

From the Supervisor

Audrey Nevins-Weiss

Byron Center Avenue

Residents of Byron Township need to know how helpful the Kent County Road Commission has been with helping the Township with assisting the Byron Center Avenue maintenance project. Most residents do not understand some roads are totally the responsibility of the Road Commission and some roads are a cost shared between the Road Commission and the Township. Byron Center Avenue is a County Road paid for with federal dollars. Byron Center Avenue was on the schedule for 2016. But with cooperation from the Road Commission and Byron Township we were allowed to move that forward to this year, and I believe all of you can say they did a beautiful job and very timely as well.

Cutlerville

Yes, it is true 67th Street is on the schedule for September 2014. M-DOT has given the township the 4 acres behind McDonalds and Speedway on 68th (east of 131)

I submitted a plan for the 67th road to be extended 100 feet further west which allows traffic to exit onto 67th St and use the light at Clay Avenue to get on to 68th . The necessary cross easements between McDonalds' and Speedway are no longer needed and we can move forward with this project. This plan also includes a future park and ride (to be constructed by MDOT) and a trail head connecting Paul Henry Trail and Fredrick Meijer/ M6 Trail.

Park updates

The new pavilion and restroom facilities at Bicentennial Park are scheduled to begin in August. Cutler Park will also have a destination playground added with improvements to the ball field and new restroom and concession stand located on the east side of the park.

New Companies coming to Byron Township

I wanted to give you an update on the Tanger Outlets coming to Byron, The ground breaking will be held August 21. Several guest speakers will attend, including the Lt Governor. Tanger Outlets will be bringing \$7.5 million in sales tax to the State, and 1000 new jobs to the area.

We also welcome a new company coming to Byron called INGLASS. Their headquarters are located in Italy. Byron Township is their first USA Manufacturing Company. They are bring 90 jobs to the area and will be located in the Dan Koster Industrial Park near 76th St and Clyde Park.

Clerk's Corner

Joel H. Hondorp, Clerk

Upcoming Elections

August 5 – Primary Election

The primary election is used to narrow candidates down by party. The Republican and Democrat candidates will be on the ballot, but you must limit your votes to only one party – no crossing over.

November 4 – General Election

You may choose any candidate of your choosing on this ballot up to the number to be elected to office.

Absentee Voting

Please call my office if you have the desire to vote absentee and fit the following qualifications: 60 years or older, absent from the community on Election Day, physically unable to attend the polls, prohibited from attending due to religious beliefs, in jail awaiting arraignment or trial, or working in as a precinct inspector on Election Day. You can also download a form from our website or the Secretary of State's Website.

You can check your registration status and where you vote at www.michigan.gov/vote.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- 14 Township Board
- 21 Planning Commission
- 28 Township Board
- 23 Board of Appeals
- 24-27 Byron Days Festival

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Township Board
- 15 Summer Taxes Due
- 15 Planning Commission
- 22 Township Board
- 24 Board of Appeals

AUGUST

- 11 Township Board
- 18 Planning Commission
- 25 Township Board
- 27 Board of Appeals

OCTOBER

- 13 Township Board
- 20 Planning Commission
- 22 Board of Appeals
- 27 Township Board Meeting

Treasurer's Forum

Carol Houseman, Treasurer

The 2014 Summer tax bills were mailed July 1. They are due by 5 pm on Monday, September 15, 2014. A 1% interest will be charged on the remaining balance on September 16 and an additional 1% the first of each month.

Payment Options:

Check or cash:

In Person - Office hours are 8 – 5, M – F

Drop Box – Located on East side of the building

US Mail – Return the remittance stub along with your check in the envelope provided.

Be sure that our address on the back fits into the window.

ACH Withdrawal: Forms are available on our website or by calling our office for automatic withdrawal from your banking institution. Summer withdrawals are made September 2, 2014. Winter either December 18 or February 1 by your choice.

Online Payment: Go to our website: www.byrontownship.org, click on Treasurer and follow the prompts. There is a 25¢ charge for a check or savings account and approximately 3% for a credit or debit card.

Summer Tax Deferral is available if your last year's gross income was under \$40,000. You must be 62 or older or disabled. This deferral is also for property classified "Agricultural Real Property". This defers summer taxes until the winter due date.

We do accept partial payments. The interest charged is only on the remaining balance only,

Dog licenses are available year round and are due on your dog's vaccination month. You may purchase a one or three year license depending on the vaccination due date. Please bring in the proof of rabies and proof of spaying/neutering.

Carol and Jacki are happy to assist you at any time. Please call 616-878-3196 or stop in. Have a fun and wonderful summer!



BYRON DAYS — JULY 25-27

Every July, the residents of Byron Township gather to celebrate and fellowship together. There is something for everyone.

Thursday, July 24

“Taste of Byron” at FRC “The ROCK”

Sponsored by Byron Community Ministries – 4:30-6:30 pm
Christian Rodder’s Ice Cream Classic Car Cruise – 7:30 – 9:30pm
Meet at “The ROCK “ – 84th Street Parking Lot

Friday, July 25

KDL Library-Byron Branch – Used Book Sale — 10am-5:00pm
Food Concessions of Various Choices — 5:00- 9:00 pm
Inflatables & Rides-ACP Entertainment — 5:00- 9:00pm
Craft Fair & Vendor Booths — 5:00-9:00pm
Chemical Bank 5k Registration — Chemical Bank 5-7:00 pm
FREE Family Movie at FRC “The ROCK” — 7:30-9:30 pm
“Praise Fest” Concert Stage — 6:00 -10:00pm

Saturday, July 26

Pancake Breakfast–Rotary Club at Pathway Ministries 7:30-9:30am
Farmer’s Market–Community Wellness at Post Office- 8am-1pm
3-on-3 Basketball Tournament–Recsportsonline.com 8am-1pm
Chemical Bank 5K Run/Walk – Chemical Bank 8:30am
Parade Line-Up–enter off 84th St. only– Nickels School 9:00-9:45 am

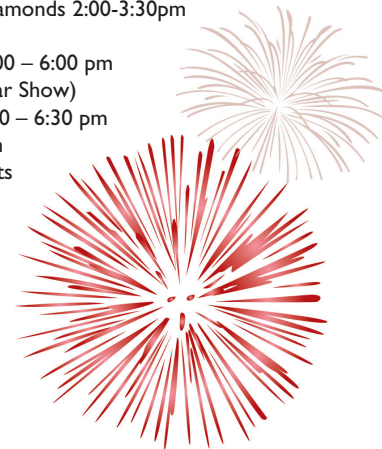
Chemical Bank Kid’s Fun Run – Chemical Bank 9:30am
KDL Library — Byron Branch – Used Book Sale — 10 am-5:00pm
SpartanNash Byron Days Parade – 10:00 am

Start from Nickels School Award Winning: Northern Lights Marching Band
Food Concessions of Various Choices–11am-9:00pm
Craft Fair & Vendors Booths 11 am-8:00 pm
Inflatables & Rides by ACP Entertainment Noon-8:00 pm
Chicken Dinner-BC Senior All Nighter – Park Pavilion 11:30am-1:30pm
FREE Kid’s Games- Hosted by: Life Church Noon-3:00 pm
Kent Companies Horse Pull – Township Ball Diamonds 2:00-3:30pm
Civil War Demonstration — 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Byron Classic Car Show — FRC “The Rock” 3:00 – 6:00 pm
(Macatawa Bank Ice Cream Wagon at the Car Show)
Burgers, Fries, & Cokes — FRC “The Rock” 4:30 – 6:30 pm
“Trapped on Mars” – Concert Stage- 7- 9:00 pm
Buist Electric Fireworks — Nickels School Sports Complex 10pm

Sunday, July 27

Community Worship – Presented by
Heritage CRC — Concert Stage- 9:30am
* All Events at Bicentennial Park unless Noted *
For a full schedule of activities and details:

www.byrondaysfestival.com



FROM THE DESK OF THE WATER & SEWER ADMINISTRATOR

Debbie Jensen, Water & Sewer Administrator

Fire Hydrant Permits / Filling Your Swimming Pool

The Byron-Gaines Utility Authority has a new policy regarding hydrant permits. You will no longer be able to use a hydrant within the Township for 1 day fills. You will have to go to the Byron-Gaines Utility Authority and use their Metered Hydrant. The reason for this change is not only to have more water accountability, but also to minimize the damage to the Township’s hydrants. The fee for a day use is \$60.00; please call 616-971-0002 for hydrant questions and permits.

Irrigation Meters

If you use a large volume of water for the purpose of sprinkling your lawn or filling your swimming pool, please consider a separate meter. With a second meter you would not be billed for any sewer usage when you irrigate your lawn or fill your swimming pool. For example, if you sprinkled your lawn over a billing period of 3 months using a total of 80,000 gallons, the sewer use charge alone would be about \$200.00 without a second meter. The actual meter and inside plumbing inspection would cost approximately \$545.00. You can either do the plumbing yourself or have the plumber plumb in the spacer bar in accordance with the Byron-Gaines Utility Authority Set Drawings. All forms and drawings are at: www.byrontownship.org, or at the Township Offices.

New Service Application

If you are new to Byron Township or if the name “Occupant” appears on your bill, you will need to come into the Township Offices to fill out an application for new service. Or you can find the application at www.byrontownship.org, and email it to: debbie@byrontownship.org.

2013 Water Quality Reports

You may view a copy of the current Water Quality Report at:
http://www.gainestownship.org/departments/docs/Current_Water_Quality_Report.pdf

To request a paper copy of the current Water Quality Report call: 616-878-0660

Utility Bill Payment Options

1. You may mail in your payment to: P.O. Box 264, Byron Center, Mi. 49315
2. You can use the 24 hour drop box located on the East side of the Township Offices 8085 Byron Center Ave.
3. You can pay in person at the Treasurer’s Office, Mon. – Fri., 8am -5pm. with cash, check, money order, or credit card plus convenience fee. We accept MasterCard, Visa, and Discover.
4. Credit card payments plus convenience fee, as well as E Checks can be made at: www.byrontownship.org. Please allow 2-3 days for processing. All payments accepted after 5pm will not be posted until the next business day.
5. Another option you have is to sign up for Automatic Funds Transfer; the amount due will be taken directly out of your checking or savings account around the 20th of the month that your bill is due. Forms are available at: www.byrontownship.org, or at the Township Offices. There is no fee for this service.

- Payments must be received before 5pm. on or before the due date or they are late.

Paperless Billing

Customers can receive bills by email. Sign up for paperless billing by emailing me your property address and letting me know that you would like to go paperless, debbie@byrontownship.org

This is perfect for customers that go out of town often, or for long periods of time. The Post Office will not forward Utility Bills.

- **Please be aware that water bills are sent to you quarterly, if it was misplaced in the mail you are still responsible to pay by the due date. You can view all of your account information at: www.byrontownship.org.**

For more water and sewer information, go to www.byrontownship.org, or call 616-878-0660.

Have a great summer!