

Town of Byron Newsletter



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Supervisor

Merry Christmas! Hopefully everyone had a better Thanksgiving then last year (COVID).

With winter coming, I hope everyone remembers their winter driving skills. Please try to remember that if you have a hydrant near your home, to keep a 3' circle around it, to assist the first responders.

Along with winter comes Christmas, the Town highway department will soon be putting up the new Christmas decorations.

We are currently still working on Water Benefit Area #1. We should know by spring if the comptroller approves the Town again for additional funding. Besides bringing fresh municipal water to your home, more importantly it is the absolute best for fire protection. Once this is complete, we will have water throughout the whole town.

The Town Clerk's Office and the Historical Society have formed a committee to begin working on the Bicentennial celebration that was cancelled last year and again this year due to COVID. They are definitely looking for volunteers to help pull off this monumental event for our town. If you or anyone you know are interested in helping, please contact the Town Clerk. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. The Bicentennial celebration has been scheduled for August 20, 2022.

On behalf of my family and the town board, I wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Please try to attend town board meetings the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the town hall.

Respectfully,

Peter N. Yasses, Supervisor

THE TRANSFER STATION WILL BE OPEN ON SUNDAY,

DECEMBER 26TH FROM 8:00 A.M TO NOON

AND ALSO

THE TRANSFER STATION WILL BE OPEN ON SUNDAY,

JANUARY 2ND FROM 8:00 A.M. TO NOON

THE TRANSFER STATION WILL NOT BE OPEN ON CHRISTMAS DAY OR NEW YEARS DAY

Town Clerk

You should receive your Town/County taxes by the end of December or beginning of January (unless they are escrowed with your bank), if you don't, please call me right away. Taxes are collected at the Town Hall through March 31, 2022, and can be paid by cash, check, charge (a fee applies), 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).

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.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Debra Buck-Leaton, Town Clerk

Highway Superintendent

I wish I didn't have to say this, but yes, you have probably seen the Highway Department out salting already. Just because you don't see snow and ice on the road doesn't mean it's not there, please be cautious in your travels this winter season.

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.



South Byron Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.

Hello members of the community:

We have completed the painting project and put a much-needed new metal roof and gutters on the back building.

Our Calendar drive is back by popular demand, and we need your support!

South Byron Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. does this as a token of our appreciation for your support, and our members are distributing calendars to help you track your important events. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to our fire company, we have included a self-addressed envelope for your convenience.

SBVFC have elected our officers for 2022.

President-Dean Bates	Fire Chief-Brian Hickey	Aux. President-Michelle Dougherty
Vice President-Reggie Macdonald	Deputy Chief-Jacob Yasses	Aux. Vice President-Andy Stone
Treasurer-Fred Klycek	Assistant Chief-Jeff Starowitz	Aux. Treasurer-Katie Rassel
Secretary- Theresa Hammer	Captain/ Training Officer-Vito Muoio	Aux. Secretary -Melody Stone
Membership Chairman-Bob Fite	1 st Lieutenant -Jeremie Rassel	Aux. Chaplain/Sunshine-Irene Fite
BellJar Chairman-Theresa Hammer	2 nd Lieutenant- Allie Gurgel	Party Chairman-Dan Tuerk
Bar Manager-Chase Cone	Engineer/Rescue/88-Christopher Hilbert	

Fire Department contacts:

- President: Dean Bates – ph. # 585-356-7880 [-sbchief901@gmail.com](mailto:sbchief901@gmail.com)
- Secretary: Theresa Hammer – ph. # 585-409-9028 [-sbfiresec@rochester.rr.com](mailto:sbfiresec@rochester.rr.com)
- Fire Chief: Brian Hickey – ph. # 585-590-2929 [-hickeybk@hotmail.com](mailto:hickeybk@hotmail.com)
- Auxiliary President: Michelle Dougherty - ph. # 585-739-0598 [-sbauxiliary@rochester.rr.com](mailto:sbauxiliary@rochester.rr.com)
- Party Chairman: Dan Tuerk - ph. # 585-409-0941 [-sbpartychairman@rochester.rr.com](mailto:sbpartychairman@rochester.rr.com)

From our Chief’s Desk:

South Byron Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. is pleased to announce a partnership with: Joseph Manuse, Residential Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detector Foundation. Together we are notifying and supplying Smoke & CO Detectors to community residents free of charge. If you know of anyone in need, please contact:

Chief Brian Hickey
585-590-2929
hickeybk@hotmail.com

SBVFC members are continually training and staying on top of their skills to be ready and able to assist in time of need for the community.

SBVFC is very proud to say that we will be able to finally have our 100-year celebration banquet of our Fire Company on January 15th, 2022. We unfortunately were not able to have it during this past year due to COVID.

SBVFC is very excited to say we are having our Annual Sportsman Raffle, it is scheduled for March 19th, 2022. For raffle tickets, please contact Beth Wilson @ ph. # 585-409-9028 or email @ treenut1@rochester.rr.com

We hope that everyone has a safe and Happy Holiday!

Theresa Hammer, Secretary
sbfiresec@rochester.rr.com

585-409-9028



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 cookbooks for meals on the go as well as baking cookbooks for the perfect Christmas cookie! 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 and check out Library happenings as well as our on-line catalog and like us on Facebook and Twitter too!

The Holiday Library hours will be:

Friday December 24th 10am-3pm

Merry Christmas!

Tuesday Dec. 28th 10am-1pm and 2pm-7pm

Wednesday Dec. 29th -10am-1pm and 2pm-7pm

Thursday Dec. 30th 10am-1pm and 2pm-7pm

Friday Dec. 31st – 10am- 3pm

Happy New Year!

Holiday Happenings-

Craft night December 16th at 6pm- Come make a snowflake ornament and enjoy some refreshments too! Register by Dec. 15th.

Author visit and signing with Dewey Lovett's book *Scary Stories: but not too scary* December 21st at 6pm. Join us as she shares her story and how she wrote her first book! Makes a great Christmas gift! Refreshments to follow.

Join us on December 28th at 6pm for Cookie Decorating with Spoonful of Sugar Sweets. Bring your creativity and have some fun learning new decorating techniques with Trish. Registration is required by Dec. 24th and space is limited.

Movie Day at the Library – Thursday Dec. 30th at 3pm. Join us for the movie "Ron's Gone Wrong"- rated PG - a fun event for the whole family to enjoy! Popcorn and drinks provided. Registration is appreciated by calling 494-1120.

Did you get a new Gadget for Christmas? Do you need help getting Library books, movies and music on your gadget? Set up an appointment any Wednesday during regular Library hours to get the help you need. There are more free materials for our patrons that have E-readers, smart phones, laptops and tablets using your Library card. Call 494-1120 or stop in.

Pre-school/Toddler story time will run Fridays at 10:30am starting on January 14th. Join us for a story, craft and a treat! This is recommended for ages 2-5 but younger children are welcome with their parents/guardian. Registration is appreciated.

Book Club meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30pm! Join us as we explore new and different books and meet new people! No registration required- call the Library for more information.

Winter Fun Story time January 18th at 6:00 pm. Join us for a story or two – wintery craft and a snack – registration necessary by calling 494-1120. Fun for all ages!

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February Break Happenings! Look for upcoming activities during winter break— check us out on the web at www.Byron-BergenPublicLibrary.org.

Getting a new E-Reader for Christmas or have one now.....Check out our catalog for downloadable e-books free with a valid Nioga Library card. We have Digital movies- magazines-music- eBooks- and audio books through HOOPLA and OverDrive/Libby apps! All you have to do is go to the website www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org to download the app & sign up with your Library Card!

If you don't find what you are looking for at the Library, we can order it for you from the NIOGA Library System. The website is www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org and click on catalog to see if our system has the book you are looking for. You then can order online, call the Library at 494-1120 or stop in with your request.

The Library has copy /fax service for a small cost, Spectrum Internet on three computers, Wi-Fi and interlibrary loans from any Library in the NIOGA Library system. You can also like us on Facebook and follow on Twitter to keep up with the latest events. For more information on our services or programs, please call the Library at 494-1120.

Happy Holiday Reading -
Nancy Bailey
Library Manager

Byron Hotel Happenings

Happy Holidays from all of us @ the Byron Hotel

Did you know the Byron Hotel has been operating as a tavern and restaurant since the mid 1800's? At that time rooms were also available to travelers passing through by rail or by road. There was a " ballroom " on the third floor that was used for entertainment.

The BH is celebrating it's 20th anniversary under the current proprietor during the month of December. Stop in and say hello, either as an old friend or come in to make new ones!!!

There's a lot that's been happening at the BH despite the limited hours caused by COVID-19.

The kitchen has had new updates, walls, floors, ceilings.

The BH applied and has been approved to host the 1st EV charging stations in the Town of Byron. Watch for installations coming soon.

The Town of Byron was awarded a New York Main Street grant for Technical Assistance on behalf of the building at 6874 Byron-Holley Road (The Byron Hotel). The grant was awarded to conduct a feasibility study of the building's 2nd & 3rd floors for the possibility of construction of new apartments. The study is to be completed by year's end....we'll keep you posted.

The Byron Hotel has continued hosting the Byron Kiwanis on their meeting nights along with Byron CE-RIC (Clean Energy Resources Information Committee) meetings .

The Byron Hotel is open Thursday, Friday, Saturday 11-10, kitchen open til 9pm. Dining room and bar facilities are available outside of these days and hours for groups or occasions, call 585-548-9992 to make arrangements.

From the Historian's Desk

MOSTLY BOY

By
WILLIAM H. TOMPKINS

Pumpkin Hill

There aint no other place I know
When there has been a fall of snow,
An' everything is crisp and still,
That's half as fine as Pumpkin Hill;
You take it on a winter's night
The big old moon just golden bright,
There aint no place that gives the thrill
Like coasting down old Pumpkin Hill.

It haint so high as some hills is,
Yet high enough so you just whiz
When belly-whackin' down the track,
And shoot across two fields and back
Close to the bend in old Bass Creek,
Where you roll off, an' then start quick
A draggin' up your good old sled
That feels most like 'twas made of lead.

You take a score of boys an' girls
With caps an' scarfs, an' hoods an' curls,

Why it don't matter if it freeze
The sap inside the biggest trees;
You all pile on your good old sled.
An' point it straight for Bass Creek bed,
An' fore you know it, you are there
With thrills just shootin' through your hair!

Sometimes when zippin' down the hill.
You hit a snag and take a spill.
An' roll an' slide most forty ways
While shooting' stars just pop an' blaze;
Then every fellow helps a girl
Untangle from the dizzy whirl;
But no one's hurt, an' you don't care,
So all start for another year.

Hurrah again for Pumpkin Hill,
For winter nights so cold an' still,
For shining robes of crystal snow,
For the long slide down which you go,
For your old sled so good and strong,
For boys and girls, a Jolly throng,
But best of all you will hurrah
For the one girl whose sled you draw!

T. SMITH, Jr.

*This poem was in various WNY newspapers including The Times, Batavia, NY Feb. 4, 1928, page 5

Byron Cemetery Association

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We have a lot to be thankful for this year. Our cemetery continues to be well cared for by John Durand and Dave Leaton. Community members have been generous in their giving to the cemetery as well. The Sackett family has generously given land to enlarge the cemetery. The area to the east of Swamp Road will increase in size for future plots. Peter Yasses has donated a load of topsoil that will be useful in the maintenance of the cemetery. The cemetery association is very grateful for these gifts.

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. We welcome anyone to join this group to become a trustee. Your assistance with decisions that affect the cemetery would be greatly appreciated, contact Kim Dewey, (585) 356-2256, if you are interested.

John and Donna Durand are available for cemetery plot prices and available plots. Feel free to give them a call to discuss your future resting place.

“And that, of course, is the message of Christmas.

We are never alone.

Not when the night is darkest, the wind coldest, the world seemingly indifferent.”

-Taylor Caldwell

WISHING EVERYONE PEACE AND HEALING DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

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



Clean Energy Resources Information Committee (CERIC)

Want to help make the Town of Byron a more climate-friendly place to live, but don't know where to start? Just trying to understand more of all the "green" information that's being thrown at you?

Want to make a difference in your community but don't have a ton of time to spare? Energy ideas and thoughts you would like to share?

Join Byron's Clean Energy Resources Information Committee (CERIC). We are currently working on getting the Clean Energy Community (CEC) designation from NYSERDA which would make Byron eligible for clean energy and project grants.

Meetings are the third Monday of every month, at the Byron Hotel, 6:30 pm.

Find out more on our Facebook page (Town of Byron Clean Energy Resources Information Committee) or contact us at ceric.byron@gmail.com.

Be on the lookout after the New Year for information on community-wide clean energy campaigns that may directly benefit you and your home.



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 DiMatteo	343-2770
CEO/ZEO—Mike Morris	Ext. 15	Councilman Sue Fuller	300-3456
Councilman Josh Kent	813-1760	Councilman Eric Zuber	746-5158
Councilman Jeff Thompson	851-1469		