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Zephyr Trailers: Serving Byron since 1991

Zephyr Trailers has been a family-owned and operated business in Byron since 1991. Jim Carey and the entire team are dedicated to providing excellent customer service, both before and after the sale. Their full-service garage offers comprehensive warranty service on all trailers.

They offer a wide selection of enclosed trailers from top brands like Stealth Trailers, Cross Trailers, AmeraLite, U.S. Cargo, Haulmark Trailers, Pace American, and Lightning (all aluminum.) Additionally, they carry open trailers by Sure-Trac and Force.

At their facility, located at 967 Frontage Road NW, you'll find a wide variety of trailers on-site. They also can work with you to custom order a trailer to meet your exact specifications. Their knowledgeable staff members work closely with each customer to ensure they get the perfect trailer for their needs. They help customers choose between aluminum and steel, determine the right trailer body, and consider specific requirements for hauling snowmobiles, cars, and more.

They also offer trailer service and have a comprehensive parts inventory. Whether you need brake adjustments or replacements, wheel bearing service, or need to replace an axle, their shop can handle it. They keep a full stock of spare tires, replacement lights, tie-downs, locks, wiring, and other parts.

As Jim always says, "Our trailers are traveling all over the United States. We have had customers from as far away as Alaska."

Zephyr Trailer Sales is proud to be a strong supporter of the Byron community. For more information, please visit the website, <https://zephyrtrailers.com/>, or call 507-775-2740, or stop by at 967 Frontage Road NW.

Valley View Park Renovations Complete

It was 'all hands on deck' on May 29 at Valley View Park when city staff members worked quickly to get a truck load of sod laid around the new basketball half-courts. The ground was prepped and ready and there are hoses prepared to water the sod if the weather is uncooperative. Nearby, the mulch was spread around the new playground equipment at the park.

By June 2, most of the work was done and students were already playing



on the new playground equipment and on the half courts. Byron staff members work hard to keep our parks up-to-date, well-maintained, and welcoming.

Motorized foot scooters are regulated

When you see those little motorized foot scooters zipping around town, do you wonder if they should follow any laws? Yep, they should. In Minnesota, the scooters' operators are regulated similarly to bicyclists. They should not be used on sidewalks except when entering or leaving adjacent property. Only one person per scooter and the operator must be at least 12 years old. If the operator is between the ages of 12 and 18, they should be wearing protective headgear. The scooters should be equipped with a compliant headlight and a taillight if it's being used when lights would be needed. The scooters should be ridden as close to



the right-hand curb as possible. To make a left-hand turn, the operator should stop the scooter and walk it across the street following pedestrian requirements. For more details, visit <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/169.225>

Byron Good Neighbor Days 2025 Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 16	Saturday, July 19
Kickball Kick-off to GND - 5p at the BCRC, fee req. **Just in time Concessions** Driveway Art Contest - 5p, sign up online	5K & Kids Mile - 7:15a check-in, race hosted by Team RED, sign-up req. at byrongnd.com Pickle Ball - Details on www.byrongnd.com Family Fungo - 8:30a doors open, 9a start time, \$10/7 games hosted at The Bears Den, pre-registration suggested \$6 Bacon Pancake Plate available (NEW)
Thursday, July 17	Friday, July 18
Medallion Hunt - 7a start, Clues posted only on Facebook Backyard Bash - 4-7p hosted by Black Swan Living (NEW) Mexican Fiesta - 4:30p, \$12/plate, Byron Methodist Church Puzzle Hunt - 6p, hosted by Escape Challenge Summer Fun Concert at City Hall - 6:30, Hill Billy Honky Tonk, Compadres and The Wandering Scoop Hometown Heroes - 6-9p: Emergency Vehicles/Personnel at City Hall	Golf Tournament - 10a at Oak Summit Big Truck Fair - 4:30-6:30p at the BCRC (NEW) Beersbee Tournament - 6p; \$30/team at The Bears Den Alumni Soccer Game - 6:30 pm, BHS Varsity Field Family Bingo Night at the Legion - 7p start, \$10 packet Concert with Becky Schlegel - 6-9:30p at the BCRC FIREWORKS - Dusk (approx. 10 p) at the BCRC
	Sunday, July 20
	Outdoor Worship Service - 9:30a, Hosted by NorthLight Community Church at the Byron Soccer Fields Simply Stretch - Healthy Start, 1030 a, Registration req. (NEW) PARADE - 2p along 4th St.

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Registration Information & Garage Sale List Online at www.byrongnd.com

Byron Memorial Ceremony well attended

Retired Air Force Colonel J. Scot Heathman was the speaker at the 2025 Memorial Day Ceremony at the Byron Cemetery. Music was provided by the Byron marching band. A Legion trumpeter sounded Taps after the names were read of all U.S. veterans buried in the cemetery who had served in all U.S. wars since the Civil War. Men from the American Legion Post 119 served as members of the color guard and the honor guard for the ceremony.



Submitted Photo

Colonel Heathman said, in part, "Memorial Day is not just a day off or a chance to enjoy the start of summer. It is a solemn day of remembrance. A day to honor the brave souls who paid the ultimate price so that we might live in freedom and peace. Those warriors who gave their lives are more than names on a monument or dates in history books—they are fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, friends, and neighbors. They are the heart and the soul of our nation's defense and the communities all around us."

He noted that the Byron Roundabout Veterans Memorial, "...stands as a daily reminder that the freedoms and peace we all enjoy were built by the hands and courage of your very own neighbors. Every name, every monument, every flag there tells a story of service and sacrifice—a legacy that all of you who call Byron home, can be proud to carry forward.... Let us honor their memory by living with gratitude and kindness, by

supporting our veterans and military families, and by striving every day to be worthy of their sacrifice... May we never forget, and may we always cherish the freedoms they secured."

Colonel Heathman is from Rochester, and members of his extended family live in Byron.



Cannabis Dispensary Survey results are in



Between Feb 19 and April 16, a survey was conducted concerning the advisability of building a municipal cannabis dispensary in Byron, if the city were granted a license by the state. Results of the survey are at: https://byron-mn.civilspace.io/en/projects/municipal-dispensary/engagement_reports/engagement-results

The company that conducted the survey explained,

"The results show that a majority of respondents are in favor of the idea. (61% of 347 respondents). However, opinions are divided, with clear differences in concerns raised by supporters and opponents.

Supporters largely selected 'Other' when identifying concerns, indicating the need for further exploration into their priorities. In contrast, opponents expressed strong concerns about safety, crime, and especially the proximity of a dispensary to schools and residential areas, which emerged as the top issue overall.

Among those in favor, a location near the highway was preferred for accessibility. Opponents, however, did not show a consistent preferred location, suggesting broader resistance.

When asked how potential dispensary revenues should be used, the community prioritized education and youth programs, followed by infrastructure and public safety. Interestingly, substance abuse education ranked lowest for many, potentially reflecting a mismatch between perceived community needs and traditional funding categories."

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First Summer Fun Concert was great



At the first Summer Fun Concert held at Byron City Hall on June 18, dozens of families and groups of friends enjoyed the music of Jeremy and Lantz from IV Play. There were delicious treats available and bubble tubes for the children to play with.

Those who attended could enter a drawing for gift certificates to local businesses - sponsored by the Byron Area Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Daryl Glassmaker announced the winners.

The bands play from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The next concerts will be on July 17 and Aug. 6. In July, the band Hill Billy Honky Tonk will play and in August, the band Let 'er Rip will play.

For more information, visit <https://www.byrongnd.com/summer-fun-series.html>.

On Aug. 23, there will be bands playing at the inaugural Byron Brew BQ from noon to 4 p.m. also at Byron City Hall. To participate in that rib competition, visit <https://docs.google.com>