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Community Guide 2024

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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.

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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.
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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
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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 (TYT)
 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.



City of Byron

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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 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 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.

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.

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, contact the County Clerk's office at 815-732-1110.



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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.

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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



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Accounts Manager - Melissa Baxter



City Clerk
Caryn Huber



Byron Police Admin. Assistant
Amy King

City of Byron - Aldermen



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Todd Isaacs



Ward III Alderman
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Christy Hanlin



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

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	1949-59 Harry E. Bittner
1909-11 F.A. Wheelock	1959-61 George Noyes
1911-13 J.C. Stires	1961-65 Robert Boger
1913-15 Leslie Marshall	1965-69 Evan Hess
1915-17 A. Henry Hewitt	1969-73 Stewart D. Norton
1917-18 George H. Blake	1973-77 Lyle Blanchard
1918-19 Albert E. Johnson	1977-81 Ronald E. Millard
1919-21 Fred A. Nott	1981-85 Lyle E. Blanchard
1921-21 D.D. Emery	1985-89 Dale Hillers
1921-27 Herbut P. Stearns	1989-91 Lyle E. Blanchard
1927-29 F.A. Nott	1991-05 Kathryn A. Hamas
1929-30 Herbut P. Stearns	2005-09 Scot Nason
1930-31 S.C. Thomson	2009-17 Chris Millard
1931-32 J.M. Heald	2017-18 Tom Palmgren
1932-33 Frank B. Spoor	2018-Present John Rickard
1933-35 M.J. Hamer	
1935-43 Harry E. Bittner	
1943-49 Roy M. Hess	
1949-49 Don Johnson	

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@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.

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:	Ogle
Townships:	Byron, Marion, Rockvale
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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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:

- 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

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



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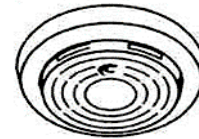
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Where should smoke detectors be placed?

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



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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

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
815-965-1940
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
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Stillman Valley, IL 61084
815-645-8872
valleycov.org

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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)

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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 Finrock 815-732-1111
Email: jfinrock@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 61061 Civil 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

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8:30 AM to 5 PM Monday-Friday
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 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 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
 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

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 distributors 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 Forest Preserve District (est. 1980)

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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 and find us on Facebook!

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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.

Byron Area Dining & Entertainment Guide

Restaurants and Taverns

2nd Chance Tavern.....815-234-3000
109 W. 2nd St., Byron

Bub's Byron.....815-234-4301
135 N Union St., Byron

Casey's Carry Out Pizza.....815-234-4260
700 W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron

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 Café.....815-234-7660
127 W. 2nd St., Byron

The Cave.....815-234-4444
113 W. 2nd St., Byron

Uptown Lanes/Back Alley Bar and Grill.....815-234-BOWL
106 W. 2nd St., Byron

Weezy's Bar and Grill.....815-234-2696
110 W. 2nd St., Byron

Campgrounds

Lake Louise RV Resort847-615-2013
8840 Illinois Route 2, Byron

The King's Camp - Christian Campground.....815-645-8277
9560 Lindenwood Rd., Chana

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County Market.....815-234-2311
201 W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron

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415 W. Blackhawk Dr., Byron



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Individual &
Small Business

Byron Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards

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

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| <p>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</p> | <p>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</p> | <p>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</p> |
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AM Disposal 973-4626
Argent Capital 688-8602
Armor Coated Technology 316-3240
Athletico Physical Therapy 779-513-8230
Autoland Outlets 234-4500
Bella Lusso Skin Studio
262-719-4914
Berger Law Firm 234-4950
BEST, Business Employment Skill Team,
Inc. 625-9648
Big John 946-2813
Birth to Five IL Region 47 309-393-2541
Blackhawk Bank-Rachel Oracki 544-4857
Blackhawk Veterinary Services 234-5424
BO-MAR Heating & Cooling 233-1622
Bonnie Harder, DC, VSMT 757-0425
Brown's Tax Service 561-6861
Byron Autobody 234-2828
Byron Bank 234-2561
Byron Chamber of Commerce 234-5500
Byron Civic Theatre 234-8435
Byron Dragway 391-0000
Byron Forest Preserve District 234-8535
Byron G.F.W.C Women's Club 234-2937
Byron Insurance Agency 234-3211
Byron Lions Club 871-4898
Byron Motosports Park 234-2271
Byron Museum of History 234-5031
Byron Park District 234-8435
Byron Police Department (non-emergency)
234-5000
Byron Public Library 234-5107
Byron Rotary Club 234-2222
Byron School District 234-5491
Byron Quick Lube & Tire, Inc. 234-5612
CASA-15th Judicial Circuit 288-1901
CEANCI 921-8471
City of Byron 234-2762
Comcast/Xfinity 800-934-6489
Com Ed 800-334-7661
Comfort Inn & Suites Rochelle 562-5551
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Core 10 Pilates 847-217-4514
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234-2735
Country Financial Services--Kerry Wicker
234-2886
CoyleKiley Insurance Agency, Inc. 987-2170
County Market 234-2311
Custom Concrete Construction 234-4205
D & W Garage 234-2171
DJ Liquors 979-1065
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234-7040
Edward Jones of Rockford--Scott Jeffrey
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Generations at Neighbors 234-2511
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Hidden Timber Gardens 751-4162
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PrairieView Golf Club 234-4653
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Republic Services 288-4607
ReMax of Rock Valley 732-9100
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Social Kat 914-4004
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282-4600
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Stronghold Camp & Retreat Center 732-6111
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Byron Community SCHOOL DISTRICT #226



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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: Morgan Elementary School (PreK – 5th grade), Byron Middle School (grades 6 – 8) and Byron High School (grades 9-12). In all, the educates about 1500 students annually.

Mary

District



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

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



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2024 Chamber Events & Committees

Byron 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

ChiliFest

October 19th, 2024

Miracle on 2nd Street

December 6th, 2024

Wine Dinner

February 2025

ByronFest 2024 Committee

Blake Horras-Chairman

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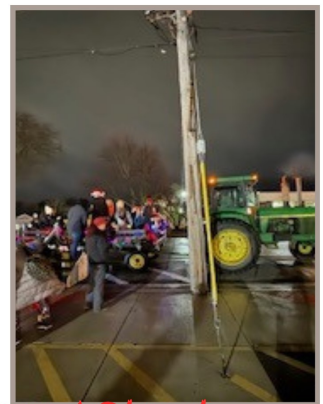
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2023 Photo Recap



Miracle on 2nd Street



Byronfest

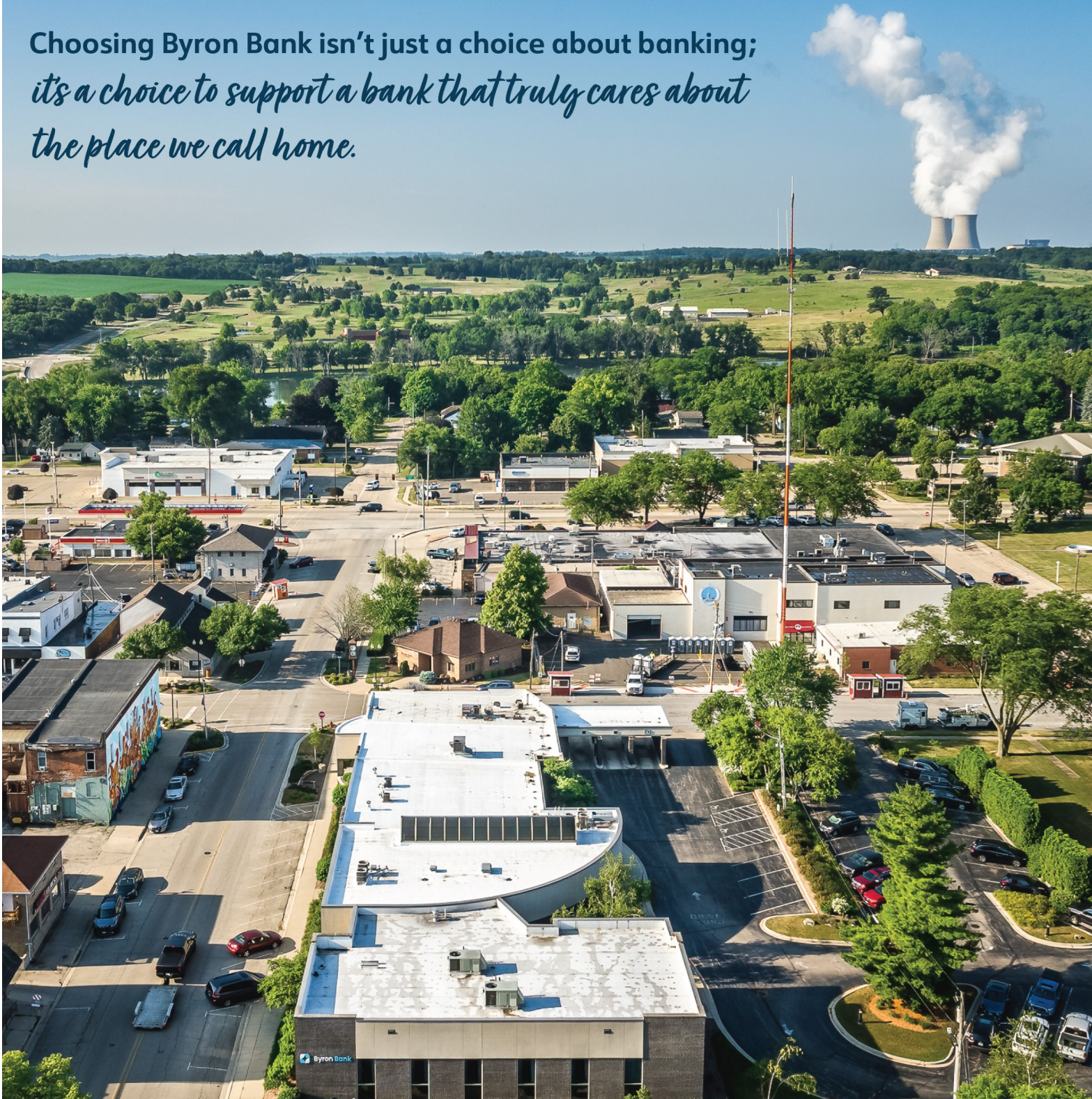




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