

Momentum Behavior Services Open House scheduled



Momentum Behavior Services, 221 2nd Ave SW, will soon be holding an open house for new clients in the Byron area on **April 21 from 5 to 7 p.m.**

Holly Jantzen, Outreach Coordinator, explained, “Momentum Behavior Services uses Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), a therapy that helps individuals learn everyday skills and reduce behaviors that get in the way of learning, independence, or safety. It focuses on understanding why a behavior happens and then teaching practical, positive alternatives. ABA breaks skills into manageable steps and uses motivation, practice, and real-life situations to help maintain learning. Services are individualized and often support communication, social skills, self-help, emotional regulation, and daily routines—working closely with families and caregivers to support progress at home, school, and in the community. At Momentum Behavior Services, we provide more than clinical care, our services support learners and their families in meaningful, practical ways.

In addition to individualized ABA therapy, we extend our services to include social skills groups that help learners build confidence, communication, and peer interaction skills in a supportive environment. These group settings

create opportunities to practice real-world skills while fostering connection and belonging.

We also offer caregiver training, equipping families with strategies, tools, and guidance to support progress beyond the clinic. We believe empowering caregivers is one of the most impactful ways to create lasting change. Our goal is to walk alongside families, providing education, collaboration, and support every step of the way.

Momentum helps connect families to the right supports and resources, while also strengthening their confidence through caregiver training and social skills opportunities—so progress continues beyond the clinic and families feel supported every step of the way.”

The business was originally opened in 2018 in California. They merged with the clinic in Minnesota in 2022. Hannah Franz-Mesick, BCBA started the company and the CEO is now Seth Franz.

For more information, the general phone number is **(507) 292-1006** and their email is recruiting@mbsaba.com. Intake is **(507) 405-4097**, or intake@mbsaba.com, or fax - **(707) 868-6003**



POTHOLE SEASON IS HERE



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Although not as beloved as the Holiday Season, pothole season is just as predictable for northern drivers.

The city of Byron's Public Works Director Tom Ricke said city crews have already started patching our streets using cold mix asphalt. This mix fills the potholes and helps reduce the size until it's warm enough for crews to fix the holes with hot asphalt. Hot patches are a more permanent solution and require workers to mill out the edges of the potholes, fill them, and then use a roller to compact and smooth the patch so it is level with the surrounding pavement.

For the smaller potholes being filled with cold patch, workers shovel the mix directly into the potholes.

Tom explained that the freeze-thaw cycle of winter weather starts the creation of potholes. Water seeps into small cracks or holes, freezes, expands, and causes the cracks and holes to grow. Pieces of asphalt loosen and are ejected from the hole as vehicles pass over the original crack. Larger vehicles weigh more and exacerbate the process. When it's cold, the holes are filled with snow and ice, so the holes aren't as noticeable.

Utility work that requires pavement to be cut, manhole covers, and frost heaves all contribute to road hazards like potholes this time of year.

Please reduce your speed as you navigate our roads and keep an eye out for these types of road hazards. Please report new or very hazardous potholes to city hall. (507) 775-3400.



Enjoying the Outdoors with Your Dog

As the weather gets warmer, many of us look forward to spending more time outside with our dogs on Byron's beautiful trails and sidewalks. While out enjoying these spaces, it's important to clean up after your pets. Always pick up your dog's waste and dispose of it in the proper receptacles. For your convenience, there are multiple doggie stations located throughout the trail system where you can dispose of pet waste.

Dog feces can carry a variety of bacteria that are harmful to both humans and other animals. By picking up after your pet, you help keep the community safe and healthy.

Byron welcomes new Deputy Clerk



Kelli Myers joined the staff at Byron City Hall in late January. She and her fiancé live in Byron, but she grew up in Hermantown and attended college at the University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) with a major in Human Resource Management. Prior to taking this position, Kelli worked at Mayo Clinic as a Medical Administrative Assistant. Before that, she worked at the Amazon Fulfillment Center in Shakopee primarily in an HR role.

Kelli said, "I was excited to accept the Deputy Clerk position for several reasons. I am enjoying the opportunity to become a more informed citizen and, the commute to and from work just can't be beat!" About her free time, Kelli said, "I try not to scroll on social media too much and instead enjoy reading, rewatching favorite TV series, and exploring the plethora of restaurants in Rochester and Byron. My fiancé and I also enjoy walking on Byron's many trails and sometimes our dog, an English Mastiff named Stanley, joins us if he's feeling extra energetic!"

Welcome to Byron, Kelli!

It's not all luck!

You can help us prevent water pollution!

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Recommends Ways to Protect our Water

Water is key to healthy people and healthy communities. Local and state systems are in place to protect and provide you with safe drinking water. We treat water to remove harmful contaminants, and we do extensive testing to ensure the safety of drinking water. If we detect a problem, we take corrective action and notify the public.

Many of our daily activities contribute to the pollution of Minnesota's surface water and groundwater. You can help protect these drinking water sources by taking the following actions:

Lawn and property: Limit use of herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers on your property. Keep soil in place with plants, grass, or rocks. Cover temporary piles of dirt with a tarp or burlap sack. Keep leaves and grass off streets and sidewalks. Maintain any septic systems, private wells, and storage tanks to prevent leaks.

Out-of-date medications: Never flush unwanted or out-of-date medications down the toilet or sink. Always take them to a waste disposal or prescription medication drop-off site.

More information is available at www.pca.state.mn.us/news

Hazardous materials: Safety store hazardous materials such as paint, batteries, herbicides, pesticides, and pool chemicals. Dispose of them at a proper waste disposal facility or drop-off event. Do not dump down storm drains, sink or onto your land.

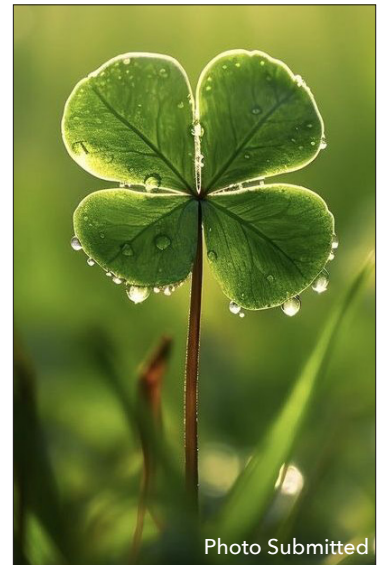


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Pet waste: Pick up after your pet and put waste in the trash.

Trash: Seal trash bags and keep litter out of the street.

Vehicle and motor fluids: Seal or repair any fluid leaks that could run off onto streets and into storm drains. Take used motor oil or other fluids to a neighborhood drop-off site.

Be a water advocate: Spread the word; get involved. There are many groups and individuals working to protect water across Minnesota.



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The city of Byron has created a new video about Byron, "that highlights the amazing people and vibrant spirit of our community! Sharing familiar locations, faces and events, this video captures what makes our neighborhood truly unique."

The link to the video is:

<https://ayrs.io/KSS7li>

Video Credit:

Jacob Freese,

Freeze Visualz LLC



Byron Chamber's HOP INTO SPRING

Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 4th
Byron Community Ed Center
630 1st Ave NW

8:30-10:30 a.m. Children's Activities
Photo Booth with Easter Bunny, cookie decorating, spring crafts, free hot chocolate bar. Vendor Fair with Easter goods

10:30 a.m. Egg Hunt Begins
Over 9,000 eggs for six age groups ranged 0-12 years

Accepting donations for the Byron Food Shelf

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