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2023 Summer Newsletter

Welcome to our Summer 2023 newsletter.

I hope that you are enjoying the longer days that are now upon us and I offer my best wishes to you and your family for the summer season ahead.

We certainly hope that you are enjoying our newsletters, and we hope that they provide value. Through our newsletters, website, and social media outlets, we remain dedicated to keeping our community informed about the various events, activities, and happenings going on here in Byram Township.

If you have not done so already, we encourage you to take a moment to look at Byram Townships sources for sharing official Township information with the community, which can be found by clicking on the following links:

- [Byram, New Jersey : Nixle](#)
- [Byram Township | Home \(byramtwp.org\)](#)
- [Facebook – Official Byram Township Government Page](#)
- [Facebook – Official Byram Township Parks and Recreation Page](#)

These media outlets are where you should go to find everything that you need to know about what is going on in Byram Township. However, if for some reason you are unable to find what you are looking for, we encourage you to contact the administrative staff by calling (973) 347-2500 and they will most certainly be able to offer assistance and get you the accurate information that you need.

Once again, with summer weather upon us, we are seeing families gathering at the community beaches and lakes to swim, boat, and kayak, enjoying time together in the beautiful summer scenery of Byram Township.

With Byram Township’s many opportunities available for passive outdoor recreation and fun, we hope that you find some time this summer to come out and enjoy our many parks, fields, trails, lakes, rivers, and streams that provide for hours of outdoor fun and adventure.

We appreciate you choosing Byram Township as your home and we want you to enjoy your experiences here, so please seize the opportunity to become involved in local events, meetings, and activities because they are only successful with your active participation.

As always, thank you for your continued support of Byram Township, where families, fun and outdoors come together.

Joseph Sabatini
Township Manager



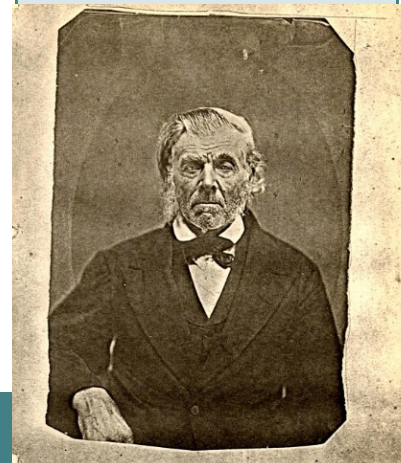
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BYRAM TOWNSHIP TRIVIA

Who was the head of the Byram family that the town is named after?

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SENIOR CITIZEN INFORMATION

Senior Citizen Club: The Byram Senior Citizen Club meets twice monthly, on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 1:00 PM. Meetings are held at the Cranberry Lake Firehouse on Route 206. The exceptions are Thanksgiving and Christmas.

All Byram residents aged 55 and older are welcome to join. Non-members of the club are welcome to attend outings when space permits.

**For information, call
Secretary Francine Shivas at 973-347-6436.**

Senior Trips:

August 17: Li Greci's Staten, Tribute Show

Sept: 6: Portofino's 12:00 p.m

Oct 11: Mansion at Mtn Lakes: Lunch and Show

Nov 21: Radio City (Sold Out)

Dec 6: Holiday Luncheon,
Farmstead

SENIOR BUS INFORMATION



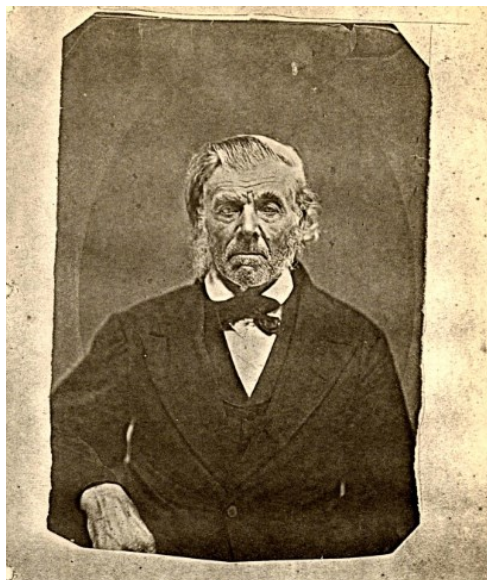
The Byram Township senior bus is available for Senior Club members who are in need of transportation on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month to attend the Senior Club meeting. The senior bus is also available on the alternate Thursdays to any group of seniors who are in need of transportation for shopping or dining at local restaurants. Some of the typical stops are the Byram Shoprite, the shops at ITC, Applebee's in Newton, and Carmine's in Netcong.

This is not a dial-a-ride service for individuals, but intended for Byram Township Seniors to have a day out with other seniors while meeting some of their shopping needs.

The hours of operation are 10:30am - 3:30pm, including pick up and drop off.

For more information, contact the Byram Township Recreation Department at 973-347-2500 x160 or by email:

recreation@byramtwp.org



TRIVIA ANSWER:

Jephthah Byram was the head of the Byram family who settled in the area prior to the American Revolution.

RECREATION

Sussex County Miners Game:

Saturday, July 22, 2023 at 6:00 pm - Fireworks after the game, discount rate of \$12 per ticket:

[Byram Recreation Committee - Miners vs Grizzlies \(fevo.com\)](https://fevo.com)



Movie Night in the Park

Showing: Shrek, August 12th at 8:00 pm at Tamarack Park.

Bring chairs, blankets and snacks and come enjoy a free movie.



Byram Fest:

Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 2pm-9pm.

Save the date and stay tuned for more information about this fun, family event with food trucks, fireworks and more!!!



Public Access Defibrillation Program

We are pleased to announce that Byram Township has been afforded the opportunity to offer a Public Access Defibrillation Program at 3 of our Township Parks where the local sports teams practice and play. Through a combination of grant awards from Statewide Insurance Fund and Atlantic Health (Newton Medical Center) coupled with Township resources and support, we were able to secure and install the 3 Automated External Defibrillator's earlier today at the following locations:

- Neil Gylling Park
- Tamarack Park
- C.O. Johnson Park



PLANNING AND ZONING

- Summer is a popular time for work around the house (i.e., additions, sheds, fences, decks, garages, pools, etc.). You should file a Zoning Permit to make sure the work is approvable through the Zoning Office. If it is not, the work would need a variance from the Planning Board, which is a longer process that requires a public hearing. With the volume of applications submitted in the summer and fall, it's good to prepare well in advance of when you'd like the work completed. Board meetings fill up fast, so be cognizant of your timeframes.
- There is a new Soil Importation Ordinance for Byram, detailing the amount of fill that can be brought in for various projects.
Please make sure the soil you purchase is from a reputable source that can provide a certification of clean fill, to ensure that you, neighbors, and the environment stay safe and healthy.
- The use of lawn or other signs is regulated under town ordinance §240-47 for residential districts and several sections under §240 for non-residential districts. Please direct all questions to the zoning officer.
- **Parking on lawns is strictly prohibited in the township per ordinance §240-37.** And, the expansion of driveways without appropriate zoning approval will result in a Notice of Violation and a potential summons. Please contact zoning@byramtwp.org if you have questions.
- The township has a number of commercial projects occurring on the Route 206 corridor. Some are brand new projects while others are updates and improvements. Please use caution when driving in these areas as many commercial vehicles and construction equipment will be entering and exiting these locations.

CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

General Office Hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 12 noon.

Permit Pick up Hours are Monday through Friday 8:30am to 11:30 am.

Application forms are available for pick up in our lobby daily 8:30am to 4:30pm, or you can print forms off the Byram Township Website.

After hour drop off:

When the building is still open, leave forms in the wall bin outside of the Construction Department window.

After the building is closed, leave forms in the black box outside of the main lobby entrance.

Inspections

Building: Monday through Friday 10 am to 2 pm

Plumbing/Mechanical: Tuesday/Thursday 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Electrical: Monday through Thursday 3:30 pm to 7 pm

Fire: Tuesday/Thursday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

SDL Portal

Active for Scheduling Inspections/Tracking Permit Application

Select Online Permit Applications available to complete for filing permits

<https://www.sdlportal.com/towns/nj/sussex/byramtwp>

Please Note: The Construction Department is currently experiencing a higher-than-normal volume of incoming applications as well as inspection requests. Please plan accordingly as our department cannot accommodate last minute requests.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- 2023/2024 Utility bills were mailed out May 17th, 2023. The 3rd quarter utility collection date is July 15th with a 10 day grace period.
- Tax Collection Dates: August 1st with a 10 day Grace Period (date may vary depending on when new rate is issued)
- Senior Freeze Property Tax Reimbursement: PTR books are available in our office. Please contact the office for booklet availability and eligibility requirements. You can also contact the state at 1-800-882-6597 to request a booklet.
- Just a reminder: any prior year delinquencies will be subject to tax sale in the Fall. Please contact our office with any questions.
- The Tax Office would like to re-emphasize it is the tax payer's responsibility to pay each quarter within the grace period. Taxes are posted upon receipt. Post marked dates are not accepted.
- Please note you can pay online at www.byrantwp.org, or use the after hours drop box (which is located outside the tax office). Our hours of operation are 8:30 am- 3:30 pm M-F.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS!



BYRAM TURNS 225 YEARS OLD

Byram Township is celebrating its 225th Anniversary in 2023 and the Byram Township Historical Society is organizing several celebratory events throughout the remainder of the year.

Beefsteak Dinner at C.O. Johnson Field
September 8, 2023 - 6:30pm



Dragon Boat Race at Cranberry Lake
September 23, 2023 – 9:00am – 4:00pm



Join your neighbors and let's celebrate our community together and have some fun!
If you are interested in helping with an event and getting involved, please email at:
membership@bths.us

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Byram Township is known as the “Gateway to New Jersey Trails” and with the warmer months approaching, the EC hopes you are able to enjoy the beautiful and scenic trails that Byram Township has to offer. If any trash is found, please be sure to collect and dispose of it accordingly, so we can continue to keep our trails clean. If you are interested in either hiking, biking, or sightseeing, please see the link to all our trails!

[Byram Township | Trails \(byramtwp.org\)](http://byramtwp.org)

Homeowners Can Help to Reduce Mosquitoes

The most efficient method of controlling mosquitoes is reducing the availability of water suitable for larval and pupal growth. Examine your yards and take the following precautions:

- Dispose of unwanted buckets and tires
- Clean clogged roof gutters and drain flat roofs
- Stock ornamental pools with fish
- Change water in birdbaths and fountains
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools
- Turn over unused wading pools and other containers that tend to collect rainwater
- Cover containers tightly with a window screen or plastic when storing rainwater for garden use during drought periods



POLICE DEPARTMENT

As summer is here, the Byram Township Police Department would like to remind you to take the follow precautions as you enjoy the season:

1. Always keep your home's doors and windows locked when you go to bed or leave your house, even if you are leaving for a short period.
2. Secure all lawn and gardening equipment in your garage or a storage shed.
3. Put all ladders and other tools back into a secure storage area after you use them.
4. Be aware of home improvements scams. If you did not solicit the contractor or salesman who shows up at your door unannounced, do not do business with that person. Solicitors must obtain a permit to solicit business in Byram Township. The Township also offers a do not solicit list that you can add your address to.
5. Always remember to close your car windows, take any valuables and the key fob out of your car, and lock your doors every night, even if your vehicle is parked in your driveway.
6. Get to know your neighbors! Let a trusted neighbor know if you are planning to travel this summer. Neighbors who know each other look out for each other.
7. With increased home package delivery by couriers such as FedEx and UPS, please ensure your packages are taken inside your home within a timely manner. As noted above, a neighbor could help assist you if you are out of town.

