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A lot of dirt work has already been done on the site of the new Hamilton Apartment Complex on Fourth St. NE but Aug. 26 was the official groundbreaking ceremony. In keeping with the bear theme; (Hamilton manages the Kodiak Apartments,) the complex will be called Bear Path Apartments. Hamilton Real Estate is developing the site and is planning a 47-unit market-rate apartment complex. Mac Hamilton addressed the group that attended the event and said the company hopes to open the facility in June of next year. Mayor Daryl Glassmaker said the complex is, "a perfect fit for Byron right now." Photo by Gretta Becay

Fareway opening October 28

■ Story & Photo by Gretta Becay

A full crew of workers are finishing up the new Fareway store that will be opening in Byron at 1072 Fourth St. NE. on Oct. 28, exactly one year to the day after the official ground-breaking ceremony in 2019.

Matt Heath, the Retail Engineer for the company explained that the new store is about 21,000 square feet in size, which includes a 2,000 square foot separate liquor store. He explained that the store will have black freezer cases and coolers and a new type of grayish plank flooring. Shelving will also be black. "It gives it a very modern look," he said.

The facility has two delivery areas. There is a loading dock for the grocery side of the store on the east side and a delivery area for the liquor store on the south side of the store. The liquor store has a walk-in beer cooler.

The front of the store has the entrance to the liquor store on the west side. When you walk into the main entrance, the produce area will be on the right. The shelving units will run from east to west and the meat market will be on the east wall of the grocery store. Fareway is known for

its high-quality meat selection, explained Heath.

A drive-up ATM will be at the front of the parking lot on the west side of the west entrance. "We are very excited Fareway is opening soon," commented Mayor Daryl Glassmaker There are currently 123 Fareway stores in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota and Missouri.

Byron has been without a grocery store for two years since the Market Place grocery store near the McDonalds restaurant was sold to Kwik Trip.



These are the new meat coolers in the new Byron Fareway store. The coolers and shelving in the store will be black and the floor will be a grayish planking, explained company officials.



Byron will be flushing hydrants during the day-time hours on **Sept 29th & 30th** and **Oct 1st**.

If you notice discoloration in your water, please run your cold water until the discoloration is clear.

Navigating a single-lane roundabout



MOTORISTS

- 1 **Approach:**
Slow down to the posted speed. Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk; they have the right-of-way.
- 2 **Enter:**
Yield to vehicles in the roundabout. Wait for a gap in traffic, and merge into traffic in the roundabout in a counterclockwise direction.
- 3 **Proceed:**
Continue through the roundabout until you reach your street. **Never stop in the roundabout.**
- 4 **Exit:**
Signal, then exit the roundabout to your right. Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.

Approaching vehicles must yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk and to traffic in the roundabout.



PEDESTRIANS

- 1 **Approach:**
At the pedestrian crosswalk, look LEFT.
- 2 **Cross:**
Cross to the raised or painted splitter or refuge. Look RIGHT. Finish crossing to the opposite sidewalk.

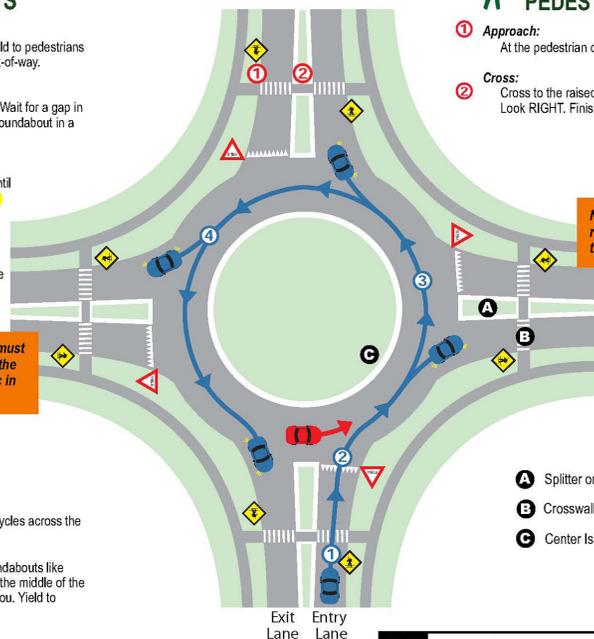
Never walk through a roundabout or cross the center island.



CYCLISTS

Generally, cyclists should walk their bicycles across the pedestrian crosswalk.

Experienced cyclists may navigate roundabouts like motorists. Do not hug the curb. Ride in the middle of the lane to prevent vehicles from passing you. Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.



Please note that these roundabout diagrams are examples only and do not represent all roundabout designs.

Did you know that roundabouts have an 89% reduction in fatal crash rates at intersections?! They may seem cumbersome but are actually very easy to navigate. For more information on roundabouts, visit <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/roundabouts/>

CITY OF BYRON MISSION STATEMENT:

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

■ Story by Gretta Becay

The Byron American Legion, Sumner R. Hair Post 119 was officially chartered in 1924, but a group of interested people began meeting before that. The first Commander was appointed in 1921. Legions were originally chartered to help veterans of World War I understand their civilian benefits after the war. They also served as a venue for veterans to stay in touch and to get information.

The Byron Legion is open to the public and serves drinks, pizza and light snacks. The building opens at 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 3 p.m. Friday; noon Saturday; and 3 p.m. Sunday. Closing times vary depending on business but 10 p.m. is the norm.

There is bingo on Tuesday nights beginning at 7 p.m. and Poker is every Monday and Wednesday beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Legion also has a room available to rent for meetings and private parties. This room will seat up to 40 people.

The Legion raises funds through charitable gambling which are donated to the community. The Post has given tens of thousands of dollars back to Byron by funding scholarships to Byron High School students, donating to the robotics team, Boy Scout Troop 42, the post-prom party, the fire department, the Chamber of Commerce, families in crisis, the high school music program, and Good Neighbor days, to name just a few.

Around Memorial Day, Legion

THE LEGION'S NATIONWIDE MISSION IS:

"It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow servicemembers and veterans."



Left) Ryan Kennedy joined the Byron Fire Department in July and (right) Isaiah Crossfield joined in August.

Kennedy is married and has three children who attend Byron schools. He has been on the waiting list to join the department for a few years and when a position opened up, he was ready, he explained. He believes that by becoming a fire fighter, he will become even more involved in the community and he appreciates the dedication and team effort that goes into being in this service.

Crossfield is a 2020 graduate of Byron High School where he completed fire-fighting training classes through the Rochester Fire Department and the high school. He was inspired to apply to join the Byron Fire Department by Craig Connelly, Byron football coach who serves as a Rochester firefighter. Isaiah job-shadowed Connelly as part of his training. Isaiah has always been heavily involved in his community. While at the middle school and high school, he spearheaded the observance of National Bike to School Day each year. He and a group of friends also collected hundreds of bikes which were sent to Haiti.

Photo by Gretta Becay

National Night Out is Oct. 6.

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The 37th annual 'National Night Out' will be held this year on October 6. Because of the COVID 19 pandemic, the event was postponed from early August when it is usually held each year.

At the regular Byron City Council meeting Sept. 8, Mayor Daryl Glassmaker proclaimed Oct. 6 as 'National Night Out' in the city of Byron.

Any neighborhood wishing to participate may register with the Sheriff's Office of Crime Prevention through the website at <https://www.co.olmsted.mn.us/sheriff/divisions/lec/crime-prevention/Pages/NationalNightOut>

National Night Out is a nationwide crime, drug and violence prevention program during which communities across the country promote "cooperative law enforcement-community crime prevention efforts."

The proclamation explains how important it is that citizens are aware of the available crime prevention programs and the impact citizens' participation can have on reducing crime, drugs and violence in their neighborhoods.

If you'd like to host a National Night Out gathering, either virtual or socially distanced, the sheriff's website explains that:

"We are still accepting party registrations now through Oct. 6. We will still be attending registered parties for a brief visit and to answer any questions you might have. We will be wearing masks and practicing social distancing while at your party. If you're having a virtual National Night Out party and you'd like a member of your local law enforcement to join for a quick Q&A, please let us know and we will line up a time to join the virtual party. We'd also like to encourage smaller parties and for everyone to follow state and CDC guidelines related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Register your party online at RochOlmstedNNO.com and don't forget to apply for neighborhood sponsorships with our National Night Out partner Custom Alarm at Custom-Alarm.com!"



BHS SOCCER TEAMMATES HELP IN CITY PARKS



Team members of the Byron varsity soccer team helped renew the mulch around the playground equipment at four Byron parks on Aug. 25. Coach Dave Bahr remarked, "Volunteer day is a time to exhale, have fun with your teammates, get to know each other better and provide a service for your community." Public Works Superintendent Tom Ricke said the work the young men accomplished was a real help to the city.

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It's 90 degrees outside. Perfect day to work in the park, right?

It is if you're a group of civic-minded students; athletes who are always willing to give

back to their community. Byron High School's Head soccer coach Dave Bahr explained.

"Over the years we have done yardwork for elderly folks and

a lady suffering from terminal cancer to painting bleachers at the high school, pulling weeds by the ton at various schools and installing safety guards at chain link fences around the schools. This year, due to COVID, we needed to keep each team on separate fields, so Varsity received permission to use the city field. In return for their kindness, we asked if we could do something for them and they came up with spreading mulch at four city parks. We have been in two-a-day practices and tryouts and some very intense mentally and physically draining sessions for the past eight days and Monday marked the end of that phase. Tuesday was an early practice followed by the volunteer activity and then single practices from then on. Volunteer day is a time to exhale, have fun with your teammates, get to know each other better and provide a service for your community.

These boys were very hard working and truly enjoyed the time together. It did not matter that it was one of the hottest days of the year and we had just finished an intense 90-minute training session. This group is awesome as is Chris Schmit, [parent who monitored the volunteer efforts at the parks.] Assistant Coaches are Jake Findlay, Justin Mansfield and Chad Bill."

Byron made #7 of the 50 MN Top Cities for Fit Lifestyles from BarBend! Way to go Byron!!
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