliary.***

### ***Byron Presbyterian Church Pancake Breakfast/Chinese Auction***

Sunday, February 6th

8:00 a.m.-1 p.m.

Byron Fire Hall, Rte. 262. Adults \$6.00, Children \$3.00. Winners pulled at noon.

## Town of Byron Park Committee

The Town Park Committee meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the Byron Fire Hall at 7:00 p.m. Visitors are always welcome to attend - we're eager to hear your ideas and to know of your willingness to help. The Park Committee is involved with caring for the quality of our town parks - the Byron Community Park (behind the Fire Hall), Turtle Park (Swamp Road), and Trestle Park (access from parking area on Terry Street). We are not only involved with caring for the parks, but improving their facilities, and promoting their use by town residents and visitors.

If you would like to receive Park Committee meeting minutes, please inform the Town Clerk and we will add your email address (confidentially) to our mailing list.

Thank you for supporting our parks!

George Hillabush, Chairman  
(548-2865)



***The Town of Byron Planning  
Board is looking for an individual to  
serve as an alternate. Anyone that is  
interested, please call the Town Clerk at  
548-7123 ext. 10***



# Byron-Bergen Library

Happy Holidays!! During your holiday rush of activities don't forget to enjoy the many holiday books and movies available at your Library! We have quick cooking books for meals on the go! Make a family tradition by baking cookies from our many cookbooks! Stop by when the children are on vacation for boredom buster books and craft books to inspire their imaginations. Don't forget your audio books for the long car rides to Grandma's house!! Search our website at [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) and check out happenings and our on-line catalog or join us on Facebook!

Holiday hours are as follows: December 21st 10-12 and 2-8    December 28th 10-12 & 2-8

December 22nd 1-8

December 29th 1-8

December 23rd 2-8

December 30th 2-8

December 24th 10-3

December 31st 10-3

**Closed    December 25th –Merry Christmas!    January 1st -Happy New Year!**

Book discussion for December will be on the Thursday the 9th at 7:00pm. We are reading The Postmistress by Sarah Blake. Come January 13th to discuss the book Stones into Schools by Greg Mortenson. In February, we will be discussing Mudbound by Hillary Jordan. If you're interested in joining, stop by to pick up a copy or log on to the catalog at [www.byronbergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byronbergenpubliclibrary.org) to place your request.

Pre-school story time is at 10:30am on Fridays until December 17th!!! If you are 3-5 years old or are home schooled, join us for a story, related craft and a snack!! January 14th starts our Winter Time Fun story time. Home schooled children are welcome. Registration is recommended.

Enjoy Christmas storytelling with us on December 7th at 6:30!! Come hear stories from around the world with Mr. Merritt! Refreshment to enjoy after the stories! Fun for the Whole family!

Join us for Craft Day! Be there on December 21st at 6:30. Come make a gift to give to someone special! Registration is recommended so we have enough supplies!

Want something fun to do during Winter Break? We will be having a Movie Day at the Library on December 30th on the Big Screen! The movie will be showing at 2:30 and 6:30 with Wii games and snack too! It may be something very Despicable! So check us out [www.byronbergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byronbergenpubliclibrary.org) for the movie information or

"Friend" us on Facebook for updates! No registration required!

Join us for Primetime Story time January 19th, February 16th, and March 16th at 6:30. Come ready for an evening story, craft and snack. No Registration required.

Do you like Thomas the Tank? We have a special day here at the Library to explore, listen and create with Thomas! Join us on February for a morning with Thomas and Friends. Call for date information. No registration necessary

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 2011 will be Mudbound by Hillary Jordan. The author will visit in our area March 10th at the Richmond Memorial Library in Batavia at 7pm. Log on to [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) and reserve your copy now.

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Our community wide book discussion will be held on Thursday, February 10th 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.

Save the date of March 23rd for our annual preschool concert! Join our smaller patrons at the Bergen First Presbyterian at 10am for music, and fun with Glenn Colton! With audience participation and humor, Glenn guarantees that you'll want more!  
No Registration required! Just come join the fun!

Have you read the newest bestsellers? We have Clive Cussler's Crescent Moon, David Baldacci's Hell's Corner, Stephan King's Full Dark, No Stars, James Patterson's Cross Fire and many many more! Stop by the Library to get your copy or reserve your copy on-line at [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org)! Getting a new E-Reader for Christmas? Check out our catalog for downloadable e-books free with a valid Nioga Library card. New children's books arrive weekly! New DVD's monthly! Check out a Playaways too!

We are a fully Automated Library!! Stop in and get a new Library card that will open up the whole NIOGA system for ordering books from the comfort of your home!! There are databases; Librarian 24/7, Tumbling Talking Books, NOVEL list, downloadable books, e-books, and much more are available to you!! Just go to [www.byronbergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byronbergenpubliclibrary.org) and you're on your way!

The Library has Roadrunner Internet service available. We also have a variety of games for younger children to play and learn on the computer!!! 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](http://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.

## Sleds of Stafford

The Sleds of Stafford will be hosting their Youth and Adult Safety Course on Tuesday, December 7th and 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the Stafford Firemen's Recreation Hall, located on Rt. 5 in Stafford. Youth participants must be 10 years of age by December 14, 2010. To register go to our website at [www.sledsofstafford.com](http://www.sledsofstafford.com).

If you are a snowmobiler and are looking for a club to join, the Sleds of Stafford may be for you. We mark and maintain over 80 miles of trails. To join, please complete the application in this newsletter and mail in with payment, or you can print a membership application from our website at [www.sledsofstafford.com](http://www.sledsofstafford.com). For questions about membership, contact Jeanne Freeman at 548-7197.

Snowmobile trails open on December 21st at 6:00 p.m. (after muzzle loading season). Our trails are made possible each year by landowners. Please respect landowners property by following a couple of rules: 1. There is a minimum of 5" of snow required. 2. Stay on the, marked trails. Beyond that ride safe and have fun! For trail updates check our website for the latest trail conditions, etc.





# Gillam-Grant Community Center

Gillam-Grant is offering the following classes and events. Check out the CALENDAR TAB on our website at [www.gillamgrant.org](http://www.gillamgrant.org) to the continuing fitness programs and other events that are happening at the Center.

Next Karate session starts **January 8th**. Registration forms are available at Gillam-Grant.

Join us as we play and have **Fun in "Candy Land"**! On Friday, **January 14th** from 6:30-8:00pm. Make an ice cream sundae with Princess Frostine! Suggested for Pre-School to grade 4. Registration required. Cost: \$5 per person (parents and children). Children under one free.

On Saturday, **January 15th**, join us on a Wine Tour. We make our way around the beautiful Seneca Lake Wine trail for Pasta and wine pairings. Seneca Lake Wine Trail will be the midst of its Annual Bargain Bash, where wineries drop prices! Bus transportation leaves the Center at 8:30am and will return around 6:30pm. Cost: \$58M/\$63NM which includes the wine tour ticket and transportation. The wine tour ticket continues to be valid through Sunday, January 16th if you would like to visit the wineries that we missed on your own. Reserve your spot today! **Deadline is December 20th**.

Join us on **Jan. 15th** from 11:30-3:30 for a quilting project, Snowman Table Topper, instructed by Donna Schalge. This square table topper project measures 22.5" by 22.5". Easy stitch-in-the-ditch quilting is all you need to finish the project. Each participant will need their own sewing machine and supplies. The supply list is available at the Center upon registration. Cost: \$20M / \$25 NM

NYS Pre-licensing Class on **January 17th** - You must have a NYS Learner's Permit to take this class and bring it to the Center when you register and pay. Class begins promptly at 9:00am to 1:30pm. Cost: \$27M / \$32NM.

Defensive Driving Class: **Jan. 24th & 27th** from 6:30-9:30pm. Save money on your car insurance! Must attend both classes. Fee: \$35M/\$40NM

**GEVA *I'll Be Geneseing You!* on Wed. January 26th**. Transportation leaves at noon. Written and performed by Chicago's Second City, a show exclusively for Geva. Local icons, current gossip and ancient history will be filtered through the brilliant comedic lens of the Second City ensemble. Reservations and payment by Wed. January 18th at noon.

Friends with Feathers Program & Craft on **January 27th from 3:30-5:00pm**. Join us and some feathered friends for this interesting program about birds of prey. Ron, Walker, a teacher, scout leader and naturalist will bring three raptors to the Gillam-Grant to help educate us about these wonderful creatures. After the presentation, we will be making a bagel bird feeder so you attract birds to your own back yard. Suggested age K-4 grades Cost: \$15M/\$18NM

Please call Gillam-Grant Community Center to register or more information, 494-1621.

# Sleds of Stafford Snowmobile Club

Office Use Only

## Membership Application

9/1/10 – 8/31/11 Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

**NYSSA I.D. #** \_\_\_\_\_ (from previous Membership Card or voucher if you have it)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Companion's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list names of all riders in your household under the age of 18 that intend to register a snowmobile:

Street Address : \_\_\_\_\_ ( same as address on registration)

P. O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. #: \_\_\_\_\_ City or Town: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Pager: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: (Please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

*(Save us Postage costs: Members, with an email address will receive the NYS Snowmobiler On-Line Magazine, published by NYSSA, as well as Sleds of Stafford on-line newsletters and updates).*

### MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

- \* A reduced Snowmobile Registration Fee of \$45 per sled registered to the address above. A savings of \$55 per sled.
- \* A voucher will be issued upon Club Membership Payment.
- \* 80 miles of groomed trails
- \* Sleds of Stafford newsletters

### PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

\$30.00 Membership is a: \_\_\_\_\_ New Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal Membership \_\_\_\_\_ and I would like to volunteer

**NYS SNOWMOBILE TRAIL DEFENDERS FUND** – established to have a legal defense fund to preserve and protect access to snowmobile trails.

Include an additional \$25 with your membership fee Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Twenty five cents of your \$5 NYSSA dues will be used for the NYS Snowmobile PAC (Political Action Committee) which is **our** voice in Albany. If you do not wish to contribute to the NYS Snowmobile PAC, please check this box. Please note, your NYSSA dues remain \$5.00.

No \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make Check or Money Order payable to the Sleds of Stafford Snowmobile Club. Return this form, with payment to: The Sleds of Stafford P.O. Box 58 Byron, NY 14422.*

**Or join online @ [www.nysnowmobiler.com](http://www.nysnowmobiler.com) "Click Here" on green button, follow instructions, and print your voucher**

*By being a Sleds of Stafford Snowmobile Club Member I will be responsible for myself, any passengers, assume all risk and liabilities. In the event of an accident, fire or theft, I will not hold the Sleds of Stafford Snowmobile Club responsible in the event of damage or injury. I will not make claims against the Sleds of Stafford Snowmobile Club, its officers, its members "not involved". I submit this application and promise to comply and abide by all the rules and regulations designated by the Sleds of Stafford Snowmobile Club.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**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
Home:	548-7767
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 Lamkin	548 - 2818
Councilman Jeff Thompson	
Councilman Jack Redick	
Councilwoman Jeanne Freeman	548 - 7197
Councilman John Ivison	509 - 2262

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