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On opening day, children flocked to the Byron swimming pool for that first splash of the year. Pool employees are carefully monitoring the number of swimmers allowed into the facility and that they maintain social distancing; 'COVID Enforcers' if you will.



Swimmers must sign in and provide a telephone number and address for future contact tracing if a swimmer later learns they have the virus. Swimmers must also be able to answer questions about their health and the health of family members. All furniture has been removed and the changing area and all 'high-touch' points are disinfected appropriately. For complete information about the COVID-19 rules concerning the swimming pool, please see the city website at www.byronmn.com. Anyone interested in volunteering as a social distance monitor at the pool, please call city hall at (507) 775-3400.

GOOD NEIGHBOR DAYS



Byron Good Neighbor Days
July 16 - 19. Visit www.byrongnd.com for a full list of activities.

City Hall has reopened

City Hall is again open to the public; however residents are encouraged to continue to use the drop box and conduct business remotely as much as possible by calling 507-775-3400 or emailing cityhall@byronmn.com.

Please note that while we have reopened the building, in-person meetings with residents will only be conducted through the plexiglass at the front counter. Social distancing while maintaining six feet separation will be required.



On May 5th, workers prepped the floor for concrete to be poured at the soccer shelter near 20th St. NE. Fees paid by the Byron Youth Soccer Association were used in part to fund the shelter, along with money the city has been saving for the project. Now the shelter is completed and players who use the fields will have a place to get out of the weather. City staff will be completing routine maintenance at the soccer complex throughout the summer so if the chains are up, players are asked to use other city parks. Soccer goals have been moved to other parks including BCRC, (open area directly east of the parking lot), Valley View, and Brooklawn 10th Park (off 12th St. NW.)

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CITY OF BYRON MISSION STATEMENT:

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

ROUNABOUT UPDATE:



Please stay out of the roundabout job site during all times of the day. Concrete work is starting soon at the intersection of 10th Ave. NE and Seventh St. NE and the shape of the roundabout will soon be evident. The roads are scheduled to be reopened to traffic before school starts. Bicyclists and pedestrians are reminded not to use the bike path through that intersection as that puts them into the dangerous work zone.

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Affidavit of Candidacy



Want to run for city office? The city of Byron will have a Mayor and 3 Council seats available on the 2020 ballot. **The filing period opens Tuesday July 28, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and closes Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** Price per candidate is \$2.00.

You can find the form at City Hall or on the city website: www.byronmn.com



Street Projects

Byron has many projects that will be happening over the summer. There are four major street projects, a playground and shelter installation as well as normal street maintenance such as filling pot holes and crack sealing.

For full details of the major projects visit www.byronmn.com

Right-of-Way and Easements - DID YOU KNOW...

All properties (including homes) have a right-of-way (ROW) and/or easements?! These can run in the front yard, which is about 10-15 ft from the curb, and along the back and/or side property lines. These areas are created for the city and utility companies to access the utility lines.

City code actually prohibits property owners from building any structure (including a fence) or adding landscaping in a ROW or easement. Keep in mind, if you do have items in these areas, they have the potential to be removed and not be replaced by the city or the utility company.

2019 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT



The 2019 drinking water report is now available for residents to view. You can view the report at our website at: www.byronmn.com/waterquality

A paper copy of the report is also available at City Hall upon request. If you have any questions about the report and its findings, please contact:

Doyle Jorgenson
at 507-775-3413 or djorgenson@byronmn.com

When are Golf Carts and ATV's allowed on Byron streets?

They are allowed when a driver (18+ years of age) has been issued a City permit to drive them.



Each driver is required to get a City permit in order to operate them off their personal property (with the exception of a golf course). You will need to have the permit and your ID available when stopped by law enforcement. With the number of negative calls we have received about golf cart driving, we have asked law enforcement to check for permits.

Highway 14 virtual meeting information is available at:

www.us14corridoranalysis.com/public-involvement



The construction of the new Byron Fareway store is proceeding on schedule, emailed Emily Toribio, Fareway Corporate Outreach and Communications Manager. This picture was taken at the beginning of June. Toribio explained that the company would like to have the store open before the end of the year.

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