

Byron Bulletin

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Straight From Dustin's Desk

Dustin Westphal 920-960-8186 chairman@townofbyronwi.gov

Hello Everyone,

We are back again with our town newsletter, after skipping last year. Realizing we were going to miss important date because it wasn't being published until after our annual meeting in 3rd Tuesday of April. The board adjusted the mailing date for 2026 to earlier, before the annual meeting, so the important dates are given in a timely manner.

We have stayed busy blacktopping and chip sealing roads. This year we plan on catching up on chip sealing, brush cutting and culvert replacements. Last year the state inspected bridges/culverts that are 6-20ft wide. It turns out we have 3 bridges/culverts that are rated 3 out of 10, on the brink of failing. At a cost of probably \$25,000-\$30,000 a piece. That is a huge hit in our road budget. We plan to stagger replacements in the next couple of years. We are also applying for a grant to help buffer the cost.

This year the town has no choice but to hire Borree Appraisal to do an exterior reevaluation on everyone's properties. Since we were out of compliance with state values. Basically we waited as long as we could before assessed value of your home goes up, along with taxes. A letter will be sent out upon completion sometime this summer. Remember to contact Borree Appraisal, not the town board, we have NO say in this process.

Lastly please feel free to reach out to any board member with any questions or concerns throughout the year. And we invite you to attend a town board meeting, 2nd Tuesday of every month. ~~Dustin, Town Chairman

2025 Citizen of the Year



The 2025 Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Mary Laudolff. Mary has been and still is an important figure to the Town of Byron. Mary has been married to her husband, John Laudolff for 52 years. The two of them have owned and operated Laudolff Septic, a crucial business in the township, for 35 years. They have been blessed with two children and 5 grandchildren. Mary has served the township as Clerk for 10 years. Thank you Mary for your years of service.

Welcome to the Town of Byron

We'd like to welcome all the new town residents to Byron! Last year we had quite a few homes sold/purchased and new homes built in our beautiful town. It's a honor to note that most the homes sold were on the market for a very short time. A clear indicator of what a desirable town we live in and all call home.

Please consider joining us at a monthly town meeting, 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm and/or our annual town meeting April 21, 2026 at 7pm. This is a great time to meet the town board and learn about various things, going on in the town.

Aaron's Updates

Aaron Buckarma 920-904-3703 supervisor1@townofbyronwi.gov

Hello Town of Byron residents! ~I hope this newsletter reaches you with a healthy and prosperous 2026.

I know it has been a few years since we have chatted so it's time to get you caught up with some of the things we have been working on. On June 24th of 2024 we suffered extreme flooding throughout the township at approximately seven different locations. The Town Board declared a state of emergency with the county which started a claim with the states WEM Public Assistance Grants Management System. This grant allows townships and municipalities to possibly get reimbursed up to 70% of the cost of repairs. This claim had two severe spots of concern. One was a very large culvert on Kenyon Road and a huge culvert on Kelly Road. The overall cost of the damage for all locations was \$68,197.37 and the township received \$47,738.16, which is the full 70% we were qualified for. This was a true blessing! We as a board are always looking for ways of saving taxpayers' dollars.

In 2025 we invested in our Town Hall with removal of trees, chip sealing the parking lot and some paint work on the inside. We also started updating some Town electronics and have started updating our Town's Cyber Security protocols.

2026 is going to be another busy year for the Town of Byron regarding road maintenance and numerous projects in the works. Once again, I am grateful to serve this community as your supervisor and look forward to doing so in the future. I encourage all Town residents to take part in a Town meeting; we meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Come and get involved. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email or by phone regarding any issues or comments.

Sincerely~~ Supervisor 1~~Aaron Buckarma

Annual Town Meeting ~ April 21, 2026 - 7pm - Byron Town Hall

We request your attendance at the 180th Annual Byron Town Meeting. The annual town meeting is a [statutory](#) requirement of Wisconsin towns, usually held the 3rd Tuesday of April. It's a meeting of the electors, residents who are eligible to vote. With powers granted by the state and found here <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/60/iii/10>

Don't miss out an excellent opportunity to meet the town board and participate in your local government. Be part of what makes Byron a great place to live! We hope to see you there.

Talking Trash Tim Hackbarth (920)929-8861 supervisor2@townofbyronwi.gov

I Hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. As residents of the Town of Byron we live in a beautiful township and we are fortunate to have Harter's Lakeside Disposal helping us to keep our township clean. Thank you all for allowing me to serve our town.

This year's curbside bulky pickup is earlier than normal and is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 6th 2026 ALL DAY**. NO TVs, VCRs, DVD players, computers, monitors etc. are not acceptable for bulky pickup.

Tim Hackbarth <https://townofbyronwi.gov/bulky-waste/>

Please look at the Town of Byron website for acceptable and non-acceptable bulky items.

There does seem to be a growing problem with non-residents of the Town of Byron dumping their garbage in our ditches. If you see this happening get a picture of their license plate and report it to the authorities. This dumping costs our town money in recovery and disposal cost of their junk.

Katie's Corner Katie Trewin 920-948-2652 clerk@townofbyronwi.gov

Hello Everyone,

I would like to introduce myself as the new Clerk of the Town of Byron. My name is Katie Trewin and I am proud to be born and raised in the Town of Byron. I grew up on the Beltz Family Dairy Farm and still live close to the old family farm where my husband and I are happy to raise our two boys in a great rural area. In the past I spent much time participating in 4-H, Student Council, and eventually became a Social Studies teacher. More recently, I served on the Plan Commission for the town for 5 years, now I am honored to serve as your town clerk.

There will be 3 Elections this year - polls open from 7am-8pm.

April 7, 2026 - Spring Election

August 11, 2026 - Primary Election

November 3, 2026 - General Election

If you are interested in being a poll worker, please let me know!

Need to register to vote? Visit myvote.wi.gov. Or register with me at the town hall on Election day. More details on voter deadlines are available at: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Voter-Deadlines>.

A reassessment of all taxable property in the Town of Byron shall occur for the 2026 assessment year. Borree Appraisal Services Inc. will be conducting the reassessment. The dates of the reassessment will range from February 2026 to October 2026. The revaluation of property will require on-site exterior inspections by the assessor during that time. Please also notice that the assessor has certain 5 statutory authority to enter land as described in sections 943.13 and 943.15, Wisconsin Statutes. For more information on State Statutes visit: <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/943/II/13>

Due to the revaluation, Board of Review will take place in October this year. Check our website closer to fall for dates.

We are in the midst of updating our [website](#). Check back soon to become a subscriber so you can be notified about meetings and announcements. In the meantime, you can check the News/Notices page to stay informed on what is going on in the Town of Byron. Past Agendas, minutes, and newsletters will be restored once the situation is resolved. If you are looking for a specific agenda or minutes reach out to the clerk by email.

You can also follow us on [Facebook](#).

See you at an upcoming election or board meeting!

Building Permits

Randy Faber (920) 960-8323 randy.faber1993@gmail.com

Mail To: Randy Faber
N2723 Kelly Rd
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Make checks payable to: TOWN OF BYRON

Any construction costing more than \$1,000 is required to obtain a building permit.

A Building Permit Application may be found under [Forms and Permits](#) on the [Town of Byron](#) website or by contacting Randy. The cost are as follows:

New Home Construction

Permit Fee \$1 per \$1,000 -\$125 min
Plan Approval \$110
State Stamp \$40
Inspections 10/\$90 = \$900
Refundable Escrow Deposit \$500
Total Minimum Fee \$1,675.00

Additions/Alterations/Remodeling

Permit Fee \$1 per \$1,000 **-\$50 min**
Const/Plumbing/Electrical Inspection
\$90 per inspection
Inspection fees apply only when required

Storage Containers - \$25 min

Razing \$25 -removal of building from the tax bill

Driveway Permit – \$25

ROW Permit – \$50 (Right of Way)

Maintenance/Repair

Permit Fee \$1 per \$1000 **-\$25 minimum**
Const/Plumbing/Electrical Inspection
\$90 per inspection
Inspection fees apply only when required

Outbuildings/Barns/Sheds/Pool Etc

Permit Fee \$1 per \$1,000 **-\$25 min**
Const/Plumbing/Electrical Inspection
\$90 per Inspection
Inspection fees apply only when required

Commercial/Industrial/Business

Permit Fee \$1 per \$1,000 **-\$100 min**
Const/Plumbing/Electrical Inspection
\$90 per inspection
Inspection fees apply only when required

Veteran's Report

Tom Kelroy 920-539-7710

As of this time there are no new veteran names scheduled to be placed on our stone memorial. We encourage all our resident's to research their family history for veteran's who've lived in the town of Byron and their names have been omitted. If you are an honorably discharged veteran living in the Town of Byron or recently moved here you qualify to have your name placed on the Memorial Stone. A copy of the veteran's proof of service & honorable discharge, known as the US form [DD214 form](#) will confirm their/your time in service. This info can then be forwarded to one of the committee members for adding to the memorial stone, at no cost to you. The form is available on the [Town of Byron website](#).

The committee's checkbook balance as of March 1, 2026 \$ 7,012.11.

On **Memorial Day, May 25, 2026** the committee and the Byron Historical Society plan on a brief program to honor all deceased veterans buried in our cemeteries. The Lomira American Legion and the Oakfield Veterans of Foreign Wars color guards/rifle squads will again be present to salute with a rifle volley followed with the playing of TAPS. The public is always invited.

Committee Members: Tom Kelroy - 920-539-7710 John Laudolff - 920-960-1160
Brooke Bloch - 920-212-0152 Bob Simon – 920-904-1968



Treasurer's Report

Kay Murre 920-957-9057 treasurer@townofbyronwi.gov

Thank you to all the Byron residents who took their time to come out and vote last April, especially those who voted for me to continue working as your treasurer. It's an honor and I sincerely appreciate your vote! I hope to see you all this April, every election is important.

I had a record number of in-person tax collections the past year. At 220, that's about 60 more people than the past few years. With the USPS new guidelines and increased lost and misdirected mail, in person is by far the best option. I'm processing taxes anyway, why not stop in and know your taxes are taken care of, as well as a little friendly conversation. I hope to continue to be able to offer plenty of opportunities to pay in person and I'm pretty flexible, making time to accommodate your schedule whenever possible. Thank you for stopping by the town hall in December & January.

The **2nd installment** of taxes, to be paid to the **Fond du Lac County Treasurer**, is due by **July 31st, 2026**.



Make checks payable and mail to:
Fond du Lac County Treasurer
160 South Macy St
P.O. BOX 1515
Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1515

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The Fond du Lac County Treasurer will accept payments at the City-County Government Center, 160 South Macy Street 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Using a credit or debit card. <https://www.fdlco.wi.gov/departments/departments-n-z/treasurer/pay-taxes-online> **This service is only available for the 2nd installment payment.** The service allows you the options to pay real estate taxes over the counter at the County Treasurer's Office, by calling 1-855-844-7563 or paying online at the link above, using a credit or debit card.

There is a new feature and brochure available, tax bill notification, alerts you when your tax bill is ready in December and when payments are made. You are notified by email, text or both. You are then able to view them online. <https://landinfo.fdlco.wi.gov/AscentNotifications/index.html>

Memorial to those who served the Town of Byron

We would like to take a moment to honor those who passed last year and whose services to the town of Byron were a tribute to our community.

Sharron Wendler dutifully cleaned our town hall for 10 years. <https://www.stahlfuneralhome.com/obituaries/sharren-wendler>

Lowell Boelke served on the town board as Supervisor 1, for 34 years. <https://www.kurkifuneralchapel.com/obituaries/lowell-boelk/#!/Obituary>

David (Dave) Luedtke served as the town assessor from 1967 – 1975. <https://www.twohigfunerals.com/obituaries/david-luedtke>

Patricia (Pat) Dilling served as a election poll worker for 48 years. <https://www.kurkifuneralchapel.com/obituaries/patricia-dilling/#!/Obituary>

We are honored to have had them to serve our community and keeping this a great place to call home.

Byron Historical Society

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2026—A Banner Year for Byron



The Byron Historical Society is celebrating our 20th anniversary in 2026. To mark this milestone, we are hosting events throughout the year to bring our community together. Please join us at the following events at the Byron Town Hall:

**Byron Historical Society Annual Meeting
Featuring the 4th Annual Byron Jeopardy
April 20, 2026 - 7:00 pm**

Once again, we invite our community to test your knowledge of Town of Byron history, events and people as teams compete in an evening of fun. Delicious prizes made right here in Byron are your reward.

**Memorial Day Program and Open House
May 25, 2026 - 8 am to 11 am**

Since 2005, this annual event brings our community together to honor our deceased veterans. This event is co-sponsored by the Veterans Memorial Committee and the Byron Historical Society. Outdoor program begins at 9:30 am at the Byron Town Hall.

**Yellowstone Trail Day
Byron Historical Society 20th Anniversary
Our Nation's 250th Birthday
June 6, 2026 - 9 am to 3 pm**

To celebrate three banner milestones, the Byron Historical Society will be holding an open house to showcase all three events. Watch for our press releases for more details.

**Annual Open House & Veterans Remembrance
November 7, 2026 10 am to 1 pm**

Join us for our 20th annual open house where we showcase our collections, introduce our 2027 calendar, and pay homage to our veterans with an 11:00 am remembrance ceremony presented by the American Legion Bintzler-Waehler Post No. 347 of Lomira and VFW Post No. 8092 of Oakfield.

Coming in 2027!

History of Camp Byron

During its 161 years, Camp Byron drew millions of visitors to worship and marvel at this pristine, treasured landmark of the Town of Byron. Families who documented and preserved the history of this well known site have donated their records to the Byron Historical Society. We are compiling this remarkable history into a book to be published in 2027, along with our 2027 souvenir calendar. Contact us to share your memories and photographs of Camp Byron for inclusion in these upcoming publications. Our contact information is noted below.

Byron Historical Society
P.O. Box 466
Byron WI 53006

Email:
byronhistorical@att.net

Phone:
920-922-5351

Website:
www.townofbyronwi.gov/historical-society

Facebook:
Byron Historical Society Community of Byron Wisconsin

It's Our Annual Membership Drive

Your support of the Byron Historical Society is important! Please use the membership form included in this newsletter to renew or start your membership to further our mission of preserving and sharing our Town of Byron history.



Earl Kehrmeier and Karl McCarty drew a capacity crowd to the Byron Historical Society in January to launch their new publication, *From LeRoy to the World*.

Join Us for our BHS 2026 Guest Speaker Series

June 15—Bill Volkert, internationally recognized naturalist and wildlife educator presenting *History and Ecology of Horicon Marsh*

July 20—Owen and Sam Stoppeworth of Brothers Antiques sharing tips on what's trending in the antique and collectible market

TBA—Mary More Berens and Nancy More presenting *More Than a Name*, their newly published history of the More family of Byron

All programs begin at 7 pm at the Byron Town Hall. Be sure to check out our Facebook posts and our webpage for additional programming in 2026.

Town of Byron

N3097 State Rd 175

Byron, WI 53006

Wisconsin requires All Dogs in the Town of Byron To Be Licensed

Dog Licenses are a requirement by **State Statute Chapter 174 Dogs**, specifically **174.05 Dog License Tax** requires the owner of a dog more than 5 months of age on January 1 of any year, or 5 months of age within the license year to annually pay the dog license tax and obtain a license.

Neutered male / spayed female dog \$3.00

Unneutered male / unspayed female dog \$8.00

Kennel Licenses: permit fees 12 or fewer dogs: **\$35.00** additional dog over 12: **\$3.00 each**

For each dog license issued the Town Treasurer will issue a license tag and a receipt for payment.

Anyone who fails to obtain a license prior to **April 1 of each year**, or within 30 days of acquiring ownership of a licensable dog or when the dog reaches licensable age is subject to a **\$5.00 late fee**

All dogs picked up, will be taken to the Humane Society where you will have to pay the fees associated with the pick up and return of your dog. Please be kind to your neighbors and keep your dog(s) leashed, contained and licensed to avoid this unnecessary hassle.

[Animal Control Ordinance](#) The Animal Control Ordinance can be found on our [town website](#) under Ordinances.

Submit all items listed to the right, and check made out to:
Town of Byron Treasurer
N3097 State Rd 175
Byron, WI 53006



- Name and address of the applicant,
- Description of the dog (name of, color, breed and sex)
- Copy of certification by a licensed veterinarian that the animal is neutered or spayed (if applicable)
- Copy of certification by a licensed veterinarian that the animal has received current immunization for rabies
- The appropriate fees