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Winter Reminder



Clear snow within 48 hours and please don't deposit snow or ice on public roads

■ Story & Photos by Gretta Becay

As you clear snow and ice from your sidewalks and driveways, please pile the snow where it belongs and don't plow it onto public roads. That means don't push your snow across the street and leave it on the other side of the road, either. Minnesota state statutes prohibit this action and the city of Byron reminds residents to follow this simple rule. Basically, it's unlawful to, "obstruct any highway or deposit snow or ice thereon." It's a misdemeanor also, so don't start the new year with a ticket and a fine.

DON'T FORGET TO KEEP SNOW CLEARED FROM FIRE HYDRANTS!



Byron has finalized working with the
National Flood Insurance Program
so residents are now able to get flood insurance!
For more information please visit:
www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program

SIDEWALKS CANNOT BE BUILT WHEN DRIVEWAYS ARE TOO STEEP

■ Story by Gretta Becay

At the Jan. 14 meeting of the Byron City Council, members talked about the problems associated with building sidewalks on streets where driveways are very steep.

Public Works Superintendent Tom Ricke explained, "ADA guidelines state that a sidewalk cannot have a cross slope greater than two percent. If an existing driveway has a slope that is six to 10 percent,

placing a 5-foot wide sidewalk at two percent would drastically increase the slope of the remaining driveway to the garage. In most instances, it would require the driveway to be replaced from the curb to garage to accommodate a sidewalk. Even with replacing the whole driveway, vehicles with low clearance may not be able to negotiate the drastic changes in grade."

The city's policy is to add sidewalks to roadways

that have none when aging streets are rebuilt. Combining the two projects saves tax dollars.

However, council members agreed when they discussed the needed reconstruction of a portion of 3 ½ Ave NW; adding a sidewalk on both sides of the street is just not practical. Preliminary plans for the project will be presented at the February 11 council meeting.

City dog and cat etiquette

■ Story by Gretta Becay

Did you get a new dog or cat for Christmas?

The city of Byron requires that all dogs and cats that live in the city be licensed.

The license requires that the animal has had vaccinations protecting it against rabies and distemper. This protects you, your other animals, your neighbors, and other people or animals in close contact with the pet.

If the animal gets lost, the license tags can also help it get home.

Besides being licensed, the city requires that you follow certain rules about ownership.

No domestic animals can run at large including cats.

Animals must have access to indoor housing from 10 p.m. through 6 a.m.

Owners are responsible to clean up any feces of the animal and dispose of it properly. That means, don't let your dog run in the park and not pick up the waste.

Dogs who habitually bark or cry are not permitted. That's defined as "barking for repeated intervals of at least five minutes with less than one minute of interruption." To be considered as 'nuisance barking', it must also be audible off the owner's or caretaker's premises.

For more details about the city's pet ordinance including information about urban chickens, go to Byron's website:

www.byronmn.com

FIRE DEPARTMENT USING LINKS OF BYRON BUILDING



■ Story & Photo by Gretta Becay

What's happening with the old Links of Byron golf course on the south side of Highway 14 at the intersection with County Road 5?

The current owner has explained to the city that he'd like to wait until spring to get

rid of the collapsed tee buildings and get the property cleaned up.

In the meantime, he has offered the clubhouse to the Byron Fire Department to use for training purposes.

Fire Chief Matt Grant explained that

firefighters have already done some rescue training in the building. They plan on using the facility for more training during the next few months.

Then in the spring, the department will be doing live fire exercises on the property.

Schoenie's Pizza opening soon



SCHOENIES
Pizza

■ Story by Gretta Becay

Remember Bear Country Pizza that was located in the restaurant building at 518 Second St NW behind the Prom Shop? Remember how good the pizza was?

In February, if all goes well, Byron natives Troy and April Schoenrock and their children will reopen the restaurant as a pizza place that will be called Schoenie's Pizza.

Troy even has permission to use the recipe from Bear Country Pizza.

"It's the old-school pizza that everyone knows," he said.

Troy worked there for nine years beginning when he was 15 so he knows a thing or two about the pizza business.

He'd like his restaurant to be a place where students can hang out after games and where the old customers will feel welcome. Troy plans to be open Tuesday through Thursday from 4 to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 4 p.m. to midnight, and Sunday from 4 to 10 p.m. The restaurant will be closed Mondays.

The restaurant was previously the home of Bob's Smoke Stack Ribs which had to be closed because of the owner's health.

The state- and county- required inspections and licensing are now in process and if all goes according to plan, Troy will open the restaurant in February.

Byron's city council members unanimously approved the interim use permit for the business at their meeting Jan. 14.

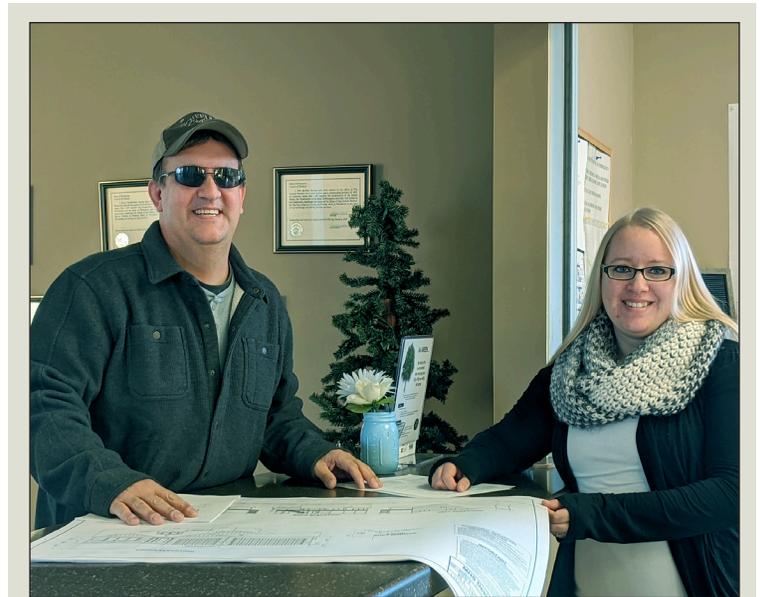
Scott Johnson resigns as city council member

■ Story by Gretta Becay

At their regular January meeting, Byron city council members accepted the resignation of Scott Johnson from the council effective immediately.

The mayor will nominate a person to appoint as the new council member and the remaining members will ratify his choice through a majority vote. The appointed person will serve until the end of the year. If they wish to continue in the position after that, their name must appear on the November ballot. The term runs until 2022.

Other council members' terms that expire at the end of this year include Matt Brekke, Steven Cook, and Mayor Daryl Glassmaker.



First home of the decade:

Byron officially received their first new construction permit for the decade! Kevin Berge Builders dropped off a permit for a new house on January 7, 2020.

Submitted Photo



The City is looking for a volunteer to serve on the Planning Commission.

The Board meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm.

Email cityhall@byronmn.com or call 507-775-3400 for more information/application.



The City of Byron plows and maintains over 20 MILES of roadways.

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