Landfill coupons are available at the township through the month of October. This will be our 3rd 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.

Bicentennial Park renovations are underway. The existing pavilion has been renovated. The old bathrooms have been removed and has been painted. A new bathroom building and pavilion are being built as I write this. Both pavilions will be available for rental next spring.

In order to better serve our citizens, we have revamped our leaf and yard waste collection process. Starting on Friday, October 31 and ending on Saturday, November 22, 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.

Reminder the Community Wellness Foundation is having the 10th annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 6 at 10:30 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. 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.

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 15.

If you haven’t paid your taxes yet, 1% interest was applied on September 16 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 the 1st week of December. They are due on Monday, February 16, 2015. If you wish to use the deduction for your 2014 income taxes, the payment must be in the office by close of Monday, January 5, 2015.

Dog Licenses are available in our office year round. Your dog needs to be licensed when they have their rabies shot. You may choose a one year or three year license.

You can check your registration status and where your vote at www.michigan.gov/vote.
HOLIDAY HOURS

The Byron Township offices will be closed the following dates:

November 27 and 28 – Thanksgiving
December 24 - 26 – Christmas
December 31 - January 2 – New Years

FROM THE DESK OF THE WATER & SEWER ADMINISTRATOR
Debbie Jensen, Water & Sewer Administrator

On September 1st the Water and Sewer Department, per ordinance transferred all delinquent water and sewer usage 90 days or more past due due to the upcoming winter tax bill. Also, any unpaid assessment bills that were mailed out on July 1st that were not paid on or before September 1st were assigned to taxes. What this means is that anyone who had these delinquent bills will see them on their winter tax bill with a 6% penalty included. **We cannot accept any payments for these delinquent bills at the Township until after the winter tax bills are printed and sent out.**

All customers that walk their payments into the Township Office need to pay their bill at the Treasurer’s counter. Customers that would like to make a payment over the phone with their credit card need to ask for, or call the Treasurer’s Department. **All water and sewer billing questions or other inquiries will continue to be handled by the Water and Sewer Department.**

Also keep in mind that auto draft is available at no cost to you. What this means is your water and sewer bill amount will be directly debited from your checking or savings account on the 20th of the month that your bill is due. We have forms at the water and sewer office to fill out, or you can find the form at: www.byrontownship.org.

Byron Township now has a second water connection to Wyoming’s Transmission Watermain. The location of the connection is at 4342 64th St., the North side of M-6 between Wilson Avenue and Kenowa Avenue. Watermain is proposed to be constructed next spring along 64th Street from Kuiper Drive to Wilson Avenue, and along the east side of Wilson Avenue from M-6 north to the City of Wyoming border.

Currently under construction is the Northwest Sanitary Pump Station located at 4611 Kenowa Avenue. Earlier this summer a forcemain was constructed along the West side of Kenowa Avenue from south of the Knights Drain, to and through an easement across the North side of the Century Park Learning Center property. Sanitary sewer is proposed to be extended in cross country easements from Kenowa Avenue to Wilson Avenue along the Knights Drain Stream, which is more or less 2,000 feet North of and parallel to 64th Street. Once the watermain and sewermain projects are completed and the final construction figures come in from the contractors we will need to get board approval to offer installment payment opportunities for the residents that will have water and sewer available to them. You will have the option to accept or decline a payment plan. **Residents will not be required to connect to the proposed utilities or pay any fees unless the onsite water or sewer system fails beyond repair and the home is located within 200 feet of the watermain or sewermain right-of-way or easement.**

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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