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Township Calendar

April 9	Township Board Meeting
April 16	Planning Commission
April 23	Township Board Meeting
April 25	Board of Appeals
May 14	Township Board Meeting
May 21	Planning Commission
May 23	Board of Appeals
May 28	Township Board Meeting
June 11	Township Board Meeting
June 18	Planning Commission
June 25	Township Board Meeting
June 27	Board of Appeals

From the Supervisor Audrey Nevins Corridor Improvement Authority

The Township Board is in the process of creating a Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) along Division Avenue between 60th Street and 84th Street. The purpose of a CIA is to promote historic preservation, the elimination and prevention of blight in a business district, and to encourage and promote economic development, growth and revitalization. The Byron Township CIA will focus its attention on the Division Avenue Corridor. Gaines Township is doing a CIA on their side of Division Avenue.

The CIA will develop a development and

financing plan that will benefit Division Avenue. This plan will establish a strategy to improve services for the citizens that live, shop and work along and near Division Avenue, and will endeavor to facilitate the beautification of the district. Once the plan is complete, the Township Board will review it at a public hearing prior to adoption.

If you would like more information on the CIA and its process to create a development and financing plan, please contact the Township at 878-1222.

From the Inspection Services Department

Pool Safety

The Inspection Service's 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 and steps need to be 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.

Forms Online

You can find forms online to apply for a building permit or a plumbing permit. They are located at www.byrontownship.org/forms.htm.

There are also forms for Planning and Zoning online. Forms available there are variance application, rezoning application, special use application. They are located at www.byrontownship.org/documents.htm.

Also on that page you can view the Byron Township Zoning Ordinance and the Zoning map.

Water and Sewer Department

IRRIGATION



Spring will soon be upon us and the underground irrigation systems will soon be energized and ready for another summer of use.

Irrigation results in increased sewer usage, because the only way to measure sewer usage is based on the water meter read. After reviewing this effect on the sewer usage charge, rates were amended in 2001 to compensate for this increased sewer usage.

“Separately metered Dwelling Units shall be billed at 74.6% (\$1.8650/1000 gallon of water) of total metered Public Water Usage, in accordance with Section 1612©, except that no sewer use fee for separately metered Dwelling Units shall be charged for metered usage above 49, 285 gallons in any one billing quarter.”

This means that as long as the sewer rate remains \$2.50 per thousand gallons (separately metered Dwelling Units will be charged only \$1.8650/1000 gallon water used for sewer usage), you will not be billed more than \$91.75 for the sewer usage component of your bill. According to a study, the average customer uses 28,519 gallons of water per billing quarter. Of this total, only 74.6% is returned as sewage. This equals a quarterly sewer average of 21,274 gallons. It is important to realize the total yearly water consumption for an average customer is not split evenly between quarters. Your highest bills are going to be during the summertime quarter, with a cap of \$91.75 on the sewer. (49,200 gallons x 74.6%=36,700 x \$2.50/1000 gallons). If you are

an average user, your other bills will be much lower.


Although this will help you on the sewer usage side, it will not change your high water bill. If you have underground sprinkling, it is very likely that you could save a considerable amount on your water usage by increasing the interval between your sprinkling cycles and also decreasing the length of time each cycle runs. Many people find that by setting the system manually, they use much less water. Also, by not over-watering, you could actually improve your lawn by forcing your roots down. This stronger root system will actually make your lawn more drought resistant.

NEW WATER AND SEWER RATES

Also the new prices for water and treatment of sewer have been phasing in as of January 1, 2007. The price for water for 1000 gallons remains at \$1.68, and the new price for sewer per 1000 gallons of water used is \$2.50. These prices are based on primarily what we are charged by the city of Wyoming. The water ready to serve fee for 5/8” meters and 1” meters went up from \$13.50 per quarter to \$14.00 per quarter. The sewer ready to serve for 5/8” meters and 1” meters went up from \$10.00 per quarter to \$10.60 per quarter. The ready to serve fees are collected for the water and sewer departments’ fixed expenses.

HYDRANT PERMITS

Hydrant permits (for pools, irrigation, etc.) can be obtained by calling the Byron-Gaines Utility Authority at 616-971-0002.




New Water and Sewer Rates as of January 1, 2007

Treasurer’s Forum

CHECK YOUR TAXES ONLINE

You have the ability to check your property taxes online. You may also check your assessing information online.

To access tax and assessing 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 Tax and Assessing Database. Choose either current tax or assessing. Search on either Permanent Parcel Number, Name or Address. Tax



“You can check your Property Tax and Assessing information online”

Carol Houseman

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.

Last year 2/3 of the county taxes were paid in the summer and 1/3 in the winter. This year most of the county taxes will be paid in the summer and a portion in the winter. This means your summer bill will be even higher in the summer than the winter.

Clerk's Corner

Joel Hondorp

ELECTIONS School Election May 8, 2007

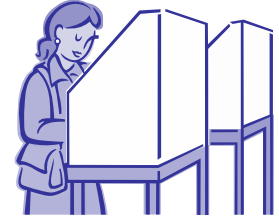
You vote in the same precinct for all three elections. If you would like to request an application to vote absentee, please send a written request to:

Byron Township Clerk
8085 Byron Center Avenue
Byron Center, MI 49315

PASSPORTS

Byron Township also has qualified to be an acceptance agent on behalf of the United States Department of State for passport appli-

cations. Application and information is available in the Clerk's office. Cost for an adult passport is \$97 (\$67 to the Department of State and \$30 to Byron Township). And under age 16 the cost is \$82 (\$52 to the Department of State and \$30 to Byron Township). To apply for a passport you need to bring with you a certified birth certificate, two pictures (can be taken at Walgreens or Meijer), two checks (Department of State and Byron Township) and a driver's license. Under Age 14, both parents must be present to sign. The birth certificate will be mailed with the application and returned to you with your passport. It takes about 8 weeks for a passport to arrive after the application is mailed. If you need it sooner, there are ways to expedite the process for an additional fee of \$60.



*You can apply for
Passports at the
Byron Township
Clerk's Office*

Be Stormwater Savvy

5 SIMPLE WAYS YOU CAN HELP MICHIGAN RIVERS

1

Use a pooper scooper! Bacteria, parasites and viruses from pet waste can easily wash into storm drains and end up in the river without being treated.

Limit your pesticide and fertilizer use. Pesticides are one of the biggest pollutants of all. Limit fertilizer use, and make it a habit to sweep your grass clippings onto the lawn rather than into a catch basin. See tip cards #2 and #3 for more information on lawn care.

2

Check your vehicles for fuel and oil leaks. When it rains, grease and oil drippings wash into storm drains, and go straight into our rivers and streams.

3

Wash your car on the lawn or go to a car wash (where the water goes to a wastewater treatment plant). Dirt and oils you wash off can harm fish and animals if it goes straight in the storm drain. Grass filters pollutants — and you'll water your lawn at the same time!

4

Only Rain Down the Drain! In other words, use trash cans! Even if it means a slight inconvenience for you, it's better off for everyone who shares Michigan's rivers.

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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



*Byron Township is
served by two Chambers
of Commerce:*

Cutlerville Chamber

www.cutlervillechamber.org

890-1378

&

Byron Center Chamber

www.byroncenterchamber.org

878-0108

Byron Township

8085 Byron Center Ave., SW

Byron Center, MI 49315