



**July
2017**



Mayor's Message

July in the Village of Bergen.....

Congratulations to Bergen Meadows Apartments celebrating 25 years in our community!!!

The 2nd Annual Chuckfest (3rd tournament) held in Hartland Park July 15 was a huge success with 28 participants. At the pro level, first place went to Steven Early, 2nd Doug McIver, 3rd Jerry Menzie, Jr. First prize amateur went to Anselmi Auno, an exchange student from Finland. Thank you to the Park Committee!!!

Fruits and vegetables, baked goods, jewelry, food truck items are carried out by the many shoppers at Thursday night Farmers Market (in spite of rain that seems to be here that day of the week). This has certainly become a community time to spend with neighbors!

Electric and road work are being done throughout the Hartland development this month; underground electric conduits are being filled with a foam type material that will protect wires from damage for the next 30 years, drainage basins have been repaired, and the roads will be milled down and resurfaced. Letters have been distributed to residents impacted by this work as to dates.

Your electric bills will look a little different this month; they have been updated and formatted to make them more user friendly.

Summer rec program has finished its first week. If you haven't signed up yet, it's not too late!! All are welcome. I am continuing to work on the Main Street Grant application (due July 28th). Five building owners in the downtown district have committed to participating in the restoration project. Efforts to bring businesses to the village, and to support property owners in renovating their buildings and rental areas, are an ongoing process.

The success of the START UP Genesee Entrepreneurial Walking Tour on June 22nd was definitely a Bergen Proud event! Thirty five participants looked at successful downtown business operations, toured existing space for sale and lease, our recreational trail, and ended with the Bergen Community Farmer's Market.

We have a lot to be proud of in our village, and folks are noticing. They want to be part of what's happening here.

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay

From the Desk of the Village Historian



The Old Rochester to Buffalo Road

Denny Miller, a village resident, recently asked me if I remembered the "Old Rochester to Buffalo Rd." Yes, that was its name! Starting at the Rose Garden and going South-West the road is original. The Buffalo to Rochester Rd. then turned onto Park View Drive and then left on Route 19 and continued South. At the now corners of 33 and 19 the road turned to the right, at a greater angle. If one looks closely South-West, one still can see, for an instant, what remains of the Rochester to Buffalo Road with the same concrete slabs of old. Trees still line the road. As one travels on the new Buffalo Rd West, one can observe those trees just to the South. It joins the new road near 7966 Clinton St Road, also know as Buffalo Road to the new road. Our guess is the change to its current route took place in the 1940's. The 490 expressway was completed in 1968.

VILLAGE INFORMATION



Brush Pickup Reminder!

Our brush and leaves pick-up is on the **2nd and 4th Monday** of each month. Please keep branches and logs to no more than 4 foot lengths. **All leaves, grass clippings, etc. must be placed in a paper bag!** Please try to keep piles a good distance from the trees and utility poles to aid in pick up with the loader.

#BergenProud

Congratulations to Bergen Meadows on the 25th anniversary of their senior living facility.

Your Electric Bill Has A New Look!

- The electric bill has been reformatted. We are also currently working to update the sewer bill format as well as the electric and sewer e-bill formats.
- They are now printed on plain yellow paper as this will ensure a cost savings without having to purchase preprinted forms.
- Hopefully you find them more straightforward and user friendly.
- As always you can pay your bill at the office with cash, check, or credit/debit card, online with your credit/debit card, or sign up to have your bill paid from your bank account through our office.

Save the Date



The Byron-Bergen Public Library is pleased to announce that its annual fundraising event

Barley & Books

will be held

Saturday, September 9th

During the past six years, these events raised over \$50,000 for much-needed updates to the Library's facilities and technology, as well as provide additional programming for our community.



Anti-Rabies Clinic

Dog, Cat and Ferret vaccinations are free to Genesee County residents. A \$5 voluntary donation per pet is requested to offset expenses. Non-County residents must pay a mandatory \$5 fee for each pet immunized. Each animal must be accompanied by someone who can control it.
August 17, 2017 Genesee County Fairgrounds
5031 East Main Street, Batavia 4-7pm

NEW TO BERGEN!



Bergen Community Farmers Market

Thursdays, June 15 through October 12,
4-7 pm

Hickory Park, front pavilion area

Local produce, meat products, eggs,
crafts, and entertainment

Sponsored by BBCA, Village of Bergen, Town of Bergen



2017 Jenny Kuzma Memorial 5k Bergen Road Race

Saturday, August 12th 8:30am

Registration by July 29th \$20

www.bergen5k.com



Summer Recreation Program

July 17th through August 11th
1pm to 4pm

Monday through Friday
Registration forms are available
in the office.