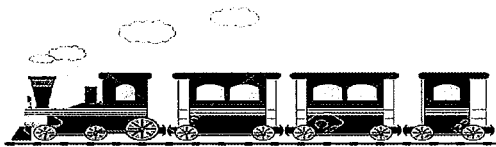




Mayor's Message



The R.E.D. Express is coming to Byron- Bergen (Read Every Day)

As a retired teacher, mom, and now grandmother, the importance of sharing a book with a child has always been a priority of mine.

The gift of a book can open a child's world, spark their sense of wonder, encourage their imagination, and make their eyes sparkle as we sit with them to experience a book together.

The R.E.D. Express has arrived in Byron-Bergen bringing with it the *Imagination Library*; a program that will provide all children of the Byron-Bergen School District from birth to age 5 with a free book mailed directly to their home every month. The goal is to excite children about books and for them to feel the magic books can create. Parent guides are included with each book. This program has delivered 36,268 books to children in Genesee County thus far; let's bring them to the children of Byron-Bergen.

Brian Meister – Principal Byron-Bergen Elementary School, Nancy Bailey – Librarian Byron Bergen Public Library, Donna Gerrard – Byron resident, and I are working with the Richter Family Foundation to make this program possible for our youngest learners.

Parents please register your children by completing forms available at the Town of Bergen office, Town of Byron office, Village of Bergen office, Byron Bergen Public Library, and the Bergen School of the Arts. Any questions, please contact me.

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay

From the Desk of the Village Historian



Who was W. Monroe Sage?

He was the first mayor of Bergen Village in 1877. He had the first sidewalks installed in the village and saw that 4 street lamps were erected at the corner of Lake Ave. and Rochester St. He was held in high regard in the operation of the village.

He attended Oberlin College and through his music school at his home in Bergen influenced several Bergenites to attend Oberlin. One was my great aunt Elizabeth Wilcox, who died in 1929 before her graduation.

He married Frances Doolittle, daughter of James in 1863 and inherited 19 S. Lake Ave. after her parent's death. He called the house "The Palms" and that name is noted on maps of the times.

Warren Monroe Sage died March 9, 1910 and is buried in the Doolittle plot in Mt. Rest Cemetery at the top of the hill. There is a small display in the corner window of the village office that illustrates many more facts about W. Monroe Sage. Please stop and read some of the proud history of our village. The windows are filled with other stories of our village and artifacts, as well.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

First Annual ChuckFest held at the Bergen Disc Golf course on July 16; 27 participants played 18 holes of disc golf where a playoff was needed to break a second place tie. Congratulations to everyone!!

Amateur Division:
 1st Place-Jim Shannon
 2nd Place-Jon Lougheed
 3rd Place-Justin Foltz

Youth Division:
 1st Place-Ben Best
 2nd Place-Connor Gale

Professional Division:
 1st Place-Doug McIver
 2nd Place-Bob Honch
 3rd Place-Donald Locomba

Hole in One-Tim Campbell
Closest to the Pin-Kris Winter

We are now on Twitter!
 Follow us to receive timely information from the Village, also like us on Facebook and our notifications will appear in your newsfeed!
 Or email us at vob@villageofbergen.com to join our email list.



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 #BergenProud



A big thank you to Gary and his crew for all the work being done to improve our parks!!

New Basketball hoops and redesigned court
 Two pickleball courts Ping Pong Table
 New Picnic Tables in both pavilions
 New swing seats in the playground

Bergen Proud
 Community applause to Bergen School of the Arts for their "Beautify Bergen" week. The group helped clean the parks of litter and pulled weeds. Great Job!

Sheriff's Report
 July 16 – Pickup truck doing "burn outs" by back pavilion in Hickory Park, report filed.

Save the Date

Bergen Community Summer Concert of Hope
 Saturday, July 30th 6pm
 Bergen First Presbyterian Church
 38 South Lake Avenue

Join us for an evening of music of hope performed by members of the community. Young and old are welcome to attend. This is an outdoor event, please bring your own chair and all your little ones! Lemonade and treats to follow.
 Questions about attending or performing? Contact Jocelyn Rebisz, 494-6031



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, July 23rd!



2016 Jenny Kuzma Memorial 5k
 Bergen Road Race
 Saturday, August 13th 8:30am

Registration by July 24th \$20
 Between July 25th and August 11th \$25
 August 12th \$30
 Day of \$35

www.bergen5k.com

Summer Recreation Program

July 18th through August 12th
 1pm to 4pm
 Monday through Friday



Registration forms are available in the office or on the Village website.

Free Program! Come once or come everyday!