

## BYRON COMMUNITY NEWS

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# Byron has a new American Family Insurance agent



Byron's new American Family Insurance Agent Tony Zucco and his wife Liz, daughter Malia, and son Angelo. ■Submitted Photo

Anthony Zucco moved into the Byron American Family Agency at 1153 Tompkins Dr NE, in January. He took over the agency from Brian Barth, who had it for 30 years and recently retired.

Tony explained, "I began my career with American Family in 2010. I started my own agency in Rochester back in November of 2022, but I moved here to Byron when Brian Barth retired."

The agency offers home, auto, business and life insurance solutions.

Tony said, "Having an experienced advisor in your corner is extremely important considering the big changes in the insurance business over the last few years such as rate changes, wind/hail deductibles, and roof coverage adjustments. We offer a local contact with face-to-face interactions and policy reviews to ensure you are covered as your life changes."

At American Family Insurance, Tony said, "Our claims service stands out. Our paper (policy) pays.

We are not the cheapest in town and that is not our goal. Our value is providing an excellent claims experience paired with the best customer service."

He also talks about how important it is to have life insurance. "It's protection for those you care most about."

Tony has two employees in the office; Alice Wellick who worked with Brian for many years, and Benton Jenne.

Tony talked about his family. "My wife Liz owns Bellissima Aesthetics. My son Angelo is 6 and enjoys wrestling. My daughter Malia loves riding her scooter. She will be starting preschool in Byron."

Tony said he and his family are looking forward to being closer to their many Byron friends.

The agency's phone number is (507) 775-2672, the email is [teamzucco@amfam.com](mailto:teamzucco@amfam.com) and the website is [www.amfam.com](http://www.amfam.com)

# Byron Highway 14 Interchanges are gradually progressing

Earlier this year, Olmsted County was granted \$1.37 million from the Minnesota Department of Transportation as part of its Corridors of Commerce Readiness Advancement Awards for the Highway 14 and County Road 3 and 5 project. Recently, an additional \$2 million in federal funding was awarded for the same initiative. These funds are intended to support the design and environmental review of two planned interchanges along U.S. Highway 14 in Byron.

Currently, the intersection at County Road 3 has been converted to a J-turn, while the intersection at County Road 5 continues to experience approximately one accident per month, both now and historically.



Olmsted County 5 (2nd Avenue)  
Single Point Interchange (south of US 14), with US 14 realignment



Olmsted County 3 (85th Avenue)  
Diamond Interchange

For more information, visit [www.olmstedcounty.gov](http://www.olmstedcounty.gov)

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

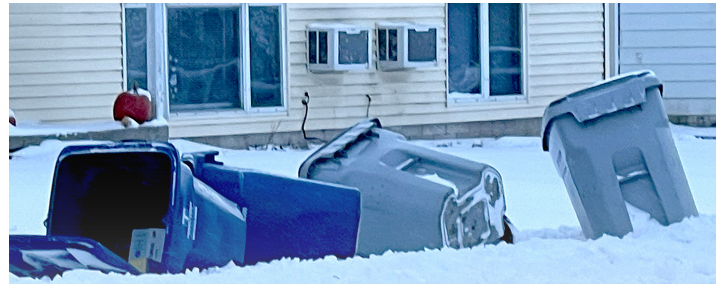
# POOL WILL BE *Refurbished*



The Byron City Council has approved plans to refurbish the municipal swimming pool. Specifically, the sides and bottom of the pool will be resurfaced this spring.

During their meeting on February 10, council members discussed the schedule for the renovation. According to the contractor, the work could be finished by July 1, provided weather conditions remain favorable.

The pool, which is approximately 40 years old, will gain an estimated five to ten more years of use from this renovation. Council members agreed that repairing the existing pool is a fiscally responsible decision, especially since building a new pool would cost several million dollars.



## *Please place trash cans on curb*

There's still enough winter left that you may be putting your trash cans out in the snow. Please place them on the curb or in the driveway, NOT in the street. When the plows go by, they cannot avoid those trash containers placed in the street.

In Byron there are three residential waste haulers; LRS, Harter's Disposal, and Waste Management. Aspen Waste is approved to haul commercial waste.



More than 30 people filled Spoons Kitchen, 519 Second St. NW, in Byron on Jan. 29 and had the opportunity to have coffee with an Olmsted County Deputy or Sheriff Kevin Torgerson. Before COVID, the Olmsted County Sheriff's office hosted these coffees annually in each of the towns they patrol and this year, the office re-instituted the practice. Deputy Nate Jacobson and Kyle Bradt, Media Development Specialist, organized the event.