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Township Calendar

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| April 12 | Township Board Meeting |
| April 19 | Planning Commission |
| April 26 | Township Board Meeting |
| April 28 | Board of Appeals |
| May 10 | Township Board Meeting |
| May 17 | Planning Commission |
| May 24 | Township Board Meeting |
| May 26 | Board of Appeals |
| June 14 | Township Board Meeting |
| June 21 | Planning Commission |
| June 23 | Board of Appeals |
| June 28 | Township Board Meeting |

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From the Supervisor Audrey Nevins Weiss



The West Michigan Chalk Art Festival is coming to Byron Center June 18 and 19. This is a new and exciting event for our community. The Byron Community Wellness Foundation will be promoting community wellness with creativity and community interaction cultivated through art. Artists are invited to demonstrate their talent with this unique art form. The Chalk Art Festival will bring explosions of color and vitality to the community. This is a unique event you won't want to miss.

Registration information is available at www.wmcaf.com.

The Festival will be fun for the whole family. There will be music, face painting for the kids and many other activities. This is an opportunity for artists to let loose and create or for the public to enjoy viewing the chalk artists at work.

Sponsorship opportunities are available to promote the event and the artist. Funding will help support the participation of children at no charge and showcase their talents. Proceeds from the West Michigan Chalk Art Festival will be used to support the many activities and charities of the **non-profit** Byron Community Wellness Foundation.

Call 878-6029 for more information on how you can become involved in this community event.

Questions about the BGUA Cross Connection Control Program and backflow testing may be directed to:

Mike Kortman
Utility Inspector
(616) 971-0002
m.kortman@bgua.org

Byron-Gaines Utility Authority

“Working For Safe Water

The employees of the Byron-Gaines Utility Authority (BGUA) make a daily effort to operate and maintain a safe public water supply. We take that responsibility seriously. Once water from the public system enters a private home, residential customers share that responsibility by maintaining safe plumbing systems. Using approved materials and fixtures, complying with plumbing codes, and hiring professionals when needed are all ways to ensure safe delivery of water to every tap. Testing backflow preventers on lawn irrigation systems is another preventative measure homeowners should take to ensure the quality of water within their home. Backflow testing is required by Township Ordinance. The threat of water contamination through these types of connections can be reduced by confirming with a test the proper operation of backflow preventers. Contact a plumbing contractor to hire a certified tester. Together we can work to keep our water safe.

Byron Township Inspection Services

Our office would like to remind homeowners who purchase storable swimming pools of the code requirements for installation. Storable swimming pools are considered any swimming pool that can be removed for winter storage. Requirements for swimming pools over 24 inches in height are as follows:

Pumps: Cord-connected pool filter pump shall incorporate an approved system of double insulation and connected to a ground-fault circuit interrupter.

Barrier requirements: An approved fence a minimum of 48 inches. Gates are required to have some type of self closing device.

Ladder or steps capable of being secured.

Electrical and Building Permit to assure you have proper enclosure around your pool and that it is located properly within your property. An Electrical Permit ensures that all electrical devices serving your structure are correctly installed to guard any chance of electrocution.

If you have any questions regarding swimming pool requirements, information can be obtained from our office. Thank you for helping keep our community a safe place to live.

Clerk's Corner

Joel Hondorp

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

May Election

May 4, 2010

The purpose of the May 4 election is to elect members of the local public school board. You vote in the same precinct for all elections. If you would like to request an application to vote absentee, please contact my office. Later this year will be the August Primary and the November General Elections. Starting in a few precincts in May and all precincts in August, we will be using an electronic pollbook. The voter list will be contained in a laptop computer. The election worker will swipe your driver's license or look up your name and input your ballot number. Then you will vote your ballot as you have in the past. The processing of voters should become easier for our workers and for you the voter.



If you did not receive a questionnaire:

You should call the Telephone Questionnaire Assistance Center at **1-866-872-6868** to obtain a questionnaire. The phone lines will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. seven days a week from February 25, 2010—July 30, 2010.

Please return your questionnaire if you have not yet. 10 questions in 10 minutes can help your community immensely.

Treasurer's Forum

Carol Houseman

Electronic Payment Services

Electronic Payment Service will be available for your 2010 taxes. Township property owners can initiate payments from their checking, savings, debit or credit card on our website. There is a convenience fee to use the service. For your checking and savings account it is 25¢ per transaction. When using a debit or credit card a percentage of your payment (average of 3%) will be charged.

Check your account online

You also have the ability to check your property taxes, property assessment and water and sewer records online.

To access these records: log on to www.byrontownship.org and click on Treasurer in the left column. Once on the Treasurer's page click where it says PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION. You will be directed to the Records Database. Choose the database that fits the record search you are doing. Search on either Permanent Parcel Number, Name or Address. Tax records back to 1996 are listed. This information will help you with your federal tax return if you cannot find your Property Tax receipts. If you have any questions, you may call me at 878-3196.

Miss Dig - Call 811 before you dig!

Governor Granholm recently declared April as Safe Digging Month to remind Michigan's residents that calling 811 is required before digging to avoid damaging the growing number of underground pipelines, wires and cables.

If you are digging or working near overhead electric lines call the Miss Dig system three full working days before you do

work. You can contact them by calling 811 or 1-800-482-7171. The Miss Dig System member utilities will mark the approximate location of their underground public utility lines at no charge. Miss Dig System does not do the marking. If you need more information about Miss Dig System, Inc., you can visit their website at www.missdig.net.



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| Receptionist | 616-878-9066 |
| Supervisor | 616-878-1222 |
| Clerk | 616-878-9104 |
| Treasurer | 616-878-3196 |
| Inspections | 616-878-9155 |
| Assessor | 616-878-6033 |
| Water and Sewer | 616-878-0660 |
| Recreation | 616-878-1998 |
| KDL Branch | 616-647-3830 |
| Sheriff Substation | 616-632-6490 |
| BGUA | 616-971-0002 |



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served by two Chambers
of Commerce:*

Cutlerville Chamber

www.cutlervillechamber.org

890-1378

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Byron Center Chamber

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878-0108

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