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Law enforcement personnel changing for Byron



Deputy Jeremy Boucher is Byron's new Policing Specialist



Byron will soon bid farewell to its two primary Olmsted County Sheriff's deputies. Deputies Christopher Streed and Nate Jacobson have been assigned to new positions within the Sheriff's Office. New deputies from the Office will be replacing them.

Chris has been Byron's Community Oriented Policing Specialist for about three years and Nate has been the School Resource Officer for about the same time. Both men have built strong relationships with local business owners, city officials, and residents and we're very sorry to see them go.

Deputy Streed is a native of Byron and from his first day on the job, he has maintained law enforcement in Byron at a high level. Each month he presented statistics to the city council members about activities in the city and the deputy-initiated enforcements were always well above average. Statistically, crime is low in Byron and a great deal of credit for that goes to the steady law enforcement presence on our streets. Enforcement

actions were carried out calmly and effectively.

Deputy Streed said, "While I am excited for my new position, I will miss working with Byron staff and interacting with the public every day. While I won't be in town every day, I will still get the opportunity to patrol in Byron in my next assignment."

Both deputies spoke at the most recent Byron Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon and Byron School Superintendent Mike Neubeck talked about Nate's work. He commented that Nate's presence in Byron schools has been "...huge. He's a true Bears fan and he's very solution-oriented whenever we've had any issues in the schools. We will miss him."

Nate said how much he has enjoyed being the School Resource Officer in Byron. "We have good kids in Byron," he said, and he explained some of the many activities he attended and participated in to build rapport with students.

Byron American Legion Memorial Day schedule



During the month of May, members of Byron's Sumner R. Hair American Legion Post 119 are very active. They begin the month on May 7 with the placement of American flags at Byron High School for each graduating senior.

The week before Memorial Day, members place American flags at the graves of veterans interred in the Byron Cemetery and at the Veterans Memorial near the Bear Roundabout.

On Memorial Day, May 26, the Byron Cemetery Memorial Day ceremony begins at 10 a.m. at Byron Cemetery; the corner of First Ave. NE and Seventh St. NE.

At the April Byron City Council meeting, Olmsted County Sheriff's Deputy Jeremy Boucher introduced himself as Byron's new Community Oriented Policing Specialist.

He is replacing Deputy Chris Streed who has served in that capacity since 2022. Jeremy said he is very excited for the opportunity to serve as Byron's deputy. He said he is looking forward to working with a specific community rather than, "bouncing around the whole county."

He explained that he has been in the Sheriff's Office for over nine years. He served for 5.5 years on the SWAT Team, and as a utility deputy and as court security.

Jeremy said he grew up in Osceola, WI, where he graduated in 2007. He then spent four years in the United States Marine Corps infantry before attending Winona State University for Law Enforcement. He now lives in Pine Island with his family and he said he's excited to start this new chapter in his career.

CITY OF BYRON MISSION STATEMENT

To provide valued public service and guide the city with innovative thinking toward smart growth.

2025 Byron Foundation Festival was successful



The 2025 Foundation Festival held March 28 at Somerby was a rousing success. Hundreds of people attended the event to enjoy delicious food and drinks, to visit with friends and neighbors, and to bid on the fabulous selection of silent auction items donated to the Festival.

After everything was tallied, President Angie Le-Tourneau said the event raised roughly \$32,000 - a record-breaking amount.

The Byron Community Foundation began with a group of committed volunteers in 2013. Their dream was to create a foundation, "...dedicated to strengthening and enhancing our community by engaging our citizens, building a sense of community, and connecting resources

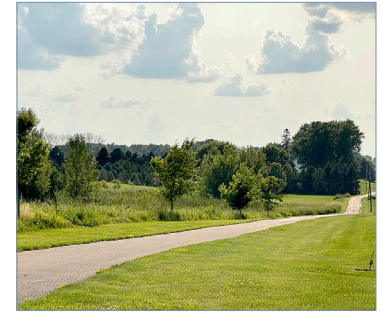
where needed. The Foundation is a tool for the philanthropy of individuals, families, businesses and other organizations that have a desire to make a lasting contribution and impact on our community."

The group is organized as a fund of the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation.

Organizations that have received grants include Byron Post Prom, Byron PTO, Byron Community Education, Benedictine Health Systems, Team R.E.D., Cub Scout Pack 42, the Byron Youth Baseball Association, and the Byron Youth Basketball Association, to name a few.

The Foundation's board members review applications for grants starting in August each year. For more information, visit <https://smifoundation.org/byron/>.

BCRC trail extension work will start soon



Work will soon be starting on an extension to the city's trail system near the Byron Community Recreation Complex at 1650 Fourth St NE. At their February meeting, Byron city council members approved the bid from Snow Contracting to link the two existing trail ends on the east and west sides of the Complex. The extension will run along the south side.

The addition of this portion will give Byron residents a continuous trail all around the city. The project is a collaboration amongst the city, the East Village Fifth Addition builders, and the Department of Natural Resources which awarded the city a \$108,000 grant to be used for the project. Along with the trail work, some grading will be done to the open space fields to improve their drainage.

City Workers Dethatch Soccer Park



The city of Byron has acres of parks and fields for its residents to enjoy. Prepping the parks and playing fields for summer use is very labor intensive. In this photo, city workers are dethatching the soccer fields on the northern edge of Byron on a crisp April day. The men must then move the truckloads of dead grass to a composting site.

Property tax valuation notices are out



Olmsted County property owners should have recently received their property tax statement for 2025, and their property valuation notice for 2026.

If property owners do not agree with the estimated market value, they may appeal by contacting the County Assessor's Office. If unsatisfied with that process, there are further steps they may take to appeal. For complete information, please visit www.olmstedcounty.gov

**PERMIT
PARKING
ONLY**

From May 1 to Sept 1, only vehicles with parking permits may park on portions of Seventh St. NW. These months are the busiest ones for the baseball fields at the Byron Middle School and in the past, residents along the street were overrun with cars parked illegally and trespassers cutting through their yards. Non-permitted vehicles will be ticketed by the Olmsted County Sheriff's Office.

Drivers of golf carts and ATV's must be licensed in Byron



If you'd like to drive your golf cart or ATV (All-Terrain Vehicle) on Byron streets, please remember drivers must be licensed and the vehicles must have a permit, be insured, and have a 'slow-moving vehicle' emblem displayed on them.

To get a permit, fill out an application and turn it in at city hall. Drivers must have a valid driver's license or a physician's letter that authorizes them to drive this type of vehicle.

The vehicles are prohibited from being driven on Second Ave NW (County Road 5) and should not be driven to cross Highway 14. They are prohibited from driving on Byron's walking/bike trail system or on sidewalks.

Olmsted County Sheriff's Deputies will enforce this traffic ordinance.

For complete details about the ordinance, visit <https://codelibrary>

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