



***Byron Chamber***  
*Gateway to the Rock River Valley*



# Community Guide 2025

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The purpose of the Byron Area Chamber of Commerce shall be to promote the general welfare of the Byron community and related area. The Chamber will

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# ***Welcome to the Byron Area***

***We would like to officially welcome all new residents and businesses to the Byron area. This Community Guide is published by the Byron Area Chamber of Commerce. Thank you to the advertisers who participated in this directory. They made it possible for us to provide the guide to area residents FREE of charge. If we at the Chamber can be of assistance, please call us at 815-234-5500.***

## **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 Health Department 815-562-6976  
Ogle County Sheriff 815-732-2136  
(non emergencies) 815-732-6666  
Planning and Zoning Dept. (Ogle) 815-732-1190  
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 Sheriff'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 (TTY)

Adult Protective Services Hotline: 866-800-1409

[Illinois.gov/aging/Pages/default.aspx](http://Illinois.gov/aging/Pages/default.aspx)

### ♦ Lifescape Community Services

412 E Washington St., Oregon

815-732-4393; lifescapeservices.org

### ♦ L.O.T.S.

210 E. Progress Dr., Dixon

815-288-2117

### ♦ 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; nwila.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*

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# City of Byron

Gateway to the Rock River Valley

**Box 916, 232 W. 2nd Street Byron, IL 61010-0916 85-234-2762**

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, PrairieFire Golf & Grill, 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](http://www.cityofbyron.com) or the City's Facebook page for up to date meeting schedules and other information regarding the City.

## Edward Jones



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[edwardjones.com/charles-schaeffer](http://edwardjones.com/charles-schaeffer)

- Retire early?
- Help kids/grandkids pay for education?
- Make your life tax efficient?
- Maintain your current lifestyle in retirement?
- Be less dependent on social security?
- 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?

**The more questions you can answer yes to, the more you need to call Charles and schedule a complimentary consultation.**



## Hulsebus Chiropractic Clinic

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday**  
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**Tuesday**  
8:00am-6:00pm

**Wednesday**  
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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](http://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 questions.

**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 and Low Speed Vehicles:** Any person over the age of 21 may operate a utility and low speed 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](http://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

### 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.

Ogle County Election Information . . . . .815-732-1110

Ogle County Clerk's Office . . . . .815-732-1110

#### **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](http://oglecounty.org).

### What To Vote For When

#### **In Even-Numbered Years...**

General Primary Election: 3rd Tuesday in March

Nominate federal, state, legislative officers; judicial and county level officers. Elect political party officers.

General Election: 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,

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

### **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.

To check your precinct online, go to [www.oglecountygis.org/voterchk.aspx](http://www.oglecountygis.org/voterchk.aspx).







## Byron Lions Club 40 Plus Members Strong Serving the Community of Byron

Come join us! Meetings are held monthly 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 \$13,000 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 40 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 Club.



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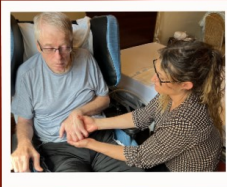


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## 1st Tuesday's

January- None

February- 4th Community Center

March- 4th Community Center

April-1st Community Center

May-6th Community Center

June-3rd Community Center

July- None ByronFest

August-5th Community Center

September-2nd Community Center

October-7th Community Center

November-4th Community Center

December-2nd Costa's Restaurant

## Business After Hours

January-16th

February-none Wine Dinner

March-20th

April-none Annual dinner

May-15th

June-19th

July-None ByronFest

August-none Golf Play Day

September-18th

October-16th

November-20th

December-none Happy Holidays

## Save the Date

### BYRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

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APRIL 24, 2025

5:00 PM Cocktails  
6:00 PM Welcome  
6:15 PM Chamber Meeting  
6:30 PM Program  
7:30 PM Annual Awards  
8:15 PM Live Auction  
9:00 PM Adjourn

## Save the Date

# May 3rd, 2025



## Golf Play Day August 21st, 2025

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# Chamber Events and Committees

## Ribbon Cuttings



### Byron Chamber of Commerce

### 2024 Scholarship

### Recipients

#### High School

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Reese Little

#### 8th Grade

Savanna Wallery

### ByronFest 2025 Committee

Nina Croke-Chairman

Blake Horras-Co-Chairman

Liz Johnson

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Aydin Coffey

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# City of Byron 2025



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Mayor  
**John Rickard**



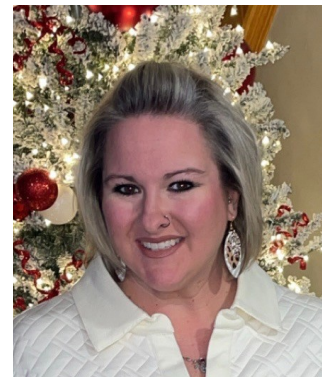
City Administrator  
**Brian Brooks**



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City Clerk  
**Caryn Huber**



Byron Police Admin Assistant  
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## City of Byron - Aldermen



**Ward I Alderman**  
**Emily Gerdes**



**Ward I Alderman**  
**Ron Boyer**



**Ward II Alderman**  
**Jessica**



**Ward III Alderman**  
**Todd Isaacs**



**Gary Treese, Director Aaron Vincer, & Brian Malone**



**Ward III Alderman**  
**Michael Gyorkos**



**Ward IV Alderman**  
**Christy Hanlin**



**Ward IV Alderman**  
**Mittzi Fulrath**

## Public Works

**Byron City Hall Hours**

**Monday through Friday**

**8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

**Closed Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays**

**24 Hour Drop Box for your convenience**

**815-234-2762**

# 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](http://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	1943-49 Roy M. Hess
1909-11 F.A. Wheelock	1949-49 Don Johnson
1911-13 J.C. Stires	1949-59 Harry E. Bittner
1913-15 Leslie Marshall	1959-61 George Noyes
1915-17 A. Henry Hewitt	1961-65 Robert Boger
1917-18 George H. Blake	1965-69 Evan Hess
1918-19 Albert E. Johnson	1969-73 Stewart D. Norton
1919-21 Fred A. Nott	1973-77 Lyle Blanchard
1921-21 D.D. Emery	1977-81 Ronald E. Millard
1921-27 Herbut P. Stearns	1981-85 Lyle E. Blanchard
1927-29 F.A. Nott	1985-89 Dale Hillers
1929-30 Herbut PStearns	1989-91 Lyle E. Blanchard
1930-31 S.C. Thomson	1991-05 Kathryn A. Hamas
1931-32 J.M. Heald	2005-09 Scot Nason
1932-33 Frank B. Spoor	2009-17 Chris Millard
1933-35 M.J. Hamer	2017-18 Tom Palmgren
1935-43 Harry E. Bittner	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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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@es-il.org](mailto:mgyorkos@es-il.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](mailto: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](mailto: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

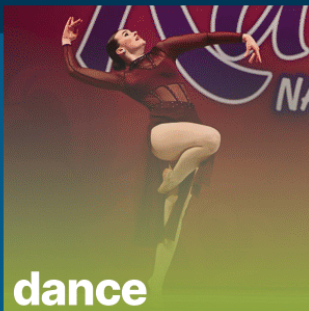


# Byron At A Glance

<b>Population:</b>	3,775 city (2021 Census) 11,259 Greater Byron Area
<b>County:</b>	Ogle
<b>Townships:</b>	Byron, Marion, Rockvale
<b>Area Churches:</b>	Thirteen
<b>Schools:</b>	One preschool, one elementary, one middle school, one high school
<b>Area Colleges/ Universities:</b>	Four
<b>Police Department:</b>	One station
<b>Post Office:</b>	One branch
<b>Government:</b>	Elected Mayor and City Council (8 Aldermen)
<b>Utilities:</b>	NICOR Gas, Commonwealth Edison, Comcast, Frontier
<b>Water Supply:</b>	Three municipal wells
<b>Parks:</b>	Kathryn A. Hamas Memorial Park, Tiger Town Park, Donald B. Johnson Riverfront Park, Blackhawk Meadows Park and the Byron Forest Preserve District
<b>Golf Courses:</b>	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 Stranber  
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 composed of 1 Sergeant, 5 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:

- Speak slowly.
  - Give the dispatcher your name, address, and the address of the incident.
  - 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.
- In a life-threatening or dangerous situation, do not delay calling in order to collect all of this information.***



# Byron Fire Protection District

123 Franklin Street P.O. Box 904

Byron, Illinois 61010-0904

815-234-4911 [byronfire.com](http://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.

## What Does That Siren Mean?

### Monthly Test of Emergency Siren:

**First Tuesday of each month at 10 AM**

**Steady Tone**

**Steady Tone at Other Times: Denotes major emergency situation**

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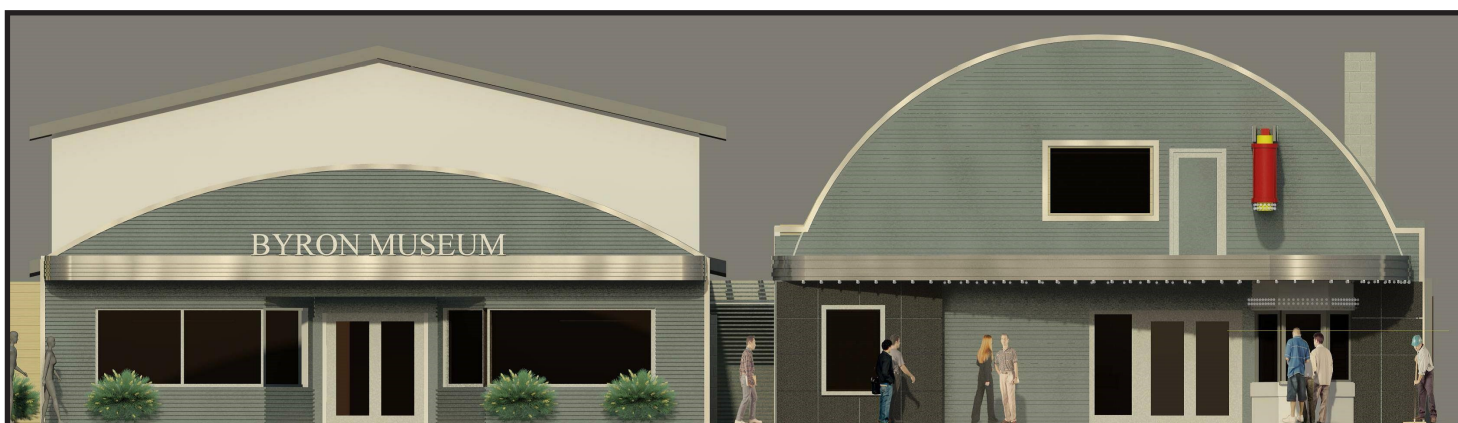
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## **The Byron Museum of History: Preserving Our Past ...For Our Future!**

**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](mailto: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](http://www.ByronMuseum.org)

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### **The Byron Woman'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 Driv  
Byron, IL 6101  
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

## Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day 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  
815-965-1940kisonline.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

## The United Church of Byron

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Byron, IL 61010-0927  
Phone: (815) 234-8777  
Email: [ucb@comcast.net](mailto:ucb@comcast.net)

Website: [www.unitedchurchofbyron.org](http://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  
10:45am-11:30am K- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School  
9:30 am – 10:30 am: Coffee Hour  
10:30 am Worship - Worship Service  
Communion served on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.  
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm Fuel (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Spark (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

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

## "Following Jesus' Example" Cornerstone Family Church

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### 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

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### Wednesday Night s-KidzLife K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

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Lead Pastor - Erik Ness

Next Gen/Family Pastor - Collin Nicholls

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524 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

Richard Durbin (D) 202-224-2152

711 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

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

## Chairman - County Board

John Finfrock 815-732-1111

Email: [jfinfrock@oglecounty.org](mailto: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](mailto:countyclerk@oglecountyil.gov)

## Circuit Clerk

Kimberly A. Stahl Ogle County Judicial Center

106 S. 5th Street, Suite #300

Oregon, IL 61061 Civil Division: 815-732-1130

Criminal / Traffic Division: 815-732-1140

Jury Phone Line: 815-732-2332

E-mail: [circuitclerk@oglecountyil.gov](mailto:circuitclerk@oglecountyil.gov)

## County Treasurer/Collector

Tiffany O'Brien 815-732-1100

Ogle County Courthouse

## County Board Members - District 6

Ryan Reeverts- 815-543-0070

Jeffrey Billeter 815-871-7472

Steven P. Huber 815-222-5939

## State of Illinois

State's Attorney Mike Rock

815-732-1117

## County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff - Brian VanVickle

Emergency 815-732-2136

Administrative 815-732-1101

## County Officials:

Ogle County Courthouse

Oregon, IL 61061 815-732-3201

Election Department:

[elections@oglecountyil.gov](mailto:elections@oglecountyil.gov)

Tax Extension:

[taxes@oglecountyil.gov](mailto:taxes@oglecountyil.gov)

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**815-234-4561**

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## Hours of Operation

**Lobby:** 24 hours-7 days a week access to boxes and scales

**Window hours:** 8:30am-5pm Monday-Friday

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## Collection Box pick up times:

**Main Lobby:** 5pm Monday-Friday, Noon Saturdays

**Drive -up Boxes Outside Post Office:** 5pm 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 Schedule

### Group Meeting Day

Byron Area Seniors	2nd Monday Potluck JPC, 12:00 PM
Byron Chamber of Commerce	3rd Tuesday, 7:30 AM
Byron City Council	1st & 3rd Weds, 6:30 PM
Byron Fire Department	4th 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
Byron Zoning Board	2nd Tuesday, 6:00pm
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

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## State of Illinois Toll-Free Numbers

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 Aging, Senior Assistance and Elder Abuse Hotline 800-252-8966  
 Arson Hotline 800-252-2947  
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 VCO 877-826-1130  
 Human Services, Illinois  
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     Infants and Children Program) 800-843-6154  
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 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  
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 Veterans' Affairs, Illinois 800-827-1000

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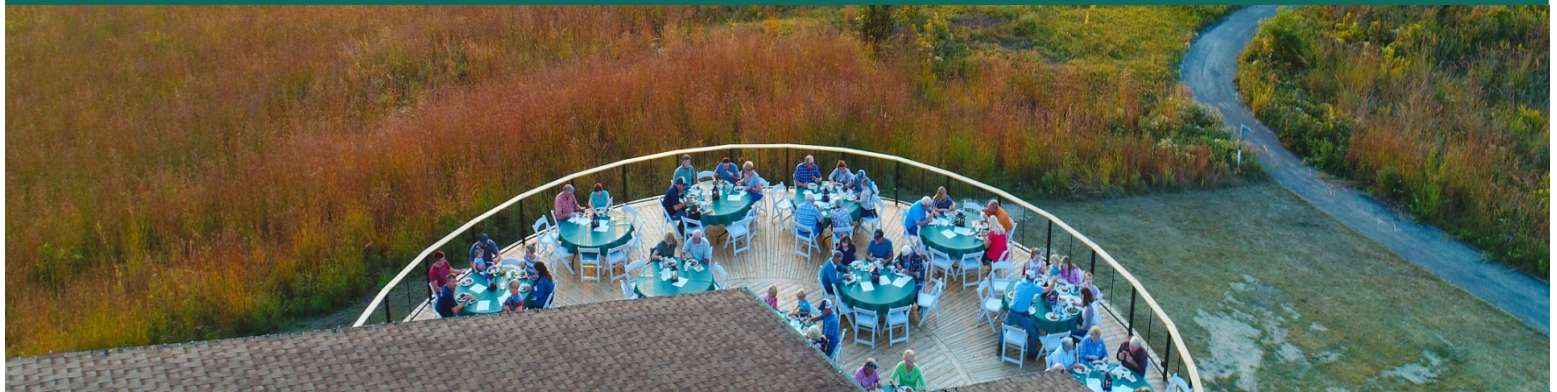
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## **Byron Forest Preserve District (est. 1980)**

### **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 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](http://www.byronforestpreserve.com) and find us on Facebook!

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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

### **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.



# **Byron Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards**

Citizen of the Year ▪ Business of the Year ▪ Outstanding Achievement ▪ Green Business

**1965-** Fern Calvert  
**1966-**Lillian Thomas  
**1967-**Robert Boger  
**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  
**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 Bus. 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  
**2024-**Power Combat Fitness- Business  
Jodi Jones- Citizen  
Saro & Robin Costa- Business Partner  
Wave Ave Boutique- Emerging Business

# Byron Chamber of Commerce Membership Directory

## Accounting & Tax Services

### **Brown's Tax Service**

361 IL-38, Rochelle, IL 61068  
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132 N. Walnut St., Byron, IL 61010  
815-234-8100

### **LA Hopkins, CPA**

Byron, IL  
Office: 815-234-7501 Cell: 815-509-1262

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5919 Spring Creek Rd., Rockford, IL 61114  
815-282-4600 morrisseyfamily.com

## Attorneys

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418 W. Blackhawk Dr. #102, Byron, IL 61010  
815-234-4950 bergerlawfirm.com

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815-562-8754 tesscrullaw.com

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733W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron, IL 61010  
815-234-4500 autolandofbyron.com

### **Golden Auto Sales**

805 W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron, IL 61010  
815-234-5546 goldenautosales.com

## Automotive Repair & Services

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399 Enterprise Dr., Byron, IL 61010  
815-234-2828 byronautobodyinc.com

### **Byron Quick Lube & Tire**

715 W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron, IL 61010  
815-234-5612

### **M & J Auto and Truck Repair**

1735 N. Meridian Rd., Chana, IL 61015  
815-739-4952 facebook.com/p/MJ-Auto-and-Truck-Repair

## Banks & Financial Institutions

### **Byron Bank**

200 N. Walnut St., Byron, IL 61010  
815-234-2561 byronbank.com

### **Holcomb Bank**

504 W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron, IL 61010  
815-234-3131 holcomb.bank

### **Sterling Federal Bank**

221 N. Union St., Byron, IL 61010  
815-234-7601 sterlingfederal.com

### **Stillman Bank**

608 W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron, IL 61010  
815-234-5626 stillmanbank.com

## Barber Shop

### **Rob's barber Shop**

129 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Byron, IL 61010  
815-234-2559

## Beauty Services-Hair, Nails & Skin

### **Embrie Salon**

117 N. Lincoln St., Byron, IL 61010  
815-406-8540 embriesalon.glossgenius.com

### **Essential Infusions Plus**

703 N. Walnut St., Byron, IL 61010  
815-414-2024 Essentialinfusionsplus.com

## Behavioral Healthcare

### **Sinnissippi Centers**

212 W Blackhawk Dr., Byron, IL 61010  
815-209-0988 sinnissippi.org

## Blood Center

### **Rock River Valley Blood Center**

418 N. Longwood St., Rockford, IL 61109  
815-965-8751 Rrvbc.org

## Boutique

### **Wave Avenue**

703 N. Walnut St., Byron, IL 61010  
Waveave.com

### **The Velvet Poppy**

115 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Byron IL 61010  
815-543-6864 velvetpoppyfloral.com

## Bowling

### **Uptown Lanes**

106 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Byron IL 61010  
815-234-2695 uptownlanesbyron.com

## Catering

### **Costa's Pizzeria & Ristorante**

133 E. Blackhawk Dr., Byron, IL  
815-234-4707 costaspizzabyron.com

## Chiropractors

### **Dr. Bonnie Harder DC, VSMT**

16547 E. McNeal Rd., Monroe Center IL 61010  
815-757-0425 equst4you.com

### **Hulsebus Chiropractic**

105 S. Lafayette, Byron IL 61010  
815-234-3021 byron.hulsebuschiropractic.com

## Churches

### **Cornerstone Family Church**

205 N. Peru St., Byron IL 61010  
815-234-8737 cornerstonefamily.church

### **Middle Creek Presbyterian**

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

### **Saint Mary Catholic Church**

220 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Byron IL 61010  
815-234-7431 saintmaryinbyron.org

### **United Church of Byron**

701 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. PO Box 927, Byron IL 61010  
815-234-8777 unitedchurchofbyron.org

## City

### **City of Byron**

232 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Byron IL 61010  
815-234-2762 cityofbyron.com

## Clubs/Organizations

### **Byron Lions Club**

PO Box 200, Byron IL 61010  
facebook.com/lionsclubbyron

### **Byron GFWC Woman's Club**

6069 N. Town Hall RD., Oregon, IL 61061  
815-234-3208 byron.gfwcillinois.org

## Coffee Shop

### **Sweetbean Café & Bakery**

114 S. Franklin St., Byron IL 61010  
815-234-4989 sweetbeancafe.net

## Concrete Contractors

### **Custom Concrete**

PO Box 417, Byron IL 61010  
815-234-4205

## Contractors/Builders

### **Sean Adams Custom Carpentry**

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815-234-5880 seanadamscsc.com



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### **Byron Dance Academy**

500 N. Colfax St, Byron IL 61010  
815-234-8435 byronparks.org/dance

## **Electrical Contractors**

### **Fritz ElectRick**

Po Box 58 Monroe Center, IL., 61052  
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### **Miller Electric**

221 N. Walnut St., Byron IL 61010  
815-234-4728

## **Employment Services**

### **BEST, Inc.**

810 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Oregon IL 61061  
815-732-0148 best-inc.org

### **Staff Management**

5919 Spring Creek Rd., Rockford IL 61114  
815-282-3900 staffmgmt.com

## **Entertainment**

### **Byron Civic Theater**

850 N. Colfax St., Byron IL 61010  
815-312-3000 byronparks.org/ByronCivicTheatre

### **Byron Dragway**

7287 N. River Rd., Byron IL 61010  
815-391-0000 byrondragway.com

### **Motosports Park**

2525 E. Ash Rd. Byron, IL 61010  
815-234-2271 motobyron.com

## **Environmental Services**

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7 East Route 72, Leaf River IL 61047  
815-706-0628 thebarnonthehill.net

### **Charles D Bertolet Foundation**

103 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Leaf River IL 61047  
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703 Oxford Dr., Byron IL 61010  
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### **Byron Park District**

500 N. Colfax St., Byron IL 61010  
815-234-8435 byronparks.org

### **PCF- Power Combat Fitness**

1350 Kysor Dr., Byron IL 61010  
815-762-7928 pcfbyron.com

### **Snap Fitness**

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815-234-2700 snapfitness.com/

## **Florist**

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### **The Velvet Poppy**

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815-543-6864 velvetpoppyfloral.com

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815-291-8989 repmccombie.com

### **Wanda Cacciatore**

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815-234-2631 farrellhollandgale.com

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815-234-3473 prairiefiregolf.com

### **PrairieView Golf Club**

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815-234-4653 prairieviewgolf.com

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815-234-2311 mycountymarket.com

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415 W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron IL 61010  
815-234-5100 felkerfoods.com

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815-242-6543 miracle-ear.com

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### **Bo-Mar Heating & Cooling**

444 W. Meadows Dr., Freeport IL 61032  
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### **Hurst Heating & Cooling**

102 Pacific St., Monroe Center, IL 61052  
815-757-4383 hursthvac.com

## **Heating & Plumbing**

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815-234-4411

## **Home Based Businesses**

### **Game Day Apparel**

503 Fair St., Oregon IL 61061  
815-509-8426 game-dayapparel.net

### **JT Designs**

11472 Tower Rd., Byron IL 61010  
815-509-1068 thejtdesigns.com

### **Mary Kay- Kathy Wickler**

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marykay.com/kwickler/en-US

## **Home Improvement**

### **The Floor to Ceiling Store**

701 E. South St., Freeport IL 61032  
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## **Home Loans**

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### **Envoy Mortgage**

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815-668-8976  
envoymortgage.com/branch/byron-il-698/

### **Holcomb Bank**

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### **Sterling Federal Bank**

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815-234-7601 sterlingfederal.com

### **Stillman Bank**

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1658 Il-2, Oregon IL 61061  
815-732-2499 serenityhospiceandhome.org

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#### **Staff Management**

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815-282-4600 morrisseyfamily.com

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815-962-1984 cyclopsindustrial.com

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byron/chris-criddle

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815-677-9384 valuelab-byron.com

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815-234-5208 festelandscaping.com

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#### **Byron Public Library**

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#### **DJ Liquors**

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815-979-1065 facebook.com/JunctionLiquors

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### **Manufacturing**

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815-636-7200 loomisinternational.com

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### **Medical Clinics**

#### **Mercyhealth Byron**

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### **Museums**

#### **Byron Museum**

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815-234-5031 byronmuseum.org

### **Newspaper**

#### **Ogle County Life/Rochelle Newspaper**

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#### **Tempo/Rock Valley Publishing**

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### **Not For Profit Organization**

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815-288-1901 casa15thdistrict.org

#### **Foundation For Focus House**

PO Box 491, Rochelle IL 61068  
815-562-5881foundationforfocushouse.com

#### **United Way of Ogle County**

98 S. Galena Ave., Dixon IL 61021  
815-284-3339 uwogle.org

### **Nursing Homes**

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### **Park Districts**

#### **Byron Park District**

500 N. Colfax St., Byron IL 61010  
815-234-8435 byronparks.org

### **Payroll Services**

#### **Morrissey Family**

5919 Spring Creek Rd. Rockford 61114  
815-282-4600 johnmorrissey.com

### **Pharmacy**

#### **Snyder's**

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815-234-5466 snyder-pharmacy.com

### **Physical Therapy/ Rehabilitation**

#### **Athletico**

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#### **CORA Physical Therapy**

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## **Plumbing/Pool Supplies**

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815-234-4411

## **Police**

### **Byron Police Department**

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815-234-5000 cityofbyron.com

## **Portable Toilets**

### **LRS/BIG JOHN**

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815-946-2813 LRSRECYCLES.com

### **Party Time Portables**

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815-677-0488

## **Printers**

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815-391-0000 byrondragway.com

### **Motopark Sports**

2525 E. Ash Rd. Byron, IL 61010  
815-234-2271 motobyron.co

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### **Rochelle Broadcasting Co. The Coyote**

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### **Shaw Local Radio**

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815-288-3341 shawlocalradio.com

## **Real Estate Services**

### **Northwest Il Alliance of Realtors**

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### **Re/Max Professional Advantage**

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815-234-4663 Remax.com/real-estate-offices/remax-professional-advantage-byron

### **Remax of Rock Valley**

606 E. Washington St., Oregon IL 61061  
815-732-9100 rockvalleyproperties.com

## **Retreat/ Recreation**

### **Stronghold Camp & Retreat Center**

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815-732-6111 strongholdcenter.org

## **Restaurants**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Tavern**

109 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Byron IL 61010  
815-234-3000

### **Costa's Pizzeria & Ristorante**

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### **Hairy Cow Brewing**

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### **JC's Junction Corner**

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### **McDonald's of Byron**

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815-234-2004 mcdonalds.com

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815-234-7660 closeby.com

### **Uptown Lanes / Back Alley Bar & Grill**

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815-234-2695 uptownlanesbyron.com

### **Weezy's Sport's Bar & Grill**

110 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Byron IL 61010  
815-234-2696 byronweezys.com

## **Schools**

### **Byron CUSD 226**

### **Mary Morgan Elementary**

420 N. Colfax St., Byron IL 61010

### **Byron Middle School**

850 N. Colfax St., Byron IL 61010

### **Byron High School**

696. Colfax St., Byron IL 61010  
815-234-5491

### **Byron Forest Preserve Preschool**

Keller Education Center  
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815-234-8535 Ext. 205 byronforestpreserve.com

## **Septic Systems**

### **Norup Septic Service**

7882 N. Conger Rd., Leaf River IL 61047  
815-234-5625 norupsepticsservice.com

## **Speech & Feeding Therapy**

### **Eats & Speaks**

124 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Suite A, Byron IL 61010  
815-290-0829 eatsandspeaks.com

## **Theatre/Stage**

### **Byron Civic Theatre-Byron Park District**

850 N. Colfax St., Byron IL 61010  
815-234-8435 byronparks.org/ByronCivicTheatre

## **Tires**

### **Byron Tire and Quick Lube**

715 W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron IL 61010  
815-234-5612 napaonline.com

## **Title Services**

### **Kenzley Title Group**

119 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Oregon IL 61061  
815-732-2445 kenzleytitlegroup.com

## **Trenching**

### **Norup Trenching**

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815-234-5625 norupsepticsservice.com

## **Utilities**

### **Com-Ed**

123 Energy Ave., Rockford IL 61109  
800-334-7661 comed.com

### **Comcast**

6244 Mulford Village Dr., Rockford IL 61107  
800-934-6489 xfinity.com

### **Constellation**

4450 N. German Church Rd., Byron IL 61010  
Constellationenergy.com

## **Veterinary Clinics**

### **Blackhawk Veterinary Services**

5548 IL-72, Byron IL 61010  
815-234-5424 blackhawk-vet.com

## **Waste Disposal Services**

### **Northern Illinois Disposal**

200 Standard Oil Rd., Rochelle IL 61068  
800-930-7321 northernillinoisdisposal.com


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2. **Strong Community Spirit**— Byron is known for its tight-knit community where neighbors know each other & there is a strong sense of belonging. We host many community events throughout the year such as ByronFest, which brings us together.
3. **Excellent Education System**— Byron CUSD is highly rated, offering quality education from elementary –high school. Byron schools are known for their dedicated teachers, robust extracurricular programs, & strong support for student access.
4. **Affordable Living**— Compared to larger cities, living in Byron is more affordable. Housing cost are reasonable & the town offers a variety of housing option, from historic homes to modern apartments, catering to different preferences and budgets.
5. **Proximity to Larger Cities**— While Byron provides a tranquil small-town atmosphere, it is conveniently located near larger cities like Rockford and Chicago. This proximity allows residents to enjoy the amenities and job opportunities of urban areas without sacrificing the benefits of rural living.
6. **Recreational Opportunities**— Byron is home to the Byron Forest Preserve, which offers a variety of outdoor activities, including golf, hiking trails, and educational programs. The town also boasts several parks, sports facilities, and a well-equipped fitness center, making it easy for residents to stay active and engaged.
7. **Safe Environment**— Safety is a top priority in Byron, and the town is known for its low crime rates. This makes it an ideal place for families and individuals seeking a secure & peaceful living environment.
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## 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 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade), Byron Middle School (grades 6 – 8) and Byron High School (grades 9-12). In all, the district educates approximately 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, speech, baseball, softball, student council, overseas cultural trips, etc.



Byron CUSD 226 academic programs are first-rate. In addition to offering strong “core” academic programming, each school also offer a comprehensive curriculum aimed at developing the Whole Child. As students move through the school district, additional exploratory and elective opportunities are made available. Once students reach Byron High School, they are provided a robust array of coursework to choose from aimed at supporting college and career pathways, like Advanced Placement (AP) courses, Dual Credit (college) courses, workplace experiences, and/or Career Technical Education (CTE) experiences and certifications.

All three Byron schools routinely received honors for academic achievement. For the 2023-2024 school year, Mary Morgan Elementary and Byron Middle School received “Commendable” status through the Illinois State Board of Education’s accountability system, while Byron High School was designated as “Exemplary.” Each school routinely ranks as one of the highest achieving schools in the Northwest Area and throughout the State, and in 2017, Mary Morgan Elementary School was awarded the highest honor any school can receive, The US Department of Education National Blue Ribbon Award for Academic Excellence.

**Enrollment (2024-2025):** Total – 1,475; Mary Morgan Elementary School – 645; Byron Middle School – 365; High School – 465.

**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

**School Year 2024-2025 Board of Education:** Christine Lynde, Board President; MaryJo Cassens, Board Vice-President; Phil Kesler, Board Secretary; Beth Shenberger, Jeff Milburn, DJ Mumma and Margaret Rock, members.

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