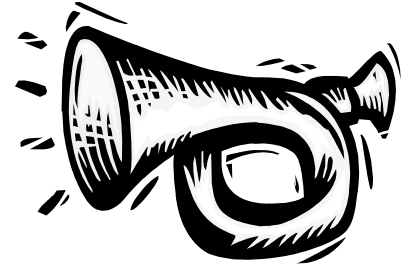




THE BYRON TOWNSHIP BUGLE



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Dates to Note:

April 8	Township Board Meeting
April 15	Planning Commission
April 22	Township Board Meeting
April 24	Zoning Board of Appeals
May 13	Township Board Meeting
May 20	Planning Commission
May 27	Township Board Meeting
May 22	Zoning Board of Appeals
June 10	Township Board Meeting
June 17	Planning Commission
June 24	Township Board Meeting
June 26	Zoning Board of Appeals

Byron Township is on the Web!

Byron Township is pleased to announce the launch of its first website. The Byron Township website can be found at the following location:

www.byron.mi-twp.org

There are several pages with the website, including:

- All about Byron
- Supervisor
- Clerk
- Treasurer
- Township Board
- Assessor
- Inspections
- Public Safety
- Library
- Parks and Recreation
- Planning and Zoning
- Byron Bugle
- Student Page

The website also has several links to local schools and other government agencies.



Byron Township Board Minutes, Byron Township Planning Commission Minutes, Zoning Board of Appeal Minutes, and several Township forms will be available. The Byron Township Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan will be added to the website in the near future.

You may also email Township officials and employees from the website.

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2002 Road Construction, Closures and Detours

As spring arrives, so does the road construction season. Once again, Byron Township will have several road closures and detours mostly due to the M-6 (South Belt-line) Construction.

Byron Center Avenue will be closed between 76th Street and 56th Street from April 1 thru the end of September. Burlingame Avenue will be the detour.

Wilson Avenue will be closed from 68th Street to 56th Street from April 1 thru the end of October, 2002. Ivanrest Avenue will be the detour.

64th Street/Homerich Avenue will be closed from Kenowa Avenue to 68th Street

from April 1 thru Mid-July. The detour will be Kenowa Avenue to 68th Street to Homerich.

US 131 will have major construction occurring for the 2002 and 2003 seasons. In 2002, the north bound lanes will be closed and all traffic will be contained on the south lanes from 36th Street to 84th Street.

68th Street will be closed from 131 to Division Avenue for the replacement of overpass bridge and the widening of 68th Street to 5 Lanes.

For more information check these websites: MDOT - www.mdot.state.mi.us/aboutm6 Kent County - www.kentcountyyroads.net/

FROM THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

By Randy Zomerlei

Spring is finally here and many of you are ready for home improvement projects. Just a few reminders:

1. Swimming pools, decks, sheds, garages, and pole barns require building permits. Please check with the office if you plan to construct one of these accessory structures. The size and location of the structure is determined by the zoning district in which you live.
2. Signs: We have been making periodic illegal sign

sweeps throughout the Township. Please remember that the Sign Ordinance regulates the placement, size, and types of signs permitted within the Township. No off-site signage is permitted. Real estate signs may only be placed in the front yard of a property for sale. Garage sale signs are permitted, but they need to be removed at the end of the sale. **DO NOT PLACE ANY SIGNS ON TELEPHONE POLES.**

I hope you have an enjoyable spring.

Byron Center Historical Society



The Byron Center Historical Society and Museum just finished a very exciting year. A few of our accomplishments include:

1. The completion of the exterior of the Museum. (the former Township Hall)
2. Memorial Day Cemetery Tour at Winchester Cemetery.
3. New and improved Displays. The Museum is open on Mondays 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. (April—Mid-November)
4. Our Train Depot project is being worked on in the new WhistleStop Park.
5. Historical excavation at Boynton Log Cabin Site. Work will continue this spring.
6. Great things are happening in our Genealogy Room. We have many items of interest on local genealogy and property of Byron Township.
7. Celebration of the 125th year since the Old Town Hall was built.

The reason for these accomplishments are the support of our 200 family membership. We are holding

our 2002 membership drive. All are invited to join. As a benefit of membership, you will receive our magazine, the "Timekeeper", newsletters of what is happening and the opportunity to help us in the collection, preservation, and displaying of Byron Township history. If you have any questions, please call Doug Tubergen at 878-3554.

BYRON CENTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY Membership Application

\$10.00 Yearly Family Membership

_____ Additional donation

_____ Total donation (All donations are tax deductible:

License to Solicit is #MICS 12251.)

_____ I would like to help and be a worker in the Byron Center Historical Society.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Make check payable to Byron Center Historical Society and mail to P.O. Box 20, Byron Center, MI 49315.

Our special exhibit for 2002 will be **BYRON TOWNSHIP FARMING**. If you have items to loan for this yearlong display, please call Doug Tubergen.

THE CLERK'S CORNER

By Joel Hondorp



Kent District Library Information! Ideas! Excitement!

Along with my duties as Clerk, I have the honor as serving as a trustee on the Kent District Library Board. The Byron Township Library is a member of the Kent District Library. The Kent District Library consists of 18 branches serving 28 communities. I represent the Byron and Grandville branches on the board and serve as Board Treasurer. Kent District Library has an interactive website at www.kdl.org. On the website you may place books on hold, search the card catalog, research a number of topics and view a calendar of events and programs.

The Byron Township Library is located on 84th Street just west of Byron Center Avenue.

The hours of operation for the Byron Branch are:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: Noon to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Basketball and Volleyball Champs



Fall Women's Volleyball

Bubba's Girls

Dentures-in-a-Day

Baker's Half Dozen

Winter Women's Volleyball

Dentures-in-a-Day

Lakeside Plumbing

Winter Co-ed Volleyball

1st Byron Reformed

Winter Men's Basketball

Florentine's

Nothin' but Net

Two Men and a Truck

Big Green

Rookies



From the Water and Sewer Department

IRRIGATION FOR HOME LAWNS

(Taken from MSU Turf Maintenance Tips, Provided by Kent County Extension Service)

Irrigating lawns is an often misunderstood practice and when done incorrectly can waste water, money, and elevate the potential for movement of nutrients and pesticides beyond the plant zone. Some of the factors involved in proper irrigation are the desired level of maintenance, soil conditions, water use rate, and application timing. The amount of water involved in achieving a high quality turf will vary from year to year and depends on the weather patterns.

Generally, lawn turf requires 0.5 to 1.5 inches of water per week. The amount applied will change depending on the weather conditions and rainfall events. Light frequent applications of water are much more productive than heavy applications once a week. That corresponds to 1/10 to 2/10 of an inch of water for each application, which may correspond to 10-15 minutes of irrigation depending on the output of your system. Setting cans in the lawn throughout the irrigation pattern can measure the rate and pattern of delivery for your system. Turn the system on for one hour and measure the amount collected. Use this information to determine how long it will take to provide the amount needed. The best time of application seems to be early afternoon just prior to the highest heat period of the day. This takes advantage of the cooling effects of the water.

So, first choose a level of quality or maintenance that is compatible with your property. Then start out with the range of total water needed (0.5-1.5 inches per week). Pick a specific amount after making adjustments for weather and soil conditions. Now split that amount up into light frequent events. During dry, hot periods, this will be daily irrigation. Finally, take control of the sprinkler!!! Coordinate the irrigation with rain events and don't overload the system by irrigating in the rain. Remember that keeping the water where the turf can use it is the most efficient and environmentally sound program.



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Hours: **M-F 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**
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Byron Township Phone List

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



Attention

**South Kent
Trail Users**



Join the
Volunteer "Trail Courtesy Patrol"

Beginning Spring 2002

In Co-operation with:

**Kent County Sheriff Department
Community Service Unit**

**For more information or to obtain an appli-
cation please call:**

336-3118

Deputies Marnie Mills or Jay Wayman

Byron Township

8085 Byron Center Ave., SW

Byron Center, MI 49315

Remember to set your clocks forward 1 hour - April 7, 2002