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Township Calendar

October 9	Township Board Meeting
October 16	Planning Commission
October 23	Township Board Meeting
October 25	Board of Appeals
November 13	Township Board Meeting
November 20	Planning Commission
November 22	Board of Appeals
November 27	Township Board Meeting
December 11	Township Board Meeting
December 18	Planning Commission
December 27	Township Board Meeting

From the Supervisor

Audrey Nevins



It has been a busy 3rd quarter this year. We have been busy planning and preparing for the future of Byron Township.

Master Plan

The public hearing on the adoption of the Township Master Plan will be held November 8. The process to prepare this Plan has involved numerous community residents as well as public officials.

The purpose of the Master Plan is to enable the Township Planning Commission to establish a future direction for the Township's physical development. Residents may view the proposed plan at the township offices between 8:00am. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any written comments may be sent to the township to be forwarded to the Planning Commission prior to the hearing.

Senior Citizen/Recreation Building

The Township Board has been working on the plans for the new Senior / Recreation Center for Whistlestop Park.

Request for Qualifications were sent out by Prein & Newhof and are due September 26th. Ten companies were invited and the top five will be sent proposals.

Skate Park

The Township Board and Community Wellness Connection have been working hard building the skate park at Bi Centennial Park. You will see equipment being installed this fall and next spring.



2006 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 an 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.

Only dry bagged leaves will be accepted. Township employees will be available to assist in placing the leaves in the compac-

tor truck. Residents will take leaf bags back with them.

A chipper will be available on October 21 and 28 only for branches, twigs or shrubs. **Leaves will only be accepted on these dates. Leaves brought at other times could lead to the end of the program.**

Leaf Collection Dates and Time

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

October 21 & 28

November 4, 11, & 18



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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.

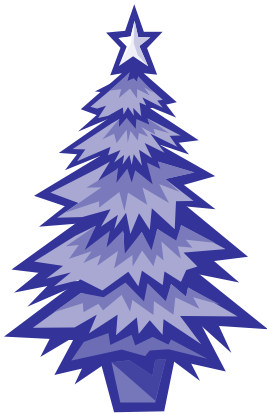
Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season from the Byron Township and Cutlerville Fire Departments.

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

Primary Election 06

Prec.	Reg.	Voted	Percent
1	2282	732	32.08%
2	1115	173	15.52%
3	1368	151	11.04%
4	2006	538	26.82%
5	2422	517	21.35%
6	2073	496	23.93%
7	845	216	25.56%
8	1862	523	28.09%
Total	13973	3346	23.95%

Full results can be found on the website.

Next Election:

Tuesday, November 7

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.

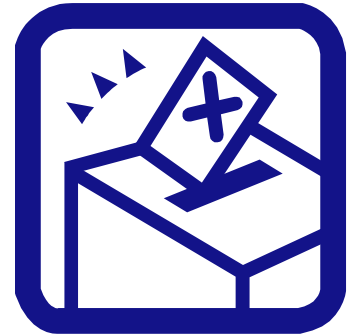
What's on the ballot?

Governor
Secretary of State
Attorney General
U.S. Senator
U.S. Congress
Statewide Education Offices
State Senate
State House
Drain Commissioner

Joel Hondorp

County Commissioner
Judicial Offices
5 Statewide Proposals
1 Byron Township Proposal

Through Federal and State Grants, there will be equipment available for voters with disabilities to mark their own ballot unassisted. This new machine is called the AUTOMark. The AUTOMark will mark the ballot and the ballot will run through the tabulator like any other ballot. The AUTOMark uses touch screen, audio and buttons to allow the voter to mark their ballot.



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, 2007. 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, 2007. If you wish to use the deduction for your 2006 income taxes, the payments must be in by December 31st. Payments dropped off by 8:00 a.m. on January 3 will be stamped 12-31-06.

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



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Water and Sewer Department

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. Forms are available in the Water and Sewer Office or online. To get started just fill out the application and attach a voided check. Enjoy the cooler weather!!!

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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 25

December 26

January 1

January 2

Byron Township

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