



BYRON BUGLE



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From the Supervisor

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Township Calendar

October 11	Township Board Meeting
October 18	Planning Commission
October 25	Township Board Meeting
October 27	Board of Appeals
November 8	Township Board Meeting
November 15	Planning Commission
November 22	Township Board Meeting
November 24	Board of Appeals
December 13	Township Board Meeting
December 20	Planning Commission
December 27	Township Board Meeting

Thank you for the Opportunity to Serve

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the great residents of Byron Township as Supervisor. The experience has been rewarding as well as challenging at a time in my life when that is what I needed. Thank you for the opportunity.

However, it's time for me to move on to another phase of my life. Some folks call it retirement, but I view it as an opportunity to slow down a bit. To avoid a rigid schedule and to seek other rewarding ways to occupy my remaining productive years.

As I reflect on what I will miss the most about retiring as Supervisor, I think the one thing that comes to mind is the great relationships that have developed throughout the years. Relationships with the residents of our community, other elected officials, the various boards and commissions and the leaders of other communities as we share ideas and visions for our future. And second, the opportunity to be part of leading our community into the future and creating a community we can all be proud and one that maintains an excellent quality of life and provides for our needs.

I have been blessed with a great relationship with the Township Board and committee members as well as many other people throughout the years and I hope my successor enjoys this opportunity to serve as much as I have.

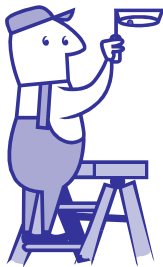
Again, thank you for the opportunity and the support. May God continue to bless our wonderful community.

Larry Silvernail

Byron Township Supervisor

From the Protection Services Department

Have a safe Holiday Season!



Byron Township Protection Services would like to remind homeowners of several ways to keep your family and neighbors safe during the Fall and Winter months.

Regularly maintain the landscaping of your property and the sidewalk in front of your home. Homeowners are required to clear snow from sidewalks in front of their house.

Remove all trash, junk and debris from your front yard and anywhere else it is visible from the street.

Keep Fire Hydrants clear of snow.

Recreational vehicles are not permitted to be stored on the street or in front of a residence from September 30th - April 1st.

Burning permits are required anytime burning occurs in Byron Township. Burning is prohibited in RU, RD, MFR, Business or Industrial Zones. Contact the Township office to obtain permits for all other types of zoning areas. Burning permits are no charge, but must be obtained before burning occurs.

October 3–9 was Fire Prevention week. Please take a moment to review basic fire safety tips.

Check smoke detectors and change the battery.

Have a home escape plan.

Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children

Have a home evacuation plan for your home. Include emergency numbers and plan a place to meet.

Take your emergency supply kit.

Always keep a half of tank of gas in your vehicle.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Byron Township Leaf Collection

Byron Township will be providing a Leaf Collection Drop-Off Station to assist Township Residents in disposing of their leaves. The Township Board is encouraging use of this drop-off site as alternative to open burning.

The drop-off site will be located near the ball fields at Bi-Centennial Park, 8085 Byron Center Avenue, SW because it is centrally located within the Township.

This service is provided for Byron Township Residents only and proof of residence may be required. The program is provided at no charge for residents.

Residents are encouraged to bring dry bagged leaves only. Township employees will be available to assist in placing the leaves in the compactor truck.

Residents will take leaf bags back with them.

People dropping off bags of leaves at other than designated times and bags of trash or other abuses of this program will jeopardize the program in the future.

This service will be available on five consecutive Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. starting October 23, 2004.

Leaf Collection Dates and Time

Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

October 23

October 30

November 6

November 13

November 20



Clerk's Corner

Primary Election 2004

Prec.	Reg.	Voted	Percent
1	2085	1131	54.24
2	1088	252	23.16
3	1478	240	16.24
4	1766	832	47.11
5	2116	879	41.54
6	1720	1720	45.29
7	850	850	41.65
8	1627	471	28.95
Total	12730	4938	38.79

Full results can be found on the website.

Next Election:

Tuesday, November 5

Polls open 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

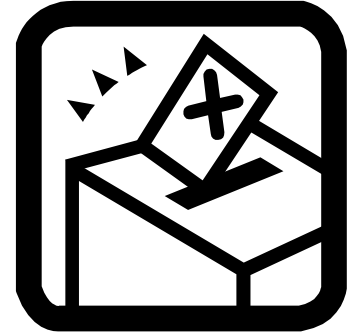
If you would like an application for an absentee ballot, please mail a request to the Byron Township Clerk's

Office at 8085 Byron Center Avenue, Byron Center, MI 49315 or call 878-9104.

Joel Hondorp

What's on the ballot?

- President
- U.S. Congress
- Statewide Education Offices
- State House
- County Wide Offices
- County Commissioner
- Township Offices
- Judicial Offices
- 2 Statewide Proposals
- 1 Byron Township Proposal



Treasurer's Forum

Another summer is behind us and fall has begun. I hope you and your family were able to relax and enjoy the beautiful season together.

The Treasurer's Office is a little quieter these days, since the Summer Tax Cycle was over on September 14. Hopefully, you remembered to pay your property

taxes. If you did forget, I can take payments until February 28, 2004. Interest of 1% will be added the first of each month on the unpaid balance. If you are in doubt if your taxes were paid, please call my office at 878-3196.

Winter taxes will be in the mail the first week of December. They are due on

Carol Houseman

February 14, 2005. If you wish to use the deduction for your 2004 income taxes, the payments must be in by December 31st. Payments dropped off by 8:00 a.m. on January 3 will be stamped 12-31-04.

If you have questions or just want to say hi, please stop in. My door is always open.



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Happy Retirement, Ken Koster

After 25 years of service to Byron Township, Ken Koster has decided to fully retire. Ken started with Byron Township Recreation in 1980 while he also taught school at Byron Center Middle School. After retiring from teaching, Ken put all his effort into Byron Township Recreation. Ken has put a lot of time and energy into the

development of our Recreation programs and his shoes will be hard to fill. On September 8 the Township held a well attended Open House for Ken. The Byron Township Board has named the Adult Softball complex at Whistles-top Park "Koster Fields" in Ken's honor. Thank you Ken from the bottom of our hearts for your service!



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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

*Byron Township
Holiday Days Closed
Thanksgiving
Day after Thanksgiving
December 23*
December 24*
December 30*
December 31**

**Days closed due to Christmas and New Year's
falling on Saturday*

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