



BYRON BUGLE



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Township Calendar

October 10	Township Board Meeting
October 17	Planning Commission
October 24	Township Board Meeting
October 26	Board of Appeals
November 14	Township Board Meeting
November 21	Planning Commission
November 23	Board of Appeals
November 28	Township Board Meeting
December 12	Township Board Meeting
December 19	Planning Commission
December 27	Township Board Meeting

From the Supervisor

2005 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 Saturdays, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. starting October 15.

Audrey Nevins



Leaf Collection Dates and Time

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

October 15

October 22

October 29

November 5

November 12

From the Water and Sewer Department

Julie Meza

September 1st has come and gone! On that day the water & sewer department per ordinance could transfer all delinquent water & sewer usage 90 days or more past due to the winter tax bill. Also any unpaid assessment bills that went out in July that were not paid on September 1st were assigned to taxes. What this means is that anyone who had these delinquent bills will see them on your winter tax bill with a 6% penalty included. We cannot accept any payments for these delinquent bills at the township until after the tax bills are printed and sent out!

It seems the sprinkling season is still going strong according to our last billing cycle! If you want to keep your utility bill

at a reasonable dollar amount, remember that it is better to manually set your sprinkling system, so that you are not sprinkling unnecessarily after or even during a rain. You may also need to know how to set your sprinklers manually anyway, in case of an "odd/even" sprinkling ban.

Also keep in mind that auto draft is available at no cost to you to have your water & sewer bill amount directly debited from your checking or savings account on the 20th of the month your bill comes out. We have forms at the water & sewer office at the township to fill out and attach a voided check too to get started. Enjoy the cooler weather!!!



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Holiday Safety

General Holiday Safety Tips

- All holiday decorations should be non-combustible or flame-retardant and not placed near heat or electrical sources.
- Keep candles away from flammable materials like curtains, plants, and Christmas Trees—place candles where they can’t be blown over.
- Don’t forget to change your smoke detector batteries when you set your clocks back in the fall.
- Never use an oven or range as a sup-

plemental heating device. It can be a source of potential toxic fumes.

- Never store gasoline or propane in the basement.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your home please keep the hydrant clear of snow so in the event it is needed, it can be locate.

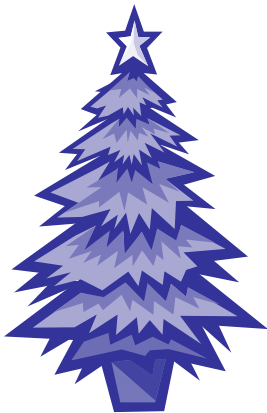
Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season from the Byron Township and Cutlerville Fire Departments.

Halloween Safety

Cars, not candy should be Parents’ primary safety concern on Halloween. To help make your child’s Halloween safe, Byron Township would like to recommend the following safety precautions:

- Children under the age of 12 should have adult supervision.
- Decorated costumes and bags with reflective tape.
- Give trick-or-treaters flashlights.
- Be sure your children dress in flame retardant costumes.
- Keep candles, pumpkins with candles, matches and lighters out of the reach of children.

Christmas Safety



- Keep Christmas tree needles moist by replenishing the water supply daily. Dryness is the biggest fire safety hazard. Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks.
- Check your indoor and outdoor Christmas lights each year before you use them. If there are frayed cords, exposed wires or broken sockets, replace or repair them before using. Unplug

your lights when you leave your home or before going to bed.

- Do not put wrapping paper in a fireplace or stove, it can throw off dangerous sparks.
- **NEVER LEAVE CANDLES AND CHILDREN UNATTENDED.**

Also, please make sure you have an address on your home that is visible from the street. This will help emergency vehicles find your home and save precious time.

Clerk's Corner

The Byron Township Clerk's office is a passport agency for the U.S. Department of State. The hours are 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Every effort is made to keep the office open during these hours, however, there are occasions when the office must be closed. It would be wise to call 878-9104 to confirm that the Passport Agency is open on the day you wish to come.

When you apply for a passport, please bring the following information:

- Proof of identity (driver's license, state identification)
- Proof of citizenship (Original proof of birth – sealed certificate, not hospital certificate)
- Two passport photos (Walgreen's and Meijer are two which take the photos.) Two checks: One made out to the U.S. Department of State (\$67 for adults and \$52 for under 16), and one for \$30 made out to Byron Township (Facility Fee).

Joel Hondorp

Each applicant must come to the office to complete the Passport Application form and sign it in person. There are no exceptions. There are special rules for children, expedited applications, and unusual circumstances. Please call to ask your questions before coming to the office. It takes up to six weeks to get a passport, so early planning is a good idea. The Clerk's office staff is happy to assist you with your application and your questions; call them at 878-9104.



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, 2006. 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, 2006. If you wish to use the deduction for your 2005 income taxes, the payments must be in by December 31st. Payments dropped off by 8:00 a.m. on January 3 will be stamped 12-31-05.

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



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2005 Summer Softball Champions

Monday Co-Ed Slow Pitch

Dave & Don's AutoCare

Monday Men's Fast Pitch

Berkenpas Builders

Monday Men's Slow Pitch

Northland Timber

Tuesday Church Slow Pitch

Byron Center United Methodist

Tuesday Men's Slow Pitch, I

Miedema Auctioneering

Tuesday Men's Slow Pitch, II

Unit Crew

Tuesday Women's Slow Pitch

VanBall's Meat/Great Lake Speed

Wednesday Men's Slow Pitch, 1

Pete's

Wednesday Men's Slow Pitch, 2

Falcon Pallet

Wednesday Men's Slow Pitch, 3

League Minimum

Wednesday Women's Fast Pitch

Aquinas

Thursday Church Co-Ed

First Reformed of Byron Center

Thursday Co-Ed Slow Pitch

The Crew

Thursday Men's Slow Pitch

Mama's Boyz



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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
Holiday Days Closed
Thanksgiving
Day after Thanksgiving
December 23*
December 26*
December 30*
January 2**

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

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