I want to thank everyone traveling on Byron Center Avenue for their patience while we build this year’s sidewalk project. The new sidewalk on Byron Center Avenue will help provide a safer route to Kent Trails and to downtown Byron Center. This project was long overdue and due to the wisdom of the township Board we were finally able to accomplish this much needed project.

The township will continue to line item sidewalks in the general fund budget for future sidewalk projects.

Landfill coupons are available at the township through the month of October. This will be our 2nd year in this program. Many residents are taking advantage of cleaning up their properties with the free coupon. The coupon entitles Byron Township residents to dispose of up to $28.00 of refuse at the South Kent Landfill.

Cutler Park renovations are underway. Last year we removed a restroom/concession stand that was in disrepair on the south side of the park. This year we resurfaced the Tennis Courts and put up new fencing around the courts. We also resurfaced the basketball courts. The final project for this year will be improving and enlarging the southwest parking lot. Next year we will be building a splash pad and continue to make improvements.

Remind the Community Wellness Foundation is having the 9th annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7 at 11:00 a.m. The parade route begins at Nickels School goes up Byron Center Avenue to Prescott to Merton to 84th Street and ends at Pathway Church. Lineup for the parade starts at 10:30 a.m. A chili dinner will be following the parade at Pathway Church.

If I can be of any assistance or you have any questions about our Township government or any of the wonderful community groups that make Byron a wonderful place to live and raise our families, do not hesitate to contact me personally at 878-1222.
Treasurer’s Forum
Carol Houseman, Treasurer

Summer has gone and the fall season is in full swing. The Treasurer’s Office has slowed down a little since the summer taxes were due on September 16.

If you haven’t paid your taxes yet, 1% interest was applied on September 17 and an additional 1% is added the 1st of each month thereafter. If you can only make partial payments, we do accept them and interest is only applied to unpaid balances. If you have questions, please call 878-3196 and Jacki and I will help you.

We have several payment options. You can pay online with a credit card or check (fees apply), ACH withdrawal from your checking or savings, or in person with cash or check. A drop box for your convenience is located at the east entrance of the township hall. Any payments placed in the box after hours are applied the next work day, and again we do accept partial payments.

Winter taxes will be in the mail 1st week of December. They are due on Friday, February 14, 2014. If you wish to use the deduction for your 2013 income taxes, the payment must be in the office by close of Thursday, January 2, 2014.

Dog licenses for 2014 will be available at the Township, December 2 thru March 1. Any other time, you must contact the Kent County Animal Control for licensing information. (616-632-7300) or www.accesskent.com

Byron Township Holiday Office Hours

The Byron Township offices will be closed the following dates:

- November 22 and 23 – Thanksgiving
- December 23 - 25 – Christmas
- December - January 1 – New Years

Byron Township Recreation Department & Community Center

The Byron Township Recreation Department takes pride in offering activities to people of all ages. The Recreation Department is housed in the Community Center located in Whistlestop Park. Recreation programs are held in Township parks, the Community Center and in the local school buildings.

The Community Center includes a full size gymnasium, fitness center, multipurpose rooms, lounge areas with Wi-Fi, and pool tables. There is a membership fee to use the gymnasium and fitness center. We offer affordable daily, monthly or annual rates. You do not have to be a member of the Community Center to register for programs. However, members do receive a discounted rate on the programs.

For more information please check out our website www.byrontownshiprecreation.org. Like us on Facebook to get up to date information.

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2013 Leaf and Yard Waste Drop Off Program

In order to better serve our citizens, we have revamped our leaf and yard waste collection process. Starting on Friday, November 1 and ending on Saturday, November 23, we will have two large dumpsters to collect your leaves and yard waste. Yard waste includes annual and perennial flower clippings, bush and shrub clippings or branches less than two inches in diameter. The dumpsters will indicate which is for leaves and which is for yard waste. You must empty your leaves out of the bags. The dumpsters will be located in the parking lot near the ball fields north of the Township Office Building (8085 Byron Center Avenue). This service is for Byron Township residents and you may be asked to present proof of residency. Any items that are improperly dumped (including trash bags) or leaves left next to the dumpster may cause the Township to end the collection early. We are asking our residents to assist with keeping this area clean and clear around the collection area.