



March 2016

The office will be closed
Friday, March 25th
in observance of Good Friday

Mayor's Message

Landfill Concerns?

Representatives from Waste Management will be at the April 27th Village Board Meeting to discuss expansion updates and address resident concerns. Please plan to attend.

Village/Town Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan Committee has submitted the draft of the plan to the village and town board members for comment. A public meeting will be held April 21st at 7:30pm at the Bergen Methodist Church. This will be an opportunity to discuss the proposed draft plan with the committee as a community before the plan is presented for public hearing and acceptance vote. Copies of the draft will be available to review on the village and town websites, a copy in the village and town halls, and in the library.

CONGRATULATIONS to Vickie Almquist and Bob Fedele on their election to the Village Board of Trustees!!!

Thank you for your willingness to serve our community!!

Thank you to Paul Cooper for his 12 years of service on the Board of Trustees!! Paul has served as trustee for 10 years and as deputy mayor for 2 years during his three terms in office. He has served our community with professionalism, attention to detail, and dedication to fiscal responsibility.

- Signs of Spring are definitely making their appearance in the village; there will be much activity as our DPW spruces up the parks for everyone to enjoy, and a calendar of events bringing everyone out to celebrate together. Please check the newsletter articles and the website for events and dates.
- The Village Board is working on the general, sewer, and electric budgets for the next fiscal year. Your input is always welcome and appreciated. I am pleased that the work we are doing will allow us to maintain the current tax rate through the next budget year.
- I have had the opportunity to work with a dedicated group of individuals that make up the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Norm Pawlak, Vickie Almquist (co-chairs), Kevin Donovan, Gary Fink, Dave Henry, Bill Woodruff, Felipe Oltramari (Genesee County Department of Planning), and Barb Johnson (Labella Associates PC). This group has spent over 2 years working together to prepare the draft document which will be presented to the community April 21st. Thank you for your hours of dedicated service to the Bergen Community.

Happy Easter!!!!

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay

From the Desk of the Village Historian



Nettie Townsend (1878-1968) - 24 Rochester Street

I remember Nettie sitting on her front porch during the summer as I mowed the grass. After finishing the lawn work I would be invited to sit on her porch and talk, and talk we did. She talked of her husband Milton (1861-1939) and her father-in-law who was a famous civil war surgeon, Dr. Morris W. Townsend. Milton was his adopted son from his brother. The doctor treated him as his own. They are all buried in the Mt. Rest Cemetery near the canon, at the top of the hill. Nettie would bake pies that were wonderful! At a Wilcox reunion she brought two cherry pies, one of which she placed in my lap and said "keep this for yourselves." My family was on the serving committee and would not get to eat until after all others were served, so this ensured a piece of her marvelous, flaky crusted pie. It was enjoyed by all on the committee.

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

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 cost is \$25 per plot. If you are interested, please complete the garden contract found on the Village's website by April 29th.

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.

Electronic Waste Collection

Assemblyman Steve Hawley is sponsoring a free electronics waste collection.

April 9th 9am-2pm
5130 East Main Road, Batavia
Parking lot next to National Grid

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.

Spring Walk April 23rd
Begins at 9am in front of the Village Hall.
Rain date April 24th



Brush Pick up Begins April 25th!



Our brush and leaves pick-up is on **the 2nd and 4th Monday** of each month. If Monday is a holiday, then pick-up will be on Tuesday.

Place the brush, loosely piled, putting small, tangled brush in a separate pile so we can pick it up with a loader and transport it. Place large logs in a separate pile in 4 ft. lengths. (Please remember we are a brush pick-up service not a tree removal service)

All leaves, grass clippings, etc. can be raked into the area between the sidewalk and road. They no longer need to be placed in a paper bag! We will not pick up debris in plastic bags for biodegradable reasons.