

Byron Bulletin

Town of Byron, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin - est. April 7, 1846

May 2020

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Town Board Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the month

May 12th ~ 7 pm

June 9th ~ 7 pm

July 14h ~ 7 pm



Veteran's Committee

2nd Tuesday 6:15pm

Before Town Board Meeting

As needed

Byron Historical Society

3rd Monday of the month with an
Open House Saturday before
9am-12pm

Activities currently on hold due to
COVID-19



Community Events

October 2020 ~Open Book
TBA

Board of Review

October 20, 2020
6pm-8pm

May 25th ~ Memorial Day

No program plan this year due to
COVID-19. Names will still be
added to the memorial this spring

June 10th ~ Bulky waste pick up
6:00am—5:00pm



2019 Citizens of the Year

Bob & Marianne Geiger



Longtime residents of Byron, the Geigers are very active community volunteers. They are members of Bethel Church and Byron Historical Society and serve as caretakers of the Bethel Cemetery as well as caring for the landscaping at Byron's town hall and Veterans Memorial.

Bob is a Vietnam War vet, Purple Heart recipient and active member of the Lomira American Legion, Lomira Lion's Club and Oakfield VFW. He also serves on the Byron Veterans Memorial Committee and Town of Byron Planning Commission.

Marianne is an Election Worker and Chief Inspector. She is a longtime member of FDL County Association of Home & Community Education (HCE), Wisconsin Bookworms reading program for Head Start children, Fond du Lac County Historical Society, and the Fondy Food Pantry.

Clerk's Corner Mary Laudloff 920-375-6119 clerk@townofbyron.com

Elections: We have recently concluded our second of four elections this year. The April 7th Spring election was very challenging to say the least. I want to extend my sincere thanks to our poll workers, who did an awesome job under some unusual conditions. We have two more elections this year: **Partisan Primary, August 11th** and **General & Presidential Election, November 3 rd.**

Board of Review: 2020 is the year for reassessment of all taxable property in the Town of Byron. The dates of the reassessment will range from January to October, 2020. The reassessment is a market adjustment and only a limited amount of properties will be viewed. Please notice that the assessor has certain statutory authority to enter land as described in sections 943.13 and 943.15, Wisconsin Statutes. The ability to enter land is subject to several qualifications and limitations as described within the foregoing statutes. Copies of the applicable statutes can be obtained at public depositories throughout the State of Wisconsin, and from the State of Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau website: <http://doc.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/943/11/13>

The assessment roll will be completed in October and the Board of Review will be adjourned until October 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. More information will be posted prior to that date.

Subscribe to the [Town of Byron](#) website today! [News & Notices](#) will keep you up to date with important information. Do you have questions about [Town Ordinances](#), [Election Information](#), looking for [Forms & Permits](#)? The [Town of Byron](#) website is great place to find that information. Stop by the website today or soon and [subscribe](#). Delivery options include either email or text. You will receive a message about the town's meetings, notices, news and postings. Receive the annual [newsletter](#) as soon as it's added, 3 weeks before the mail delivery. I encourage everyone to sign up. This is the best way to receive immediate notice of postings that could affect you. You can also change the settings if you don't like the delivery options. We want you to have the latest information the fastest way possible. The website is mobile friendly too!

Thank you to those who have already signed up and use the site.

Simon Says...

Bob Simon 920-583-3799 gopherndeb@gmail.com

We will get through this together! Seems to be the new catch phrase these days. We're used to tornados and floods, but now COVID-19 is a new challenge. This spring we were pleasantly surprised that we didn't have the flooding we've seen the last couple of years. Tornados have also hit our area in the past, but so far so good. Both of these can cause much damage. The biggest difference between them and COVID-19 is you can usually see them coming and have a chance to get out of their way. Clean up can be done together with neighbors, friends, and a little hard work. COVID-19 is an invisible threat that can't be seen and is keeping us apart. We've all heard the steps we should take to protect ourselves, wash our hands, use hand sanitizer, wear masks. Social Distancing and staying out of big crowds is one of the biggest things we can do to prevent the spread. Some people have been preparing for this for a long time. I've heard a few recently say they've been distancing themselves from me for years!

Now for some of the news around town. This past year we have replaced the roof on the town hall. Check it out next time you're in the area. We are also anticipating the delivery of our new plow truck to replace the oldest truck we have. Hopefully we don't see that working the roads for quite a while! We have also been replacing culverts and will continue with more this year. And of course you can expect to see some roads getting resurfaced. I understand that the little stones and dust can be annoying. But this chip seal coating is the best, most cost-effective way to preserve our roads for years to come.

We continue to have problems with people who think Byron's roadsides and ditches are a good place to get rid of tires, refrigerators, TVs and the like. I'd like to ask everyone's help being vigilant and on the lookout for these culprits. If you see people driving through town with such items or looking suspicious, give them the 'Stink Eye'. Or better yet, take down their license plate number. All you night owls have a mission!

Make sure to fill out your [2020 census](#). Counting everyone in the township helps us to get funding for roads and be eligible for other benefits.

We are all missing many things recently. Weddings, celebrations, concerts, school, church, funerals, going out to our favorite restaurants, bars, stores, etc. This has not been an easy time, especially for the small business owners trying to survive and employees who've been laid off from their jobs. Try to support them and each other as much as you're able in these tough times. We owe a lot to the doctors, nurses, and first responders who are on the front lines every day working tirelessly to keep us safe. Thank them when you see them.

One good thing in all this is that it's a good time to clean out closets, basements and garages. It might even be fun to find long lost treasures! Or maybe some creepy things that were better left undiscovered!!

I've been crossing off items on my own honey-do list recently. The problem is that the list is not getting any shorter! My wife is Full of Ideas. She says she wants me to feel needed. I think she might just like the alone time while I'm in the workshop!

Stay Safe and Healthy and Keep the Faith!!
Chairman Bob

Town of Byron Treasurer Respectfully~ Wendy Giese 920-979-2024 treasurer@townofbyron.com

The 2nd installment for taxes to be paid is due by July 31st, 2020. Check your 2019 property tax bill for the 2nd installment amounts. Payments should be submitted to the Fond du Lac County Treasurer. For property tax collection information associated with the 2nd half installment, you can access the Fond du Lac County Property Tax Information site at: www.fdlco.wi.gov/departments/departments-n-z/treasurer/real-estate-tax-information



Make check payable and mail to:
FOND DU LAC COUNTY TREASURER
160 SOUTH MACY STREET
P.O. BOX 1515
FOND DU LAC, WI 54936-1515



The Fond du Lac County Treasurer will accept payments at the City-County Government Center, 160 South Macy Street 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holiday hours.

Interactive Voice Response (IVR) service, using a credit or debit card. Service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The service also allows the opportunity to pay real estate taxes over the counter, at the County Treasurer's Office, using a credit or debit card. There is a 2.39% convenience fee associated with this service; a minimum \$1.50 fee will be applied. Pay taxes online at www.fdlco.wi.gov, select Property & Tax Data, Pay Taxes Online or call 1-855-844-7563. When paying through this service allow the "pop up blocker" to run.

Please be aware of the following when paying your taxes:

- The Fond du Lac County website is a great resource for tax questions and answers. www.fdlco.wi.gov/departments/departments-n-z/treasurer/real-estate-tax-information
- If an escrow check is payable to the property owner **AND** the municipality, both parties must endorse the back of the check.
- Make sure the amount you enter in the box on the right hand side of the check, written in numerical form coincides with the same amount you write out in words below "Pay To The Order Of."
- Be sure to include the payment stub(s) along with the payment so there isn't any confusion as to which parcel the taxes should be applied to. Taxes are processed by scanning the stub(s) for payment.
- Be sure to submit payments in a timely manner. There are specific deadlines for tax collection.
- Receipt(s) for taxes paid are available on the Fond du Lac County website. Search for your property by either name or address. In the "Select Detail" drop down box select "Taxes" and the tax bill and tax receipt history will appear. Click on the "Tax Year" you are interested in and a box with payment history will pop up. There is a printer friendly option on the right for printing tax receipts.

Road Concerns

Dustin Westphal 920-960-8186 dwesty02@gmail.com

We have 4 roads planned for seal coat this year. We did 4 last year. A seal coat is a tar/oil base laid down first then a thin layer of stones that is compacted into the oil. The oil reactivates the blacktop underneath and protects the road for another 10 plus years. The seal coat preserves the road when done before the road breaks up. We put it on all our roads after so many years to protect and keep the blacktop from pitting and falling apart. The cost to black top 1 mile is around \$140,000, for a full reconstructed road. With 48 miles of roads and approximate yearly budget of \$240,000 for roads, culverts, ditching and plowing, it doesn't go very far.

Just like when you do maintenance on any road there will always be some mess. The company tried their best to keep it to a minimum. It is not just gravel. After the 1st plowing now there shouldn't be more stones each time cause of the tar and after the rains the dust won't be an issue either. My drivers try their best plowing snow and have to push the snow off the road somewhere. It's real hard when there is no frost in the ground. Remember the Town has a right of way from the middle of the road out 33 feet. I know everyone will have a small mess but the end result will be good road. You're not the only one with this issue. I had the same thing a couple years ago and rented a sweeper to sweep the stones out. It worked really well. Any other questions please feel free to ask.

Veteran's Report

by Tom Kelroy 920-539-7710

The Town of Byron Veteran's Committee met on Apr 1st and held their 50-50 raffle drawing. Once again the Byron community proved their valued support in helping raise funding to place approximately 30 veterans names on the Memorial Stone this spring.

2020 raffle winners are:

\$300— Diane Peters

\$200— Dennis Kemmel

\$100— Wings Over Wisconsin, Eden

\$50—Marlene Bernhard

Kelsey Laudolff

Jackie King

Lucy Jewson

Steve Dilling

Wings Over Wisconsin, Eden

Barbara Kelroy

Larry Luedtke

Ron Rose

Max Dilling

Hunter Schaumberg

Wayne King

Wayne King

Samelia Boelhower

Ric Bloohm

Gene Schroeder

Peter Geelan

Brenda Hackbarth

With the present pandemic, no meeting is planned at this time. All Byron citizens should be proud of the Memorial Stone placed in front of our Town Hall. The committee offers our sincere gratitude.

Thank You. Tom Kelroy Bob Geiger Don Whitty Brooke Bloch John Laudolff



Wisconsin requires All Dogs in the Town of Byron To Be Licensed

Dog Licenses are a requirement by State Statute Chapter 174 Dogs, specifically 174.05 Dog License Tax requires the owner of a dog more than 5 months of age on January 1 of any year, or 5 months of age within the license year to annually pay the dog license tax and obtain a license.

Neutered male or spayed female dog shall be \$3.00. Unneutered male or unspayed female dog shall be \$8.00.

Kennel Licenses: Kennel permit fees are as follows: **\$35.00** for a kennel of 12 or fewer dogs; **\$3.00** for each additional dog over 12.

For each dog license issued the Town Treasurer will issue a license tag and a receipt for payment.

A **late fee of \$5.00** shall be assessed and collected from every owner of a dog over the age of five months who fails to obtain a license prior to **April 1 of each year**, or within 30 days of inquiring ownership of a licensable dog or if the owner fails to obtain a license on or before the dog reaches licensable age.

For stray dogs call Kay Murre 920-921-5999 For all dogs picked up, owners will be contacted if licensed, or taken to the Humane Society where you will have to pay the fees associated with the pick up and return of your dog. Please be kind to your neighbors and keep your dog leashed, contained and licensed to avoid this unnecessary hassle.

[Animal Control Ordinance](#) The Animal Control Ordinance can be found on our [town website](#) under Ordinances, Animal Control

Submit all items listed to the right
to: Town of Byron Treasurer
W5110 Maple Ridge Dr.
Fond du Lac, WI 54937



When requesting a license:

- name and address of the applicant,
- description of the animal (name of animal, color, breed and sex)
- the appropriate fee
- certification by a licensed veterinarian that the animal is neutered or spayed (if applicable)
- certification by a licensed veterinarian that the animal has received current immunization for rabies (a copy of

Garbage/Recyclable Concerns Kay Murre (920) 921-5999 super2byron@gmail.com

Bulky Waste Pick-Up: Wednesday June 10, 2020

Bulky waste pick-up is for Byron residents only!

Please have your items out by 6am on Wednesday.
They are picked up separate from the weekly route pick up.

Remember when cleaning out garages, basements and outbuildings that they are only picking up the bulk items and not regular garbage. They will only take garbage bags with the regular weekly pick up.

Acceptable: Furniture, Rolled carpet(4ft length x 12inch), Countertops (4ft x 36in) Cabinets, Mattress and box springs, Wood doors, Wood windows, Wood playground equipment

Excluded: Piles of construction material and lumber, Large appliances, Freon containing items, Tires, Batteries, Scrap Metal, Filled garbage bags, Fluorescent light bulbs, Electronics: computer, office equipment, TVs, VDR/DVD players, etc....

Missed Bulky Waste: Call me as soon as you notice your neighbors have been picked and yours wasn't or if it's been a week. They should be done by that time and will only come to get missed items if I notify them quickly. Some have called to say they are putting theirs out, and I have passed on those address to the route supervisor. So anyone who's had problems in the past could let me know and maybe we can avoid the delays.

Acceptable **Recyclable** Items for **Regular Weekly Pick Up:**



Cardboard(Yes, all those Prime boxes!) **Paper**(Office paper, brown paper bags, mail, etc.)

Aluminum Cans, Metal Containers(After being quickly rinsed)

Plastic and Glass Bottles, Jars, Jugs and Containers(After being quickly rinsed)

Unacceptable **Recyclable** Items:

Any Food Waste and Liquids(This includes containers with any organic residue!)

Take-Out Containers (foam products), Pizza Boxes, and Donut Boxes

Any Plastic Bags (They get caught up in all the machinery)

Holiday lights, wires, or hoses (Anything that can get tangled)

Batteries (Especially lithium!)

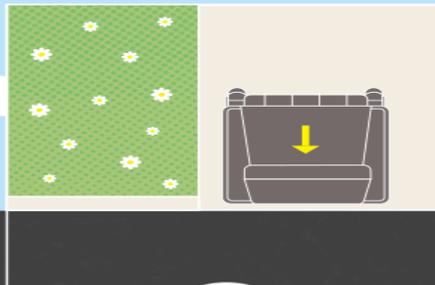


We need your help to serve you better and to improve collection efficiency!



STEP 1
ROLL

Place all items inside the cart, close the lid completely and safely ROLL the cart to the edge of the curbside.



STEP 2
PLACE

PLACE the cart at the edge of the curbside with the wheels and handle facing the house and the lid opening toward the street.



STEP 3
SPACE

Make sure there is nothing in front of the cart and at least 3 feet of SPACE or clearance on all other sides.

Please remember, **keep a minimum of 3 feet of space** between carts and other objects. Thank you!



Memorial Day 2020

Although this year's Memorial Day gathering has been cancelled, our community can still pay homage to our Town of Byron service men and women via Facebook. During the coming months, we will be sharing daily posts to remember those who died in service to our nation, those who are laid to rest in Town of Byron cemeteries, and those whose names have been added to our Town of Byron Veterans Memorial this year.

Visit our Facebook page, Byron Historical Society Community of Byron Wisconsin, for our daily posts. You will have an opportunity to share your own words of appreciation to commemorate Memorial Day 2020. Although we will not be meeting face-to-face, each of us can join in as a community to express our gratitude.

What's New at the BHS?

The Byron Historical Society and the Town of Byron will soon be unveiling a new exhibit case devoted to the history of our Town of Byron government.

The case has been made possible through donations in memory of Francis Ferguson. In addition to a lifetime of public service to Town of Byron government, Francis was a founding member of the Byron Historical Society.

Rotating exhibits will feature photographs, artifacts, and stories in recognition of the many public servants who have given their time and talent to our town government.

Byron Historical Society

BHS

Est. 2006

Staying Safer at Home

In keeping with government guidelines, all Byron Historical Society activities and events, including our annual Memorial Day program, are cancelled until further notice. Check out our website for updates.

Get Ready to Celebrate Our Demisemiseptcentennial!

The Town of Byron, founded on April 7, 1846, will be commemorating its 175th anniversary in 2021. Plans are under way to mark this banner year, and we invite our Town of Byron community to share your celebration ideas. Contact us at byronhistorical@att.net or call 920-922-5351.

2021 Souvenir Calendar Milestones and Memories

To celebrate our 175th anniversary of the Town of Byron, the Byron Historical Society has already begun gathering photographs and stories for our 2021 souvenir calendar, *Milestones and Memories*. As we stay safer at home, why not explore those albums and boxes of photos in storage to share some of your milestones and memories? A community celebration, your first house, that dream car, voting at the old town hall, indoor plumbing, a memorable day at school, a good year, a bad year...we want to collect your stories.

Calendar submissions can be mailed to P.O. Box 466, Byron 53006, sent via email to byronhistorical@att.net, or presented in person. Call 920-922-5351 to make an appointment or for questions.



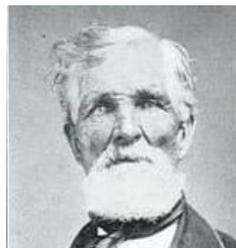
Vietnam Veterans

The Byron Historical Society meeting of August 2019 featured South Byron native Phil Bird and his wife, Lu Ann, who shared letters and photographs from Phil's service time in Vietnam and his Honor Flight journey. Byron and local Vietnam veterans in attendance who gathered for the above photograph were Dick VanderVelde and Phil Bird (front); John Laudolff, Joe Bird (Phil's brother), Bob Geiger, and Ron Tagliapietra (back).

Membership Time

Our annual membership drive is underway, and we invite you join or renew your membership by completing the form included in this newsletter.

Your support helps us share our Town of Byron story through our annual open house and calendar sale, our Memorial Day tribute, ongoing exhibits, and our guest speaker program. In addition, you are supporting our behind-the-scenes mission of collecting and preserving artifacts that you have entrusted to us. Thank you!



Did You Know?

At the first Town of Byron meeting on April 7, 1846, William Stewart was elected as the town's chairman. Stewart was born in Scotland and served as a British soldier under Wellington at the Battle of Waterloo before his journey to North America. He settled in the Town of Byron in 1839.

Membership Application, Renewal and Calendar Sales 2020-2021
Byron Historical Society
 P.O. Box 466, Byron WI 53006
 Founded March 2006

Administrative Use Only
Expires on _____
Membership Type _____
Dues Paid _____
Payment Method: _____
Check No. _____

Date of Application _____

Name _____
 Last First

Address _____
 Street City State Zip

Email _____ Phone _____

Item	Quantity	Price Each	Total
BYRON HISTORIAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP			
• Individual		\$ 10.00	
• Family		\$ 25.00	
• Business		\$ 50.00	
• Junior (up to age 17)		\$ 5.00	
• Lifetime		\$ 200.00	
SOUVENIR CALENDARS			
• Complete Set*		\$50.00	
• 2020 Calendar: Farm Memories		\$10.00	
• 2018 Calendar: Town of Byron in The Great War		\$ 5.00	
• 2017 Calendar: Great Adventures		\$ 5.00	
• 2016 Calendar: Pastimes and Pets		\$ 5.00	
• 2015 Calendar: Holidays and Celebrations		\$ 5.00	
• 2014 Calendar: Roads, Rails, and Trails: Transportation		\$ 5.00	
• 2013 Calendar: Veils and Vows: Weddings		\$ 5.00	
• 2012 Calendar: Reflections on Youth: Youth Organizations		\$ 5.00	
• 2011 Calendar: Neighbors in the News		\$ 5.00	
• 2010 Calendar: Crossroads of Commerce: Businesses		\$ 5.00	
• 2009 Calendar: Steeples and Stones: Churches and Cemeteries		\$ 5.00	
• 2008 Calendar: Recalling Farms, Fields and Family Agriculture		\$ 5.00	
Shipping for calendars		\$ 3.00	
Donation			
GRAND TOTAL			
Send check or money order to: Byron Historical Society P.O. Box 466 Byron WI 53006		*Please note: 2007 & 2019 Calendars are sold out.	

2019-2020 Officers

President: Maureen Betz 920-922-5351 Vice President: Nancy More 920-960-4591
 Treasurer: Gloria Sampson 206-295-2265 Secretary: Jackie Hansen 920-285-0287

e-mail: byronhistorical@att.net

Website: www.townofbyron.com/historical-society

Town of Byron
N3097 State Rd 175
Byron, WI 53006

Town of Byron population through the years

Year	Population	Year	Population	Year	Population
1850	882	1910	1203	1970	1300
1860	1366	1920	1107	1980	1681
1870	1441	1930	1060	1990	1634
1880	1284	1940	1144	2000	1550
1890	1216	1950	1079	2010	1680
1900	1234	1960	1102	2020	????

2020 Census

It takes less the 10 minutes to answer 9 questions online. If you are unable to answer them online, the Census Bureau will mail you a paper form and will send interviewers to those who have not responded later this year. If you need help completing your questionnaire, please call 1-844-330-2020.

<https://2020census.gov/en.html>