

The Village Office will be closed Monday, September 5th in celebration of Labor Day

Mayor's Message

August already??

Congratulations to all the participants of the Jenny Kuzma 5K race held August 13th; many thanks to Eric Boyce and Joe Chimino for their untiring efforts to bring the event each year to the village. (#BergenProud)

Our new basketball hoops are getting a lot of use, as well as the pickleball courts and ping pong table. The summer recreation program was a great success this year; there were up to 22 participants daily over the four weeks, and Jessica Roth (counselor), Sean Donovan(assistant), and Bobbie Yohon (GCCC) did a wonderful job. Thank you to everyone who presented programs to the kids over the four weeks. It is great to see so much activity in our parks.

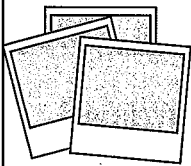
Our staff has been working to upgrade the WWTP, improve and clean areas throughout the village, trim trees, clean brush, paint, and update infrastructure. You will continue to see things accomplished throughout the village.

The county has approved the Village and Town of Bergen Comprehensive Plan; we will be working to implement the plan recommendations. A copy of the plan is available on the village website.

A warm welcome to BBCS Superintendent Mickey Edwards; we are looking forward to working with him and all members of the faculty and staff, and students as the 2016-2017 school year begins.

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay

From the Desk of the Village Historian



Great Uncle Lou (Louis) Younger and his wife Maude lived in the village just North of the tracks on the East side of Lake Ave. during the 40's and 50's. The house still stands. Lou was my grandmother's brother on my father's side. He grew-up in North Bergen and I believe he worked for the NY Central railroad. The couple had no children and we saw them frequently at my father's Harts store and at family gatherings. I always got a hug from both of them and they seemed to enjoy being called Uncle Lou and Aunt Maude. As time went on Aunt Maude became increasingly concerned about family photos that were not identified.

One evening, I remembered Mom, Dad and I went to their house to identify those unnamed photos. I was invited because I was the youngest and needed more watching. Aunt Maude presented me with my very own small bottle of 7-up and then I just walked around their interior looking at this and that, but not touching anything. The four of them sat at a card table in the middle of the living room with photos spread out before them. I heard them talk, but the names and dates didn't mean much to me. I was 4 or 5 years old at the time. I think I ended -up falling to sleep in a chair, because I don't remember leaving the house.

As it happened, less than 2 weeks later Aunt Maude died. I remembered hearing how wonderful that the names were now on the photos for the ages. I remember my cold bottle of 7-up, the most! Mom took many dinners to Uncle Lou's home after Aunt Maude's death. He lived a few years, but never had that happy look to him that I remember in years past. He would come into my father's store and sit by the front windows hoping that dad would have time to talk. Yes, he was lonely and nothing could replace the loss of his mate.

Uncle Lou died in his sleep maybe a year later. It was my first funeral and my brother's, too. My brother is 4 years older than I. He sat at the service, chewing gum, and whispered to me "He's, the departed, breathing!" which got me going, as often big brothers did to little brothers. Then I started to get excited and almost spoke -up to the minister, but did not. I had easily been tricked, and slowly realized that as one breathes in and out that can make a still object seem to move. This was confirmed by my Dad after the service. We got to take a large bouquet of flowers home with us which was later taken to our church for Sunday's service.

I have never found any photos in our family archives from the Younger's family, so I am afraid they, like so many others have been disposed during the cleaning-out of Uncle Lou's home. It is sad, so much history has been lost in just that way.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

We have been notified by the Post Office that any mail not addressed to our Post Office box will no longer be delivered to us.



To ensure we are receiving your mail in a timely manner, please make sure the mailing address reads:

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PO Box 100
Bergen, New York 14416

Alternative Options:

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- We have a drop box by the front door
- We offer an online payment option as well as ACH payment withdrawals for your sewer and electric bills.

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Save the Date

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

September 17th in Batavia

Please call (585)815-7906 to make the required appointment.

Materials accepted include household cleaning products, pesticides/insecticides, oil base paint/stains, vehicle batteries and fluids (except motor oil), oil filters, pool chemicals, driveway sealer, and home computers, TV's and microwaves free of charge.

NO MORE THAN 2 CRT TVs AND/OR MONITORS PER REGISTRANT CAN BE ACCEPTED.)

Passenger/light truck tires will be accepted for \$4 each and truck tires for \$10.

Outdated, unwanted, or unusable medicines, pharmaceutical waste will be accepted.

Items that **will not** be accepted include latex paint, used motor oil, empty containers, asbestos, and household batteries.

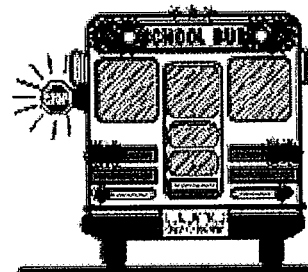


Trail Walk Saturdays!

Join us the 4th Saturday of each month to walk our new Village trail together.

We will meet at the Village Office at 9am.
Our next walk will be this Saturday,
August 27th!

First day of classes for Byron-Bergen is
Wednesday, September 7th!



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SCHOOL BUS
WARNING
SYSTEMS!**

**PROTECT
OUR
CHILDREN!**

If red lights are flashing, **STOP!**
They show that children are getting on or off the bus and may be crossing the street.