



Community Guide 2024

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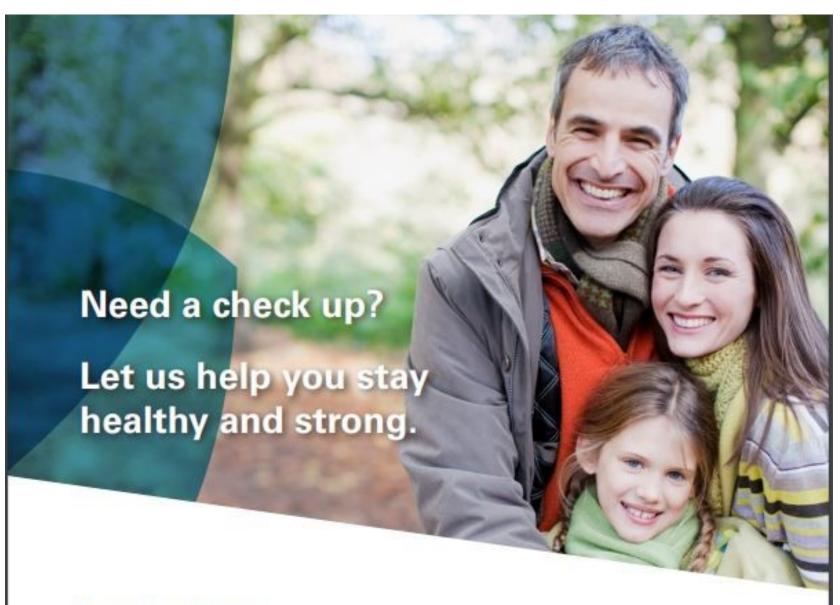
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Service Providers

Advanced Disposal 815-874-8431

Comcast 866-594-1234 ComEd 800-334-7661

Illinois Driver's License Exam Station 815-732-2492

JULIE 800-892-0123 NICOR 888-642-6748

Republic Services 815-625-1000 Rock River Disposal 815-965-2489 Local Services: (government & civic)

Police/Fire Emergencies 911 Animal Control 815-732-1185

Byron Chamber of Commerce 815-234-5500

Byron Fire Protection District (non emergencies) 815-234-4911 Byron Forest Preserve 815-234-8535 Byron Museum of History 815-234-5031 Byron Park District 815-234-8435

Byron Police Department

(non emergencies) 815-234-5000
Byron Public Library 815-234-5107
Byron School District 815-234-5491
Byron Township 815-234-8438
Marion Township 815-645-8977
Ogle County Clerk 815-732-1110
Ogle County Coroner 815-732-1199
Ogle County Courthouse 815-732-3201

Ogle County Sheriff 815-732-2136 (non emergencies) 815-732-6666

Planning and Zoning Dept. (Ogle) 815-732-1190

Ogle County Health Department 815-562-6976

Rock River Center 815-732-3252 Rockvale Township 815-234-7291 Solid Waste Management 815-732-4020

State's Attorney 815-732-1170

Supervisor of Assessments 815-732-1150

Treasurer 815-732-1100

Veterans Assistance Commission 815-255-9181

Churches: See Churches Page
City/Village offices and post offices

Byron

City Hall 815-234-2762

232 W. Second St. cityofbyron.com

Post Office 815-234-4561 232 N. Union St. 61010

Chana

Post Office 815-732-7447 300 Main St. Unit A 61015 Creston

Village Hall 815-384-4140

110 N. Main St., villageofcreston.org

Post Office 815-384-5340 111 N. Main St. 60113

Davis Junction

Village Hall 815-645-8000 106 N. Elm St., davisjunction.com Post Office 815-645-8116 402 W. Chicago Ave. 61020

Forreston

City Hall 815-938-2400

102 S. Walnut Ave., villageofforreston.org

Post Office 815-938-2161 210 E. Main St. 61030

Hillcrest

Village Hall 815-565-7770

204 Hillcrest Ave., Rochelle, 61068

Leaf River

Village Hall 815-738-2340

605 Main St.

Post Office 815-738-2249 116 Main St. 61047

Monroe Center

Village Offices 815-393-3773

302 Pacific St.

Post Office 815-393-4345 200 Main St. 61052

Oregon

City Hall 815-732-6321

115 N. Third St., cityoforegon.org Post Office 815-732-2418 500 W. Washington St. 61061

Polo

City Hall 815-946-3514 115 S. Franklin Ave., poloil.org Post Office 815-946-3615 115 S. Franklin Ave. 61064

Rochelle

City Hall 815-562-6161

420 N. Sixth St., cityofrochelle.net

Post Office 815-562-4634 501 Lincoln Highway 61068

Stillman Valley

Village Hall 815-645-2200

120 N. Walnut St., stillmanvalley.us

Post Office 815-645-8875 215 N. Walnut St. 61084

Colleges:

Judson University 815-399-3500 Rasmussen 815-316-4800 Rock Valley College 815-921-7821

Rockford Career College 815-965-8616

Rockford University 815-226-4000

Local Parks:

Blackhawk Meadows Park 815-234-8435 Byron Forest Preserve 815-234-8535

Donald B. Johnson Riverfront Park 815-234-8435

Kathryn A. Hamas Memorial Park 815-234-8435

Tiger Town Park 815-234-8435

Museums:

Byron Museum of History 815-234-5031

Heritage Farm 815-234-8535

Jarrett Prairie Center Natural History Museum 815-234-8535

Weiskopf Observatory 815-234-8535

Bus Services:

Greyhound Bus Lines 815-490-5004

Rockford Mass Transit District 815-961-9000

Van Galder/Coach USA 815-399-0092

Campgrounds:

Lake Louise RV Resort 847-615-2013

Lowden State Park 815-732-6828

The King's Camp 815-645-8277

White Pines Forest State Park 815-946-3717

Concerts/Festivals/Theatre:

ByronFest (Chamber) 815-234-5500

Byron Civic Theatre 815-234-8435

ChiliFest (Chamber) 815-234-5500

Miracle on 2nd Street (Chamber) 815-234-5500

Golf Courses:

PrairieView Golf Club 815-234-GOLF Silver Ridge Golf Course 815-732-4440

Top Tracer - Indoor/Outdoor Golf 815-234-FIRE

Recreational Facilities & Programs:

Jarrett Prairie Center 815-234-8535

PE/Rec Center/Byron Park District 815-234-8435

PrairieFire Golf & Grill 815-234-FIRE

Newspapers:

Observer (Catholic Diocese) 815-399-4300

Ogle County Life 815-732-2156

Rock River Times 815-964-9767

Rock Valley Publishing 815-547-3045

Rockford Register Star 815-987-1200

Tempo 815-234-4821

Television Stations-Rockford:

WIFR Channel 23: 815-987-5300

WTVO/WQRF Channels 17 & 39; 815-963-5413

WREX Channel 13: 815-335-2213

Non-emergency public safety numbers

Ogle County Sherriff's Office 815-732-2136 Byron 815-732-2136; 815-234-5000 (daytime)

Hillcrest 815-732-1101

Mount Morris 815-734-4132

Oregon 815-732-2162

Polo 815-946-3412

Rochelle 815-562-2131

Poison Control 815-222-1222

Ogle County Senior Services

• Hub City Senior Center

401 Cherry Ave., Rochelle

815-562-5050; hubcityseniorcenter.com

• Illinois Department on Aging-Senior Helpline

800-252-8966 or 888-206-1327 (TYY)

Adult Protective Services Hotline: 866-800-1409 Illinois.gov/aging/Pages/default.aspx

+ Lifescape Community Services

412 E Washington St., Oregon 815-732-4393; lifescapeservices.org

• Mount Morris Senior Citizens Center

9 E. Front St., Mount Morris

815-734-6335; mmseniorcenter.com

• Northwest Illinois Area Agency on Aging

111 S. Alpine Rd., Suite 600, Rockford 800-542-8402 or 815 226-4901; nwilaaa.org

Polo Area Senior Services

101 E. Mason St., Polo 815-946-3818

• Rock River Center

810 S. 10th St., Oregon

815-732-3252 or 800-541-5479; rockrivercenter.org

Answers to Questions People Most Frequently Ask...

Airports

There are two airports which are primarily used by Byron residents: Chicago/Rockford International Airport and O'Hare Airport in Chicago. There is also bus service from Rockford to O'Hare.

Driver's License Facility

The facility is located on Pines Road in Oregon, IL. Call 815-732-2492 for hours and information.

Farm Bureau and Extension Office

These offices are located on Pines Road in Oregon, IL. Call 815-732-2231 for hours and information.

Food Pantry

People Helping People is a community organization that provides food for Byron area residents in need. Call 872-205-0799 for further details, and for current hours of operation.

Notary Public

Documents can be notarized at City Hall, Byron Park District, the community banks, some insurance agencies, and at the Byron Chamber of Commerce office (232 W. 2nd St./City Hall).

Recycling

The three disposal companies which serve our area provide recycling programs.

Brush / Yard Waste Pickup

For Brush/Yard Waste pickup, information please contact Republic Services at 815-625-1000.

For questions not covered here, please call the Byron Area Chamber of Commerce at 815-234-5500.



Gateway to the Rock River Valley

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Founded in 1835, Byron is a historic city and quaint tourist destination which is showcased by the beautiful Rock River. It boasts a wonderful natural setting with numerous recreational venues, such as the Byron Forest Preserve, PrairieView Golf Course, Top Tracer, Byron Dragway, Byron Park District, Byron Museum of History, and other local attractions. You are invited to explore the many activities Byron has to offer.

Home of the Byron Tigers, the community takes great pride in their school system, which offers exceptional educational opportunities with strong academics and a wide variety of extra-curricular activities.

City officials and employees are available to provide excellence in service without exception, and residents should feel free to contact them with concerns, comments and suggestions. All meetings held by the City are open to the public and visitors are encouraged to attend. Visit the City of Byron website, www.cityofbyron.com, or the City's Facebook page for up to date meeting schedules and other information regarding the City.





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City Ordinances & Policies

Byron City Hall: Byron City Hall is located at 232 W. Second Street. The City Services Office is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. You can reach the City Services Office, Building and Zoning, and the Office of the Mayor, City Administrator, and Elected Officials at 815-234-2762.

Building Permits: Building permits are required for any new construction or addition, re-roof, solar, street cuts, demolition, remodeling, decks, fences, pools, garages, sheds and more. Please contact City Hall before beginning any building project. Any utility contractors working within the Street R.O.W. will also need a permit. Permits can be found at www.cityofbyron.com.

Burning: Only the burning of yard waste (grass clipping, leaves, brush, etc.) is allowed in the open within the City. Such burning shall take place only between 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, April 15 through May 31, and October 15 through November 30, said dates being inclusive. No burning is permitted within 200 feet of a commercial building.

Curfew: It is unlawful for a person less than 18 years of age to be present at or upon a street, alley, sidewalk, parkway, park, playground or other public place, building or vacant lot at any time between the following hours: For persons under 17: 11:00 pm to 6:00 am on Sunday through Thursday, and 12:00 am to 6:00 am on Saturday and Sunday; For persons 17: 12:00 am to 6:00 am on Sunday through Thursday, and from 1:00 am through 6:00 am on Saturday and Sunday. The State of Illinois driving curfew for ages 16 & 17 is as follows: 10:00 pm to 6:00 am Sunday-Thursday, and from 11:00 pm to 6:00 am Friday and Saturday.

Development: All development within the City of Byron is controlled by the Development Control Ordinance, which was adopted in 2002 in order to ensure that all development within the City meets the strict industry guidelines for proper development and assures the most efficient use of the property. Developers packets are available for single site or larger scale developments and detail all fees, schedules and processes you may encounter.

Dogs: It is unlawful to permit a dog to run at large in the City. Dogs that are not leashed shall be deemed to be running at large. Owners are responsible for the removal of any waste from such animals in public streets, sidewalks, alleys, parkways and other public places. Dogs must be licensed with Ogle County Animal Control (815-732-1185).

Even-Odd Parking Ordinance (Snow Removal): A snow emergency shall exist when two or more inches of snow have accumulated. At that time, vehicles must be parked on the side of the street where the even-numbered building or house would be located or where the odd-numbered building or house would be located, based on the calendar date, from 7:00 am that day to 7:00 am the following day. Any vehicle in violation will be ticketed and may be towed at the owner's expense.

Garbage Service: Garbage pickup days are Tuesday for residents east of Colfax Street and Thursday for residents west of Colfax Street. Refuse should be at the curb by 5:00 am. Recyclable materials will be picked up on the same day as your regular refuse. Garbage fees are included on your monthly water bill; senior citizens receive a discount.

Grass: Grass and weeds must be kept less than 8 inches in height. Grass clippings are not to be blown into the street. Clean up will be required.

House Numbers: All residences and buildings must have house numbers at least two and one-half inches in size in place so that they are visible from the street.

Inoperable Vehicles: It is unlawful for anyone in the City to keep, store, maintain or otherwise retain on either public or private property, in open public view, any inoperable, partially dismantled or "junk" vehicle.

Parking on Lawns/Yards: Parking is prohibited on any lawn or yard, unless on a paved surface in the side or rear yard of the premises, with an exception for periods of less than 24 hours when the vehicle is parked for purposes of exterior home maintenance.



Parks: Shelters are available for public use at Byron Park District owned parks by calling 815-234-8435 to reserve a date. Liquor is not allowed in parks.

Peddlers and Solicitors: Anyone wishing to engage in business as a peddler or solicitor in a residential area of the City is required to obtain a permit from City Hall.

Pools: Ordinance requires that pools which are less than 48 inches in height be surrounded by a fence of at least 4 feet in height. A permit is required when a pool or hot tub is erected. Please contact the Building and Zoning Department (234-2762) if you have guestions.

Snowmobiles: The City has a designated snowmobile route for access in and out of the City. A \$100 fine will be assessed to any person who unlawfully operates a snowmobile off the designated route. Snowmobiles may only be operated in the City between the hours of 7:00 am and midnight. Snowmobiles may not be driven on private property without permission from the property owner.

Utility Vehicles: Any person over the age of 21 may operate a utility vehicle in the city limits. A permit from the Byron Police Department is required and owners must have proper safety equipment, proof of insurance, and follow the Illinois Vehicle Code. Hours of operation are from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

Traffic: Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit in all residential areas in the City is 25 MPH. The speed limit in the downtown business district is 20 MPH

Water Bills: Water bills are mailed to residents on the 1st of each month and are due on the 15th of each month. A 10% penalty will be applied for late payments. Renters paying their own water bills are required to pay a \$50.00 deposit. Bills can be mailed, paid online, paid in person at City Hall, or dropped in the drop box outside City Hall. Direct debit is available at cityofbyron.com or stop at City Hall or call 815-234-2762 for more information. Go Green! Call Byron City Hall to register to have your monthly water bill emailed to you!

People Helping People

People Helping People is a non-profit food pantry that provides food for those in need and is located at the southwest corner of the Byron City's Municipal building at 127 N Washington. People Helping People food pantry is manned entirely by volunteers in an effort to improve the lives of those needing food assistance living in Byron, Rockvale, Marion, Monroe, Scott and Leaf River Townships. Please feel free to stop in on the second and fourth Monday of every month from 10 to 11 AM for food products. We are an outreach organization designed to help those during harder times.

If you or your organization are looking for an outreach activity, People Helping People is always grateful for the time and energy of volunteers. Food drives and donations are always welcome. Because of everyone's love and generosity, the People Helping People food pantry

continues to serve those in need. For more information, please contact Ruth Ann Goelitz at 872-205-0799.

Byron Area Voting & Election Information

Congressional District: 16 Legislative District: 45 Representative District: 89

Polling Places:

Polling places are open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm for voting on election day.

Precincts #1 & #3: Byron City Hall: 232 W. 2nd St. Precincts #2 & #4:Byron Fire Protection District: 123 N. Franklin St.

Register to vote at: Ogle County Courthouse, Byron City Hall, Byron Library.

Absentee Voter's Ballot:

For information regarding absentee voting, contact the Ogle County Clerks Office at 815-732-1110 or visit their website at oglecounty.org.



What To Vote For When

In Even-Numbered Years...

<u>General Primary Election:</u> 3rd Tuesday in March Nominate federal, state, legislative officers; judicial and county level officers. Elect political party officers.

<u>General Election:</u> 1st Tuesday in November Elect federal, state and legislative officers.

In Odd-Numbered Years...

Consolidation Election: 1st Tuesday in April Elect Municipal, Township, Park District, Library, Forest Preserve Board, Fire Protection District, and School District.

Voter Registration

For information on voter registration requirements, contact the County Clerk's office at 815-732-1110.

Permanently Disabled Voter's Card: A permanently disabled person may apply to the County Clerk's office for a Disabled Voter's Identification Card, which is good for five years.

This card will permit the voter an absentee ballot for each election during the period.

Questions about voting procedures or other ward information? Call City Hall at 815-234-2762.

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- •Help kids/grandkids pay for education?
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- •Maintain your current lifestyle in retirement?
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- Protect your assets?
- •Give yourself a regular paycheck in retirement?
- •Plan your estate in a way beneficial to your heirs?
- •Increase your charitable contributions in a tax efficient manner?

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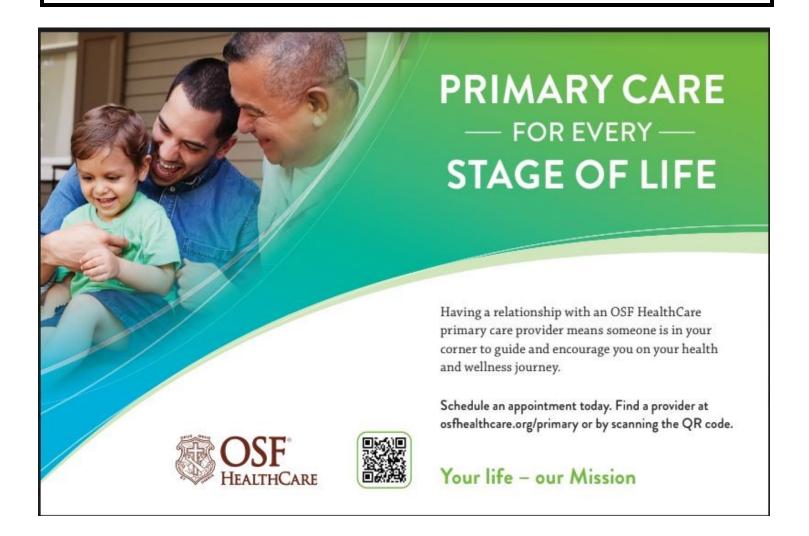
Byron Lions Club 50 Plus Members Strong Serving the Community of Byron

Come join us for our monthly meetings. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at Jackson Agventure Seeds LLC. The membership is committed to serving the community, as well as providing aid to those with sight and hearing disabilities.

You can help the Lions mission by dropping off your unneeded eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones at the drop-box at Byron City Hall. Our club supports many local, state, and national causes, such as scholarships, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Miracle on Second Street, Easter egg hunt, Leader Dog School, and Rockford Center for Sight and Hearing to name a few. Community members in need of eye exams, glasses, hearing tests, and hearing aids also receive help through our club.

The Byron Lions Club raises approximately \$19,000 a year. Some of our fundraising activities for the club include: Rose Day, ByronFest, Night Golf Outing, and Christmas Tree Sales. These funds are used to help support the local community and our mission of sight and hearing.

Come join our 50 plus members in our mission. Share the experience of helping those in need & our local community by becoming a member of the Byron Lions Club. You can also like us on Facebook at Byron Lions



<u>HUB</u>

City of Byron 2023



Chief of Police
Jeremy Boehle



<u>Mayor</u> John Rickard



<u>City Administrator</u> Brian Brooks



<u>Utility Billing -</u> Angie Insko Accounts Manager - Melissa Baxter



<u>City Clerk</u> Caryn Huber



Byron Police Admin. Assistant

Amy King

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City of Byron - Aldermen



Ward I Alderman Emily Gerdes



Ward I Alderman Ron Boyer



Ward II Alderman Jessica Nehring



Ward III Alderman Todd Isaacs



Director-Aaron Vincer (Far right)
Brian Malone (Middle)
Gary Treese (Far left)



Ward III Alderman Michael Gyorkos



Ward IV Alderman Christy Hanlin



Ward IV Alderman Mittzi Fulrath

Byron City Hall Hours Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed Saturday, Sunday and Holidays

Byron City Government

Municipal elections are held in April of odd-numbered years. The Mayor and City Clerk are elected at large and serve 4-year terms. City Council consists of the Mayor and eight elected Aldermen. Aldermen serve 4-year terms.

The Mayor appoints, and City Council approves, the appointment of the Police Chief, Director of Public Works, and Treasurer.

City Council meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Meeting schedules and agendas are posted at City Hall and on the City's website, cityofbyron.com.

City Hall is located at 232 W. Second Street, with a mailing address of PO Box 916, Byron, IL 61010. The telephone # is 815-234-2762. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm.

The office is closed on weekends and holidays.

Byron Mayors 1907 to Present

1907-09 John Whitaker 1909-11 F.A.Wheelock 1911-13 J.C. Stires 1913-15 Leslie Marshall 1915-17 A. Henry Hewitt 1917-18 George H. Blake 1918-19 Albert E. Johnson 1919-21 Fred A. Nott 1921-21 D.D. Emery 1921-27 Herburt P. Stearns 1927-29 F.A. Nott 1929-30 Herburt P. Stearns 1930-31 S.C. Thomson 1931-32 J.M. Heald 1932-33 Frank B. Spoor 1933-35 M.J. Hamer 1935-43 Harry E. Bittner

1943-49 Roy M. Hess

1949-49 Don Johnson

1949-59 Harry E. Bittner 1959-61 George Noyes 1961-65 Robert Boger 1965-69 Evan Hess 1969-73 Stewart D. Norton 1973-77 Lyle Blanchard 1977-81 Ronald E. Millard 1981-85 Lyle E. Blanchard 1985-89 Dale Hillers 1989-91 Lyle E. Blanchard 1991-05 Kathryn A. Hamas 2005-09 Scot Nason 2009-17 Chris Millard 2017-18 Tom Palmgren 2018-Present John Rickard

Ward I Aldermen

Alderman Emily Gerdes was appointed to the City Council on July 5, 2017 and was elected to a two-year term in 2019 and a four-year term in 2021. She chairs the Community Services Committee. Alderman Gerdes can be reached at 815-703-9135 or by email at egerdes@es-il.org.

Alderman Ron Boyer was appointed in March, 2023. He sits on the Administrative and Public Safety Committee. He can be reached at rboyer@es-il.org or by phone or text to 815-978-2108.

Ward II Aldermen

Alderman Jessica Nehring was appointed to the City Council in July, 2020 and was elected to a four-year term in 2021. She chairs the Public Safety Committee and sits on the Community Services Committee.

Alderman Nehring can be reached at 815-988-0988 or by email at jnehring@es-il.org.

Ward III Aldermen

Alderman Todd Isaacs was appointed to the City Council on May 29, 2008, and was elected in 2009, 2013, 2017 and 2021. He is the Chair of the Administrative Committee. He can be reached at 815-234-4212 or by email at tisaacs@es-il.org.

Alderman Michael Gyorkos was appointed to the City Council on May 26, 2009, and elected in 2011, 2015, 2019 and 2023. He sits on the Community Services and Public Safety Committees. Alderman Gyorkos can be reached at 815-234-8713 or by email at mgyorkos@esil.org.

Ward IV Aldermen

Alderman Christy Hanlin was elected to the City Council on April 7, 2007, and reelected in 2011, 2015, 2019 and 2023. She sits on the Community Services Committee. Alderman Hanlin can be reached at 815-234-4041 or by email at chanlin@es-il.org.

Alderman Mittzi Fulrath was appointed to the City Council on March 4, 2015 and elected in April 2015, 2017 and 2021. She sits on the Administrative Committee and the Public Safety Committee. Alderman Fulrath can be reached at 815-979-3869 or by email at mfulrath@es-il.org.



City of Byron Staff

City Administrator

Brian Brooks 815-234-2762

Chief of Police

Jeremy Boehle 815-234-5000

Director of Public Works

Aaron Vincer 815-234-5261

City of Byron Zoning Board of Appeals

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm as needed. Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals are appointed by the Mayor to make recommendations to City Council regarding variance requests from citizens and developers.

> Pam Kultgen Jen Bouton Ken Mrozek Tanya Vincer Randy Snider

Byron At A Glance

Population: 3,775 city (2021 Census)

11,259 Greater Byron Area

County:

Byron, Marion, Rockvale Townships:

Area Churches: Thirteen

Schools: One preschool, one elementary, one middle school, one high school

Area Colleges/ Universities: Four

Police Department: One station Post Office: One branch

Government: Elected Mayor and City Council (8 Aldermen)

Utilities: NICOR Gas, Commonwealth Edison, Comcast, Frontier

Water Supply: Three municipal wells

Parks: Kathryn A. Hamas Memorial Park, Tiger Town Park, Donald B. Johnson Riverfront

Park, Blackhawk Meadows Park and the Byron Forest Preserve District

Golf Courses: PrairieView Golf Club



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Local Township Governments

Byron Township:

507 Colfax St.
Byron IL 61010
Telephone: 815-234-8438
Fax: 815-234-4528
Supervisor: Terry Reeverts
Clerk: Barbara Rundle
Highway Commissioner: Mark Rundle
Assessor: Bob Geolitz
Trustees: Janet Harding
Kip Norup
Dave Engelbrecht
Ray Dyck

Rockvale Township:

6057 Illinois Route 2 North,
Oregon IL 61061
Telephone: 815-234-7291
Supervisor: Ron Snodgrass
Clerk: Karen Wolber
Highway Commissioner: Jason Benesh
Assessor: Adam Groenhagen
Trustees: Richard Montavon
Keith Stranberg
Nick Lamb
Bret Rogers

Marion Township:

400 W Roosevelt,
Stillman Valley IL 61084
Telephone: 815-645-8383
Supervisor: Keith Wiltfang
Clerk: Candy Beck
Highway Commissioner: Brian Johnson
Assessor: Robert Mass
Trustees: Robert "Rob" Behmer
Douglas Boyd
Art Smith
Dana Werckle

Byron Police Department

The Byron Police Department is located at 232 W. Second Street. The administrative office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and the phone number is 815-234-5000.

Always call 911 in the event of an emergency. To reach an officer for a non-emergency, 24 hours a day, call the



Ogle County Sheriff's Office at 815-732-2136. An officer will be dispatched to you or will speak with you via phone.

The Chief of the Police Department is Jeremy Boehle. The department is comprised of 1 Sergeant, 4 patrolmen, and several part time officers.

Jail facilities are at the Ogle County Corrections Center in Oregon, Illinois.

The Byron Area has enhanced 911 Service

In An Emergency - DIAL 9-1-1

Dial 911 in a police, fire, or rescue emergency. The emergency dispatcher will immediately send a police car, fire equipment or rescue vehicle on its way. Dial 911 anytime you are involved in, or witness an emergency situation.

When You Dial 911:

- Give the dispatcher your name, address, and the address of the incident.

· Speak slowly.

- Follow the instructions of the dispatcher, exactly.
- Observe the people involved and describe them in terms of weight, height, age, hair, eye color, and types and color of clothing.
- If a vehicle is involved, get the number of the license plate, the color and make of the vehicle, and, if possible, a description of the driver.
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Byron Fire Protection District

123 Franklin Street P.O. Box 904 Byron, Illinois 61010-0904 815-234-4911 byronfire.com

The Byron Fire District was formed in 1956. The District covers 55 square miles and serves a population of about 11,500 people, which includes the city limits of Byron. A Fire Protection Class of four (4) in the City and a ten (10) in the rural area served by the District makes for the lowest fire insurance rates in Ogle County, and one of the lowest in Northern Illinois.

The Fire District is governed by an elected Board of Trustees. The 5-member Board consist of President, Christopher Logston; Vice-President, Gene Smith; Secretary, Sandra Beitel; Treasurer, Jeff Bain; Assistant Treasurer, Christopher Millard. The Board of Trustees appoints a three member Fire Commission. The 3-member Commission consists of Raymond Dyck, Gary Cunningham and Brian Fortune.

Under the leadership of Chief Andy Politsch, Byron Fire District employees an administrative assistant, civilian paramedic, and an accountant along with 45 firefighters and EMS personnel who respond to an average of 3.2 runs a day.

A state of the art training facility provides environmentally safe burn simulators mimicking real room settings and fire loads in a safe training environment. This makes for safe, repeatable evolutions taking better advantage of training time. Special response teams include hazmat, confined space rescue, vertical rescue, water rescue & recovery, and vehicle extrication. The department is also trained in handling radiological emergencies.

The public is invited and encouraged to visit the Fire Safety House built inside the fire station. The house consists of a living room, kitchen, bathroom, bedroom and garage. Each room has hazardous situations mimicked that the firefighters point out and explain. "Smoke" is emitted setting off the some detector and kids can check the door to find that it's hot and they must then escape the room by their second way out. This is the bedroom window, children open the window and climb out and are instructed to go to their family meeting place. "Knowing these hazards people can go home and check their house to make sure it is safe," states the Fire Prevention Officer, Andy Politsch. The house is available for group tours by appointment. Call 815-234-4911 to set up a time for your group to visit. The house is available during regular business hours for individuals. It's best to set up a time so adequate personnel are available to demonstrate all the amenities available.

The Fire District is very active in the Byron Schools with programs for kindergarten, first, second, fourth, seventh and eighth graders. CPR is taught to high school sophomores. Juniors and seniors are presented a fire/EMS program on Career Development. The District has special programs for senior citizens and will speak to any organization by request.

Every October we host our annual Open House which is geared towards fire prevention and general household safety issues. In addition, the Fire Safety House is open and welcomes visitors from 11 am - 3 pm. The entire family will enjoy learning about fire safety. Refreshments are served. Watch our website and reader board for details, typically it is the Sunday after Fire Prevention Week.

The Byron Firefighter's Association hosts a golf outing in May with all proceeds going towards a scholarship to a graduating senior(s) entering a fire or medical field. The Association also donates to several programs

in the area. Major Association fundraisers include: Kick-Off to Summer Carnival in May and car washes at the fire station on Sundays all year long. For an appointment call 815-234-4911.

Emergency Phone: 9-1-1

Non-Emergency 815-234-4911



What Does That Siren Mean?

Monthly Test of Emergency Siren:

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Where should smoke detectors be placed?

How do I maintain my smoke detector?

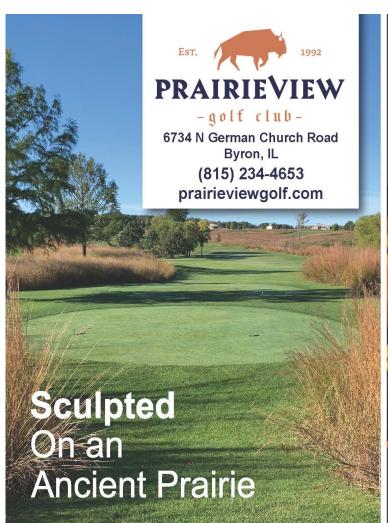
Answers to these and other such questions can be answered by calling the fire station (815) 234-4911 anytime.

We will also install your smoke detector(s), free of charge, to Byron Fire District residents. Detectors can be purchased at any hardware or department store.

Our department is concerned for your family's safety!

A Battery Exchange Program has been in place for several years. A Byron Fire District Resident can bring in their worn out 9V smoke detector battery and exchange it for a fresh 9V battery at no charge. Just promise to re-install the battery before you go to bed that night. WORKING Smoke Detectors never sleep so you can!

Illinois State Law states that landlords must provide smoke detectors for their properties. In addition, every dwelling should be equipped with at least one approved carbon monoxide alarm in operating condition within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes. They do make units which are both carbon monoxide detectors and fire alarms. These inexpensive devices could save your life. If you are unsure as to which unit to purchase, feel free to call us, 815-234-4911 and we will be more than happy to assist you!





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The Byron Museum of History: Preserving Our Past ...For Our Future!





Located at the corner of Blackhawk Drive (IL Rte. 2) and Union Streets in downtown Byron. The Byron Museum of History campus includes the Lucius Read House & Byron Theater.

Come and Learn Something New ... About Something Old!

The Byron Museum & Theater is available as a rental venue and provides facilities for the preservation and display of historical artifacts related to the history of Byron Illinois, Ogle County and the surrounding area.

There is a permanent "Underground Railroad" exhibit in the historic Read House, which is a designated National Park Service "Network to Freedom" site. Visitors will also learn about Byron's early baseball connections, including information on early pro-baseball pioneer A.G. Spalding and Byron's own Bittner Bakery Girls. Children of all ages can run the train in our 1910 Byron model layout. Other galleries cover a range of topics including Victorian-era outhouse excavation and the legacy business district, school, agriculture and military histories of Byron, and various rotating and traveling exhibits.

The Byron Museum District has rehabilitated the Byron Theater, a local landmark with a large floor space that can accommodate programs and community events. The Theater is available now for private rentals.

Educational programs and annual events are open to the public at no charge, as well as a History Roundtable and coffee hour at 10:00 am on most Thursdays in the Spring and Fall. Find out more at our website and Facebook page.

The volunteer program is a fun and educational means for area residents to educate themselves on local and regional history while helping to preserve that rich history for generations to come. If interested, contact us for the various opportunities available.

Contact us for group tours, outreach programs and private or special events: info@byronmuseum.org

Hours: Wednesday – Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Byron Museum of History 110 Union Street P.O. Box 186 Byron, Illinois 61010 phone: 815-234-5031 www.ByronMuseum.org

The Byron Women's Club

The Byron Women's Club is a community group open for any women aged 18 and older, regardless of race or religion, who wants to make positive changes in Ogle County. Byron Women's Club supports 13 organizations helping children and adults in our area, as well as giving an annual Women's Empowerment Scholarship for continuing education. The club has a luncheon with a guest speaker, usually the third Tuesday of each month.

For more information, call our membership chairwoman, Louanne Glisan at 815-275-2331.

AREA CHURCHES

All Saints Lutheran Church

624 Luther Drive Byron, IL 61010 815-234-5277 allsaintsbyron.org

Beacon Hill Assembly of God

6467 N. German Church Road PO Box 448 Byron, IL 61010 815-234-8032 beaconhillbyron.org

<u>Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day</u> Saints

115 Fox Run Lane Byron, IL 61010 773-642-2911

Congregational Christian Church

217 W. Roosevelt Rd. Stillman Valley, IL 61084 815-645-2526 theredbrickchurch.org

Cornerstone Family Church

205 N. Peru, PO Box 439 Byron, IL 61010 815-234-8737 cornerstonefamily.church

Ebenezer Reformed Church

2997 N. German Church Road Oregon, IL 61061 815-732-6313 ebenezerreformed.com

Firstborn Reach of Byron

6332 N. Marrill Rd. Byron, Il 61010 815-997-6764

Kishwaukee Community Presbyterian

Church

8195 Kishwaukee Rd. Stillman Valley, IL 61084 815-965-1940 kishonline.org

Middle Creek Presbyterian Church

12473 Montague Road Winnebago, IL 61088 815-335-2609 middlecreekchurch.com

St. Mary Catholic Church

220 E. Second Street PO Box 1070 Byron, IL 61010 815-234-7431 saintmaryinbyron.org

United Church of Byron

701 W. Second Street
P.O. Box 927
Byron, IL 61010
815-234-8777
unitedchurchofbyron.org

Valley Evangelical Covenant Church

103 S. Maple P.O. Box 250 Stillman Valley, IL 61084 815-645-8872 valleycov.org



The United Church of Byron

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701 W 2nd St, PO Box 927 Byron, IL 61010-0927 Phone:(815)234-8777

Email: ucb@comcast.net
Website: www.unitedchurchofbyron.org
Facebook Page: United Church of Byron, Illinois

Rev Tyler Spellious

Worship Hours

8:15 am – 8:45 am: Meditation Service
9:15 am-10:00 am: Adult Sunday School
9:30-10:15 K- 5th Grade Sunday School
9:30 am – 10:30 am: Coffee Hour
10:30 am Worship - Worship Service
Communion served on the 1st Sunday of the month
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm Fuel (6th-8th Grade)
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Spark (9th-12th Grade)

Check our Facebook Page and Website
For our Youth Programs and other activities

Know Your Local Government

United States Senate

Tammy Duckworth (D) 202-224-2854 524 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Richard Durbin (D) 202-224-2152 711 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 202-228-0400 Fax

Governor JB Pritzker (D) 217-782-6830 401 S Spring St Springfield, IL 62704

16th Congressional District Congressman

Darin LaHood (R) 309-671-7027

- 1. 100 NE Monroe St, Rm 100, Peoria, IL 61602
- 2. 1424 Longworth HOB, Washington, DC 20515

State Senator

Andrew Chesney (R)- 45th District 815-232-0774

1. 50 West Douglas Street, Stewart Centre, Suite 1001
Freeport, IL 61032

2. 204-N Stratton Building, Springfield, IL 62706

State House Representative

Tony McCombie (R)-89th District 815-632-7384

- 1. 9371B II RT 84, Savanna, IL 61074
- 2. 316 Capital Building, Springfield, IL 62706

To find Illinois State representatives for other areas visit: Illinoispolicy.org/maps

Chairman - County Board

John Finfrock 815-732-1111 Email: jfinfrock@oglecounty.org

County Clerk and Recorder

Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk and Recorder Ogle County Courthouse 105 S. 5th Street – Suite 104 Oregon, IL 61061 815-732-1110 General E-mail: countyclerk@oglecountyil.gov

Election Department: elections@oglecountyil.gov Tax Extension: taxes@oglecountyil.gov

Circuit Clerk

Kimberly A. Stahl Ogle County Judicial Center 106 S. 5th Street, Suite #300

Oregon, IL 61061Civil Division: 815-732-1130 Criminal / Traffic Division: 815-732-1140

Jury Phone Line: 815-732-2332 E-mail: circuitclerk@oglecountyil.gov

County Treasurer/Collector

Tiffany O'Brien 815-732-1100 Ogle County Courthouse

County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff - Brian VanVickle Emergency 815-732-2136 Administrative 815-732-1101

County Board Members - District 6

Ryan Reeverts-815-543-0070 Jeffrey Billeter 815-871-7472 Steven P. Huber 815-222-5939

County Officials:

Ogle County Courthouse Oregon, IL 61061 815-732-3201

State of Illinois

State's Attorney Mike Rock 815-732-117

The Byron Post Office 232 N Union St Byron, IL 61010-9998 815-234-4561

The Byron Post Office delivers mail to all households and businesses in the 61010 zip code, including five rural routes and over 1,400 post office boxes. Post office boxes are available in four sizes.

Hours of Operation

Lobby:

24 hours-7 Days a Week Access to boxes and scales

Window Hours:

8:30 AM to 5 PM Monday-Friday 8:30 AM to Noon Saturday

~Closed legal Holidays and Sundays~

Collection Boxes-Pick-Up Times Main Lobby:

5 PM Monday-Friday Noon Saturday

Drive-Up Boxes Outside Post Office:

5 PM Monday-Friday Noon Saturday

Ogle County Government Public and Social Service Agencies - Telephone Directory -

Ogle County Sheriff Emergency 815-732-2136

Administrative 815-732-1101

Ogle County Courthouse 815-732-3201

County Clerk 815-732-1110

County Recorder 815-732-1110

Supervisor of Assessments 815-732-1150

Probation Office 815-732-1180

Health Department 815-562-6976

Treasurer 815-732-1100

Circuit Clerk 815-732-1130

Animal Control 815-732-1185

States Attorney 815-732-1170

Planning & Zoning 815-732-1190

Election information 815-732-1115

Driver's License Facility 815-732-2492

Educational Coop 815-234-2722

University of Illinois Extension 815-732-2191

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture 815-732-6127

Conservation Service Ext. 3

Soil Conservation Service Ext. 3

Farm Service Agency Ext. 2

Farm Bureau Office 815-732-2231

Tri-County Opportunities Council 815-732-2907

Monthly Meeting Schedules

Group Meeting Day

Byron Area Seniors 2nd Monday Potluck JPC, 12:00 PM

Byron Chamber of Commerce 4th Tuesday, 7:30 AM

Byron City Council 1st & 3rd Weds, 6:30 PM

Byron Fire Department4th Monday, 7:00 PM

Byron Forest Preserve 3rd Monday, 7:00 PM

Byron GFWC Women's Club 3rd Tuesday, Noon

Byron Library District 2nd Monday, 5:00 PM

Byron Museum of History 4th Tuesday, 7:00 PM

Byron Park District 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 PM

Byron School District #226 4th Thursday, 7:00 PM

Byron Township 2nd Thursday, 7:00 PM

ByronFest Steering Committee 2nd Thursday, 5:45 PM

Kiwanis 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 PM

Lions Club 1st Wednesdays, 7:00 PM

Marion Township 4th Monday, 7:30 PM

Ogle County Board 3rd Wednesday, 5:30 PM

State of Illinois Toll-Free Numbers

Adoption Information 800-572-2390

Aging, Senior Assistance and Elder Abuse Hotline 800-252-8966

Arson Hotline 800-252-2947

Arts Council. Illinois 800-237-6994

Cancer Information Service 800-422-6237

Child Abuse Hotline 800-252-2873

Citizens Utility Board (CUB) 800-669-5556

Client Assistance Program (Disability Rights) 800-641-3929

Commerce & Economic Opportunity, Illinois, Business Info 800-252-2923

Consumer Protection Hotline, Attorney General

Springfield 800-243-0618

Chicago 800-386-5438

Crime Victims Assistance, Attorney General 800-228-3368

Drug and Alcohol Abuse 800-662-4357

Emergency Management Agency, IL 800-782-7860

Employment Security, Illinois Hotline 800-247-4984

Foster Parenting Hotline 800-624-5437

Hearing-Impaired Phone Access

TTY users 800-526-0844

Voice users 800-526-0857

TTY distributers 800-833-0048

VCO 877-826-1130

Human Services, Illinois

(Cash, Medical, Child Care Assistance, Food Stamps, Fraud/

Abuse, Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, Woman,

Infants and Children Program) 800-843-6154

Legislative Information 800-252-6300

Lottery Information 800-252-1775

Medicare & Medicaid Fraud or Abuse 800-447-8477

Military & Veterans Rights Hotline, Attorney General 800-382-3000

Missing Children "I-Search" Illinois 800-843-5763

Motorcycle Safety Project 800-322-7619

Poison Control (Statewide) 800-942-5969

Secretary of State's Office

Public Information 800-252-8980

Literacy Hotline 800-321-9511

Organ/Tissue Donor Bilingual Hotline 800-210-2106

Securities Department 800-628-7937

State Library 800-655-5576

Taxpayer Assistance (State) 800-732-8866

Tourism, Illinois 800-226-6632

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Byron Area Dining & Entertainment Guide

Restaurants and Taverns

and Change Tayorn	915 224 2000
2nd Chance Tavern	013-234-3000
Bub's Byron	815-234-4301
135 N Union St., Byron	010-204-4001
Casey's Carry Out Pizza	815-234-4260
700 W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron	010 201 1200
China King	815-234-5533
107 E. 2nd St, Byron	
Costa's Pizzeria & Ristorante	815-234-4707
133 E. Blackhawk Dr., Byron	
Neon Tiger	815-234-5555
116 N Union St., Byron	
Dos Amigos	815-234-8567
523 W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron	
Hairy Cow Brewing	815-406-8198
450 E Blackhawk Dr, Byron	
McDonald's	815-234-2004
105 N. Union St., Byron	
Paradise Nutrition	815-761-6185
130 W. 2nd St, Byron	
PrairieFire Golf and Grill	815-234-FIRE
6734 N German Church Rd., Byron	
Prairie Grass Pub (March 15th - Nov. 1)	815-234-GOLF
6734 N German Church Rd., Byron	
Sunrise II Family Restaurant	.815-234-4229
101 W. 2nd St., Byron	

Subway	815-234-4782
608 W. Blackhawk Dr, Byron	
Sweetbean Café & Bakery	815-234-4989
114 S. Franklin St., Byron	
Swedish Pancake House Caf	'é 815-234-7660
127 W. 2nd St., Byron	
•	815-234-4444
113 W. 2nd St., Byron	
•	r and Grill815-234-BOWL
106 W. 2nd St., Byron	
Weezy's Bar and Grill	815-234-2696
110 W. 2nd St., Byron	
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	<u>Campgrounds</u>
	847-615-2013
8840 Illinois Route 2, Byron	
The King's Camp - Christian	Campground815-645-8277
9560 Lindenwood Rd., Chana	
	<u>Delicatessens</u>
County Market	815-234-2311
201 W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron	
Felker Foods	815-234-5100
415 W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron	



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Individual & Small Business



Byron Forest Preserve District (est. 1980)

Jarrett Prairie Center Natural History Museum and Banquet Facility

The Jarrett Prairie Center opened in 1991. It was named after Dr. Robert M. Jarrett, one of the District's founders and the first board president.

The Center offers the ideal setting for any social and business occasion to include weddings, reunions, conferences, and retreats. Amazing views from our 2600-square-foot deck can be enjoyed during all seasons. Up to 150 people can be seated on the deck. The Museum will Forest Preserve accommodate up to about 120 people. The newly remodeled Blazingstar Room on the lower level will hold up to 240 people. These areas are available for classes, lectures, workshops, and other activities. Picnic shelters and a playground located near the Center are also available to visitors.

The Center's Natural History Museum space boasts amazing views of the Jarrett Prairie Nature Preserve and more than 4,000 square feet of exhibits and hands-on learning opportunities for visitors of all ages. The exhibits include an immersive theater, large dioramas, fossil exhibits, prairie restoration information, and a prairie agriculture exhibit that lets visitors design their own farm. A glass enclosure is home to our native turtles.

Admission to the Jarrett Prairie Center Museum is free and it is open daily. For more information, call 815-234-8535 x200. Visit www.byronforestpreserve.com and find us on Facebook!

PrairieView Golf Club

PrairieView's bentgrass layout can be challenged from four sets of tees stretching to over 7000 yards, to test the skills and nerves of every golfer. Dramatic bunkering. Supreme conditioning. A fifteen-acre practice and game-improvement center. Superb dining and banquet facilities for outings and non-golf events. Warm and genuine hospitality. And views of restored dolomite prairie land that simply can't be found elsewhere. It's no wonder that PrairieView has garnered so many lofty recognitions and accolades. Call 815-234-4653 or visit www.prarieviewgolf.com to book a tee time.

PrairieFire Golf & Grill

PrairieFire blends cutting-edge golf technology with nature-centric décor providing a warm, welcoming place to socialize and relax. Designed in a "modern earth" style, PrairieFire highlights the environmental preservation efforts of the Byron Forest Preserve District with the premier golf experience for which PrairieView Golf Club has long been recognized. PrairieFire offers eight beautifully appointed, temperature controlled private hitting bays looking out onto a vast targeted range. No matter your skill level, there are digital Toptracer Range game modes to engage your imagination and keep you coming back. Perfect for parties. Great food and libations!! Book your bay today! Call 815-234-3473 or visit www.prairiefiregolf.com.

Heritage Farm Museum

Take a step back in time to 1843 when Charles Wilbur settled a small parcel of land along the river. This land is now owned by the Byron Forest Preserve District and has been developed into a museum where visitors can see the way of life that was experienced in 1843. The museum is open daily April-October for free self-guided tours. Call 815-234-8535 x232 for guided tours.

J. Weiskopf Observatory

Appropriately located on the third highest point in Ogle County, the observatory is open for public viewing of the stars, planets, and night sky every Tuesday and Saturday night from dark until three hours after dark in June, July, and August. It is open only Saturday nights, September through May. Hours are weather permitting. Call 815-234-8535 x216 for viewing conditions.

Keller Education Center

This Center is a 'green' building featuring solar panels, wind turbine, water saving features, and fixtures made out of recycled wood, glass, and cement. This building houses our Preschool Program where dedicated staff teach kindergarten readiness and nature-related topics.

Programs, Trails, Volunteers

Family programs, special events, and education classes are offered on a continual basis at all of our facilities. Over 35 miles of hiking trails are offered on over 2000 acres at our eight preserves. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed to assist with woodshop projects, preschool crafts, and in other areas. To volunteer, call 815-234-8535 x232.

Byron Area Senior Club

The Byron Area Senior Club is looking for seniors, ages 55 and older, to join the club. The group was formed approximately 25 years ago by six couples: the Coffman's, Lingel's, Brinkman's, Cain's, Norton's, and Stukenburg's.

The club meets at the Byron Forest Preserve Jarrett Center the second Monday of the month for a potluck luncheon. The club supplies the meat and the members bring a dish to pass.

The dues are \$10 a year and there are informative meetings and entertainment a few times a year.

Want to get out of the house and have good conversation with other seniors and have a good lunch too? Join the group at the Jarrett Center.

If interested, you can come over for a meeting or call Vera Armour at 815-520-1215.

It's Party Time



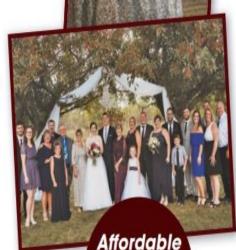
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Byron Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards

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1968-Dr. Robert Dickson

1969-Earl Pierson 1970-Joe Parks 1971-Florence Cox

1972-Chet Kobel **1973**-Stuart Norton

1974-Gorden Kennedy

1975-Gene McNames **1976**-Kurt Lukan **1977**-Grace Snyder

1978-Connie Reber 1979-Lyle Blanchard

1980-Pastor Dave Hubner

1981-Joan Brantner 1982-Adelbert Webb 1983-Blaine Auker

1983-Blaine Auker **1984**-Ron Millard

1985-Peter Cacciatore

1986-Lucille Moser **1987**-Clyde James

1988-Julie Kinsley

1989-Dan & Judy Green-Citizens Byron Food & Liquor Mart-Business

Doris Palmer-Achievement

1990-Jim Klink-Citizen

Quality Metal-Business

Judy Wilmarth-Achievement

1991-Jim Jennings-Citizen

Byron Bank-Business

Chet Kobel-Achievement **1992**-Lewie Moore-Citizen

Sam's Family Restaurant-Business

Connie Reber-Achievement

1993 -Friends of Randy Tesch-Citizens Byron Fire Protection Dist.-Business

David Johnson-Achievement 1994 -Sherry Jennings-Citizen

Classic Look-Business Ben Barton-Achievement

1995-Dream Works Committee-Citizens

Leombrunis-Business Bill Young-Achievement 1996 -Jim Wilcox-Citizen Quality Metal-Business

Joe & Carol Bolin-Achievement

1997-Jeff Ludwig-Citizen Lake Louise-Business Fern Calvert-Achievement 1998 -Dan Danielowski-Citizen Kim's Marathon-Business

Pete & Wanda Cacciatore-Achievement CommonWealth Edison Intergovernmental Agency Board-Outstanding Progress

1999 -Art Bridgeland-Citizen

Byron True Value-Business Byron Lions Club-Achievement **2000**-Brian Brooks-Citizen Rogers Ready Mix-Business

Mayor Kathy Hamas-Achievement 2001 -Don & Sandra Drake-Citizens Neighbors Nursing Home-Business

Byron HS Key Club-Achievement

2002-Ed Clift-Citizen

Exelon Nuclear Byron Generating Station-

Business

Prairie View Junior Golf Program-

Achievement

2003 -Union Street Station-Business BCR ATAC (Adult/Teen Activities Com.)-

Outstanding Achievement **2004** -Pat Dach-Citizen

Costa's Pizzeria & Ristorante-Business Mike Kohlstedt-Outstanding Achievement

2005-Dr. Ronald R. Beem-Citizen

Byron Bank-Business

Byron Fire & Police Chaplains-Pastor Gary Cortese, Pastor Randy Snider, Deacon Bob

Smits- Outstanding Achievement **2006**-Chris Millard-Citizen

RE/MAX Professional Advantage -Business

Kiwanis Club of Byron-Outstanding

Achievement

2007 -Saro Costa-Citizen Norup Trenching-Business Byron Civic Theatre-Outstanding

Achievement

2008-Jerry Zeibert-Citizen

Felker Snyder Pharmacy & Grocery-Business Gail Barton-Outstanding Achievement

2009 - Scott Jeffrey-Citizen

Woods Sporting Goods-Business

Mayor R. Scot Nason & Byron City Council-

Outstanding Achievement

Byron Public Library-Green Award

2010 - Harry Adams-Citizen

Ogle County Physical Therapy-Business Byron School District #226-Green Business

2011-Byron Dragway-Business

Caryn Huber-Outstanding Achievement

2012 -Todd Murray-Citizen Williams McCarthy-Business

Jan Sloan-Outstanding Achievement

2013 -Alisa Patterson-Citizen Hanlin Automotive-Business

People Helping People-Ruth Ann Goelitz and Donna Coyne-Outstanding Achievement

2014 -Brent Baker-Citizen

Byron Insurance/Carol Godman-Business "The Cemetery Gang" Chet Kobel, Bill Krall,

Jerry Jackson, and Gary McDaniel-Outstanding Achievement

Richard D. Berkeley, Berkeley Electric-

Green Award

2015 -Buster Barton & Jeff Milburn-Citizens

McDonalds of Byron-Business Byron Forest Preserve-Green Award Randy Snider-Outstanding Achievement

2016-Becky Adams-Citizen

PrairieView Golf Club-Outstanding

Business Achievement

Generations at Neighbors-Green Award 2017– Brad Auker-Outstanding Achievement Swedish American a Division of UW Health-

Outstanding Business Achievement. **2018-**Jerry Oleson-Citizen of the Year

Mr. Goodwater-Business

Hanlin Automotive-Green Award Wanda Cacciatore-Honorary Lifetime Member

2019- Laura Hopkins-Citizen of the Year Weezy's Sports Bar & Grill-Business Byron Lions Club-Outstanding Achievement

Byron Bank-Green Award

2021- Uptown Lanes - Business of the Year

Stillman Bank - Green Award Knights of Columbus - Outstanding

Achievement Award

Hometown Hero Awards-Ruth Ann Goelitz, Jerry Olsen,

Caryn Hoover, Jason Ketter

2022- Dos Amigos - Business of the Year

Kay King - Citizen of the Year

Paradise Nutrition - Emerging Business

of the Year

Byron Women's Club - Outstanding

Achievement Award

2023- Hairy Cow –Business of the Year Todd Tucker– Citizen of the Year Eats + Speaks– Community Partner Clearly Classics– Emerging Business

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- Matrix Cardio Equipment
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- Legend Cages
- · Life Fitness Olympic Benches
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- Fitness Classes

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- 4 Indoor Courts
- 6 Lane Indoor Track
- Batting Cages
- Racquetball Court
- Competitive Indoor Pool

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- Special Events
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Learn as if you were to live forever."

—Mahatma Gandhi

Byron Schools Inspiring Excellence for All

Welcome to the Byron Community Unit School District 226–Home of the Tigers! The Byron School District through its professional and support staff members is dedicated to providing the highest quality educational services and extra-curricular opportunities for all students.



Our school district is comprised of three separate buildings: Mary Morgan Elementary School (PreK – 5th grade), Byron Middle School (grades 6 – 8) and Byron High School (grades 9-12). In all, the District educates about 1500 students annually.

Students in the Byron School district have access to many wonderful programs including, but not limited to, football, basketball, cross-country, wrestling, swimming, soccer, volleyball, track, dance, cheer, scholastic bowl, drama, spelling bee, journalism/yearbook, choir, band, Future Farmers of America, baseball, softball, student council, overseas cultural trips, etc.



Byron CUSD 226 academic, athletic and service programs are first-rate. All of our schools received "Commendable" status through the Illinois

State Board of Education's accountability system, and all are routinely ranked as some of the highest achieving schools in our region and throughout the State. Annually, Niche grades our school district very high, a grade of 'A' in 2022, and ranks us in the top 10% of the State of Illinois. This past year at a regional level, Niche also ranked our elementary school and middle school as the top schools (#1) in the greater Rockford region for their respective grade levels, while Byron High School was ranked in the top 3. In 2017, Mary Morgan Elementary School was awarded the United States Department of Education National Blue Ribbon Award for Academic Excellence.

Enrollment (2022-2023): Total – 1,480; Mary Morgan Elementary School – 650; Byron Middle School – 340; Byron High School – 490.

Address: Byron CUSD 226, 696 North Colfax Street, Byron, IL 61010.

Telephone: (815) 234-5491. District: Extension 4000; Byron High School: Extension 3000; Byron Middle School:

Extension 2000; Mary Morgan Elementary School: Extension 1000.

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Buster Barton

<u>School Year 2022-2023 Board of Education:</u> Christine Lynde, Board President; Mary Jo Cassens, Board Vice-President; Phil Kessler, Board Secretary, DJ Mumma, Rachael Muszynski, Beth Shenberger and Dan Reed, members.

The Board of Education meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room to conduct business and establish policy for the administration of the School District.



At Hairy Cow Brewing Company, Ogle County's very first brewpub, we strive to make the best craft beer possible. But we're so much more. Whether you're hoping to snuggle up to a cozy fireplace with a steaming cappuccino this winter, or craving a cold beer by the river bank on a warm summer evening, Hairy Cow Brewing Company is the place for you. No matter the season, you'll enjoy amazing river views year-round while you...

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2024 Chamber Events & Committees

Byron Area Chamber of Commerce

2024 Events

1st Tuesday Luncheons

Every First Tuesday of each month (Call the Chamber office to make your reservation)

Business After Hours

Typically held on the third Thursday throughout the year at various locations

Annual Dinner/Meeting

April 25th, 2024

Byron Rocks 5K & 10K

May 11th, 2024 at 8:00am

(May Market in the Park)

ByronFest

July 12, 13 and 14, 2024

Golf Play Day

August 22, 2024

Duck Race

September 14th, 2024

ChiliFest

October 19th, 2024

Miracle on 2nd Street



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