



February 2016



We have heard that the military personnel coming back to the base from Germany, Iraq, and Afghanistan don't have blankets and pillows with them when they get there and the base runs out of the very few they have so fast. The Village will be collecting any donated blankets and pillows for them at our office until March 31st at which time we will package them up to be sent out.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee and LaBella Associates have completed the first draft of the Plan update. The Town & Village Boards will discuss it at their joint meeting on March 22nd. The committee will incorporate their feedback into the Plan and prepare a second draft. The second draft will be made available to the public on both the Village (villageofbergen.com) and Town (bergenny.org) websites as well as printed copies at the Village and Town Halls and the Public Library.

There will be a Public Information Meeting on Thursday April 21st at 7:30 PM at the Bergen Methodist Church, 27 South Lake Avenue. At this time, we hope to gather public comments on the updated Plan. These comments will be considered in the creation of the final version of the Plan. This version will then be submitted to the Town and Village Boards for adoption.



The committee would like to thank all who have participated in the process, your input has been invaluable.



We wanted to bring attention to some scams that have been cropping up in the areas around us in recent months. There have been people attempting to sell things door-to-door that have made the news for their unsavory dealings. Please be aware that peddlers in the Village MUST register at the Village Office. If you have questions or concerns, please give us a call immediately. In addition, there have been some residents who have received calls from alleged scammers claiming to be IRS or US Treasury Office employees and asking for money. We wanted to warn our residents that the IRS does not communicate by telephone and if you receive a call like this to hang up. These fraudulent scams can also be reported at the www.tax.ny.gov website.

From the Desk of the Village Historian

Village Historian to begin a series of writings.

Ray MacConnell will begin a short series of writings on different characters and situations from the Village in the issues to come. Some of whom he experienced growing-up and those from the archives. Tales will be told, as reported, in actual writings and in folklore. Be prepared to enjoy stories from the past!

VILLAGE INFORMATION

Meeting Information

Board of Trustees
Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, unless otherwise noted

Planning Board
Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, as needed



We are currently looking for:

**Planning Board Alternate
Zoning Board Member
and two Alternates**

Please contact the Village office if you are interested.

Sewer Account Holders

Important Message

Just a reminder that sewer arrears must be paid by **April 29th** to avoid being sent to Genesee County to be put on the Village Taxes.

If you are unsure of your balance, please don't hesitate to contact our office, we would be happy to assist you.

Village Board of Trustees Election

March 15th Noon to 9pm

Village Hall Boardroom

Up for election this year are two trustee positions who serve a four year term.

To receive timely information from the Village, like us on Facebook and our notifications will appear in your newsfeed!



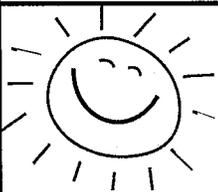
Or email us at vob@villageofbergen.com to join our email list.

Save the Date

Community Action Day - May 14th

Calling all volunteers! We need your help to make our annual Community Action Day a success.

All volunteers will meet in Hickory Park at 9:30 am. Please contact the Village office at 494-1513 if you would like to volunteer. We will have more information to pass along on this great community activity day.



Our Summer Recreation Program is coming back July 18th through August 12th! Registration forms are available in the office.

We are also looking for junior counselors ages 14 to 18. If you are interested please contact us at 494-1513.

Spring Walk April 23rd.
Look for more information coming soon!



Our Community Garden will be back for another successful growing season!

It has been moved to the corner of Church and Hunter Streets this year. We have a limited number of 4' x 10' plots available. The plots are filled with soil and compost. There is also water available at the site. Last season our gardeners yielded over 70 pounds of purple potatoes, more than enough cucumbers to can 36 quarts of pickles, beets, peas, beans, watermelons, and more! An abundance of vegetables enough to be shared with other gardeners! All organic and homegrown!! The cost is \$25 per plot. If you are interested, please complete the garden contract found on the Village's website by April 29th. Checks can be made out to Friends of Bergen.