



# BYRON BUGLE



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## From the Supervisor Audrey Nevins

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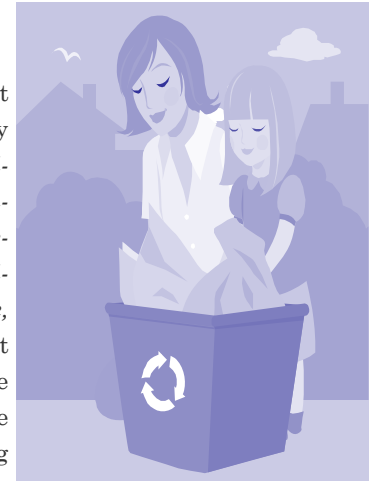
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### Township Calendar

July 14	Township Board Meeting
July 21	Planning Commission
July 23	Board of Appeals
July 28	Township Board Meeting
August 11	Township Board Meeting
August 18	Planning Commission
August 25	Township Board Meeting
August 27	Board of Appeals
September 8	Township Board Meeting
September 14	SUMMER TAXES DUE
September 15	Planning Commission
September 22	Township Board Meeting
September 24	Board of Appeals

### Electronics Recycling Program

Individuals can drop off electronic devices at the South Kent Landfill during normal business hours. You may drop off any of the following: *Computer tower and laptop, computer monitor, computer accessories (speakers, mouse, keyboard), scanner, printer, fax machine, copier, networking equipment, stereo, VCR, DVD player, video game player, video camera, digital camera, television, microwave, telephone, cell phone, pager.* Other drop-off sites are located at the North Kent Transfer Station and the Materials Recycling Facility. There is no cost for Kent County residents to participate in the Electronics Recycling Program. The Electronics Recycling Program is for residential electronics recycling only.



### South Kent Landfill

300 100th Street SW  
Byron Center, MI 49315  
Phone: (616) 877-4092

Operating Hours:  
Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### Free Recycling Drop-Off Site

Kentwood Recycling Center      Operating Hours:  
5068 Breton Road (north of 52nd)      Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Recyclable materials accepted at the site are clear and colored glass, steel cans, aluminum cans, plastic items (not Styrofoam), paper products and corrugated cardboard.

## From the Water and Sewer Department

The water & sewer assessment bills will go out on Monday, June 30th. If you have an annual assessment payment of either water or sewer, or perhaps both, they will be due on July 31, 2008 before the close of business. Any bill that is not paid on or before 5:00 pm, August 31, 2008 will be assigned to your winter tax bill. We have a drop box on the East side of the building for your convenience.

The Consumer Confidence 2007 Water Quality Reports are going out in the summer tax bills if you are in a section within the township that has public water. This report is supplied by the City of Wyoming, and tells you that your drinking water is safe. If you need additional copies, we have them available at the township office for distribution.

If you have underground sprinkling, you may want to inquire about getting a second water meter to meter your sprinkling water. For more information on sprinkling meters please contact our office or go to the Water and Sewer section of the website.



## BYRON TOWNSHIP FESTIVAL 2008

July 24-27



### Thursday, July 24

9 a.m.-6 p.m. Byron Community Ministries Flea Market  
(8250 Byron Creek Drive)  
7 p.m. The Kingsmen and Heralders Quartet Concert  
VanSingel Fine Arts Center

### Friday, July 25

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Byron Community Ministries Flea Market  
4 p.m. - 10 p.m. Food Concessions  
5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Inflatable Rides  
5:00 p.m. Byron Bank 5K Race Registration (Byron Bank)  
5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Community Spaghetti Dinner ( First Reformed)  
6 p.m.-9 p.m. Battle of the Bands  
9 p.m.-11 p.m. Teen Dance

### Saturday, July 26

7:30-9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast (Pathway Ministries)  
8:00 a.m. Softball Tournament (Whistlestop Park)  
8:00 a.m. Rec Sports 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament  
8:30 a.m. Byron Bank 5K Run/Walk (Byron Bank)  
9:30 a.m. Kids Fun Run (Byron Bank)  
9:00 a.m. Parade Line up (Nickels Intermediate School)  
9:30 a.m. Used Book Sale (Library)  
10:00 a.m. Parade  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. US Post Office Commemorative Stamp Cancellation  
11:00 a.m. Byron Center Fine Arts Boosters Art and Craft Sale  
11:00 a.m. Family Activities, **Food Concessions**, Several Inflatable rides, Remote Control Race Cars and much more!  
11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Concert Stage performances - TWO STAGES!  
3:00 p.m. Byron Classic Car Show (First Reformed)  
4:00 p.m. Kent Base Ball (old time baseball) (Brown School)  
5:00 p.m. RE/MAX Hot Air Balloon Tethered Rides  
5 - 7 p.m. Burgers, Fries, Cokes (First Reformed)  
6:00 p.m. Byron Idol Competition on Stage  
8:00 p.m. Lare Williams and the New Direction Concert  
Dusk **Fireworks**

### Sunday, July 27

9:30 a.m. Community Worship Service in the park.

*All events located in Bicentennial Park unless noted differently.*

*Events and times are subject to change.*

*Check out [www.byrondays.org](http://www.byrondays.org) for updated schedule and details!*

## THE CLERK'S CORNER

By Joel Hondorp

### Elections 2008

#### May 6 Turnout

Precinct	Voted	Registered	Percent
1	384	2300	16.70
2	91	1406	6.747
3	28	1372	2.04
4	285	2101	13.56
5	223	2040	10.93
6	260	2249	11.56
7	104	1199	8.67
8	241	1982	12.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>1616</b>	<b>14649</b>	<b>11.03</b>

### *Tuesday, August 5*

Polls are open from 7:00 am - 8:00 pm.

There is an election on August 5, 2008. If you are not available to vote in person on August 5 or November 4 or you are over 60 years of age, you may request an Absentee Ballot by calling or stopping in the Clerk's Office. You need to fill out an application in order to receive a ballot.

The August ballot contains Republican and Democrat Primary Elections for Federal, State, County and Township Offices. There is also a jail millage renewal proposal on the ballot.

### *Tuesday, November 4*

#### *General Election*

## TREASURER'S FORUM

By Carol Houseman

Very often property owners have concerns over the amount of their tax bill and perhaps do not realize where their taxes go.

Below is a tax chart for a home that has a homestead exemption and is valued at \$200,000 with a taxable value of \$100,000. It will show the taxing authority, millage rate and annual tax dollars.

One mill equals one dollar per thousand of taxable value of your property. In the above example 28.9708 mills equates to 28.9708 X 100 representing the taxable value in thousands and the taxes are \$2897.08 annually.

Non PRE (principle residence exemption) properties, such as rental property and a second residence are not considered your homestead and are assessed 18 mills more than properties with a homestead exemption. That additional tax goes to support education.

In 1993 prior to the implementation of proposal A, the millage rate was 52.891 mills. Today it is 28.8745. That's 23.9202 mills lower than 1993. Proposal A also limits annual property tax increases to the rate of inflation or 5% whichever is less.

While the process is confusing, I hope it answers some of your questions.

<u>Taxing Authority</u>	<u>Millage</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
GR Community College	1.7865	\$178.65
Kent Intermediate Schools	4.6903	\$469.03
Byron Center Public Schools	8	\$800.00
State Education Tax	6.000	\$600.00
Kent County	5.3940	\$539.40
Kent District Library	.88	\$88.00
Byron Township Law	.6000	\$60.00
Byron Township Fire	.9100	\$91.00
Byron Township Allocated	.7100	\$71.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>28.9708</b>	<b>\$2897.08</b>

The summer tax bill is about 72% of your annual taxes.

Check out the website for information about paying your taxes online. A fee will be assessed to pay with a credit card. You can find the information under the quick links on the home page. You can also sign up for automatic deduction from your checking or savings accounts.



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8085 Byron Center Avenue  
Byron Center, MI 49315

**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 FARMERS' MARKET**  
COMMUNITY WELLNESS CONNECTION

**Every Saturday until October 11**

**8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

Located in the Heart of Byron Center  
8350 Byron Center Avenue, SW  
Parking Lot of Pathway Ministries

**Byron Township**

**8085 Byron Center Ave., SW**

**Byron Center, MI 49315**



# BYRON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2008 FALL PROGRAMS



## DETROIT TIGERS VS LOS ANGELES ANGELS GAME

Go Tigers! Leave your car and parking money at home. Byron Township Recreation Department will take you out to the ball game on a charter bus. Your ticket will be located in the upper box section 331. Invite a friend and let's go cheer on your favorite Tiger. Limited tickets are available. Pre registration is required. You will be responsible for purchasing all food and drinks. The bus will stop on the way home for dinner.

**Day:** Thursday  
**Departure Time:** 8:00am  
**Game Time:** 1:05pm  
**Registration Begins:** Immediately



**Date:** September 4, 2008  
**Cost:** \$55 Resident / \$65 Non-Resident (Includes ticket and transportation)  
**Limited Tickets:** 50  
**Registration Deadline:** August 22, 2008 or until full

## ADULT BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS

Learn the latest dance steps to the East Coast Swing in Session I or try the foxtrot & nightclub mix in Session II. Our highly recommended Instructor, Duane Shoemaker, will move at the pace of the class from beginner to advance. **Location:** To be announced

**Day:** Tuesdays  
**Time:** 7:00-8:00pm  
**Minimum:** 4 per class  
**Registration Begins:** Immediately

**Date:** Session I: September 16- October 21, 2008  
 Session II: November 4-December 6, 2008  
**Cost:** \$61 Resident/\$71 Non-Resident per session  
**Maximum:** 12 per class  
**Registration Deadline:** September 12, 2008

## ADULT WATERCOLOR

Have you dabbled in water coloring painting in the past? Get out those paint brushes and join the water color class to perfect your skills. Instructor Maryleah Marshall will use props to teach new techniques each week. **Location:** To be announced

**Day:** Wednesdays  
**Time:** 6:30-8:30pm  
**Minimum:** 6 per class  
**Registration Begins:** Immediately

**Date:** September 17- October 22, 2008  
**Cost:** \$45 Resident/\$55 Non-Resident  
**Maximum:** 12 per class  
**Registration Deadline:** September 12, 2008



## ADULT & 55 AND OLDER FLEX AND TONE FITNESS CLASS

This non-aerobic fitness class is carefully designed to tone muscle and aid in regaining flexibility. Burn fat and firm up by using hand weights, bands, mat and or chair. Open to men and women of all ages and fitness levels.

**Day:** Monday and Wednesdays  
**Time:** 9:30-10:30am  
**Minimum:** 8 per class  
**Registration Begins:** Immediately

**Date:** September 22- October 29, 2008  
**Cost:** \$41 Resident/\$51 Non-Resident  
**Location:** Byron Township Hall, 8085 Byron Center Avenue  
**Maximum:** 15 per class  
**Registration Deadline:** September 12, 2008

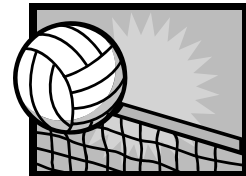
## YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

An experienced AIM USA volleyball coach teaches this fun and action packed program. The course is designed to introduce the fundamentals plus more advanced skills of volleyball to young athletes. They will learn the proper skills and techniques to be successful volleyball players. Beginning students will learn fundamentals and returning students learn advanced skills.

**Day:** Mondays  
**Time:** 6:00-6:45pm Beginning 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
 6:45-7:30pm Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
 7:30-8:15pm Inter. & Advanced 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
**Minimum:** 15 per program  
**Registration Begins:** Immediately  
**Note:** \$10.00 discount 2<sup>nd</sup> family member in same program (only AIM Programs)

**Date:** September 29 – December 1, 2008  
**Cost:** \$69 Resident  
 \$79 Non-Resident  
**Location:** To be announced  
**Registration Deadline:** September 19, 2008

**Skip:** November 24



## SELF DEFENSE & SAFETY AWARENESS

This FUN course is designed for self- defense purposes emphasizing child safety awareness. Self discipline rather than aggressiveness is promoted. We teach the children how to avoid dangerous situations. Students are placed into classes according to age and ability. New students progress to yellow belts and returning students earn higher belts. The program is for children ages 5-15.

**Day:** Tuesdays  
**Time:** 6:00-6:45pm All Beginners 5-15  
 6:45-7:30pm All Returning Students 5-15  
**Minimum:** 15 per program  
**Registration Begins:** Immediately  
**Note:** \$10.00 discount 2<sup>nd</sup> family member in same program (only AIM Programs)

**Date:** September 30 – December 2, 2008  
**Cost:** \$69 Resident  
 \$79 Non-Resident  
**Location:** To be announced  
**Registration Deadline:** September 19, 2008

**Skip:** November 25

**Byron Township Parks and Recreation \* 8085 Byron Center Avenue \* Byron Center, MI 49315**  
**Phone:** 878-1998 \* **Fax:** 878-3980 \* **Website:** [www.byrontownship.org](http://www.byrontownship.org) **Cancellation Line:** 878-0623  
*For a complete list of programs or registration forms please visit the website.*

## GYMNASTICS & TUMBLING

This fun and exciting program is designed to enhance self-confidence and improve coordination, physical fitness and flexibility. Learn from experienced instructors who teach the skills of floor gymnastics and tumbling! Beginning students will learn fundamentals and returning students learn advanced skills.

**Day:** Thursdays  
**Time:** 6:00-6:45pm, 2-3 year olds with parent  
6:45-7:30pm, 4-6 year olds  
7:30-8:15pm, 7-10 year olds

**Date:** October 2 – December 4, 2008  
**Cost:** \$69 Resident  
\$79 Non-Resident

**Skip:** November 27

**Minimum:** 20

**Registration Begins:** Immediately

**Location:** To be announced

**Registration Deadline:** September 19, 2008

**Note:** \$10.00 discount 2<sup>nd</sup> family member in same program (only AIM Programs)



## DANCE! JAZZ HIP-HOP

This fun program is designed to enhance self-confidence, self-esteem and physical fitness. Learn from experienced instructors who teach moves to Dance –Jazz Hip Hop routines with flair and enthusiasm!

**Day:** Thursdays  
**Time:** 6:00-6:45pm, 5-7 years old  
6:45-7:30pm, 8-12 years old

**Date:** October 2 – December 4, 2008  
**Cost:** \$69 Resident  
\$79 Non-Resident

**Skip:** November 27

**Minimum:** 15 per program

**Registration Begins:** Immediately

**Location:** To be announced

**Registration Deadline:** September 19, 2008

**Note:** \$10.00 discount 2<sup>nd</sup> family member in same program (only AIM Programs)

## COOKING CLUB!

The Byron Township Recreation Department has partnered up with Kent County 4-H. Providing a hands on program where students learn to follow a recipe and cook a dish each lesson. Students will learn about nutrition and food safety, while preparing recipes that reinforce the idea, that healthy food can taste good. Topics to be covered: Food Guide Pyramid, Food Temperatures, Meal Planning, Healthy Choices and Equipment Safety.

**Day:** Wednesdays  
**Time:** 4:00-5:00pm  
**Age:** 8-12 years old

**Date:** October 1-November 19, 2008  
**Cost:** \$51 Resident  
\$61 Non-Resident

**Location:** Byron Township Hall, 8085 Byron Center Avenue

**Maximum:** 18

**Registration Deadline:** September 19, 2008

**Minimum:** 10

**Registration Begins:** Immediately



## LEGO ENGINEERING

Byron Township has partnered up with All About Learning Inc. Using LEGO® Educational Division Materials and LEGO® Technique elements, children will learn by doing! This course covers gears, levers, wheels, axles, structures, forces and simple machines. This is an integrated science and math class.

**Day:** Tuesdays  
**Time:** 4:00-6:00pm, 5-7 years old  
6:00-8:00pm, 8-12 years old



**Date:** October 14 – December 2, 2008  
**Cost:** \$105 Resident  
\$115 Non-Resident

**Skip:** November 4

**Location:** Byron Township Hall, 8085 Byron Center Avenue

**Registration Begins:** Immediately

**Registration Deadline:** September 19, 2008

## ONLINE VIDEO GAME MAKING

Learn how to design and modify your own exciting arcade style video game. You'll learn how to control characters, objects and outcomes in your game, then increase the difficulty level and add more features. Learn how to design your own version of Pac Man and several others. Students can save their video game on a CD and continue to play at home.

**Day:** On your own  
**Time:** Blackboard discussion online  
**Age:** 10+

**Date:** Between October 14 and December 2, 2008  
**Cost:** \$105 Resident  
\$115 Non-Resident

**Location:** Take the class from your home online.

**Registration Deadline:** September 19, 2008

**Minimum:** 10 per class

**Registration Begins:** Immediately



## TRUNK OR TREAT

The 3rd annual Trunk or Treat event will include activities such as hayrides, and entertainment. For the main event, families will line up and parade past a line of fully decorated vehicle trunks gathering goodies. Come out and see your favorite trunk in festive decorations. Get a chance to see up close and personal a Fire Truck, Cop Car, and much more.

We are seeking businesses and volunteers for this year's event to decorate trunks and hand out candy and/or promotional items. This annual event is a great opportunity for families to participate in fun and safe Halloween activities. Last year we served 600 children and a total of approximately 1000 guests/parents. If you would like to participate this year by decorating your trunk, volunteering at the event, or giving a donation please contact the Byron Township Recreation Department at 878-1998.

**Day:** Saturday  
**Time:** 12:00-2:00pm  
**Age:** All ages welcome  
**Note:** You do not have to pre register for this program.



**Date:** October 25, 2008  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Location:** Whistlestop Park, 2120 76<sup>th</sup> Street