



Mayor's Message

Spring weather has certainly brought extra clean-up to our parks and yards; thank you to everyone bringing brush out properly so that our crew can pick up efficiently. Brush pick up twice monthly on Mondays will officially begin April 24th.

Community Action Day this year, which includes our Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony, will be held on May 18th, starting at 9am. Over 60 seventh graders from Byron-Bergen will be joining our village staff in the ceremony, planting flower boxes and village flower garden, and over-all clean-up. Please join us at Hickory Park.

A new weekly event in the village will take place Thursdays from 4-7pm in Hickory Park starting June 15th. The Bergen Community Farmers Market will bring area vendors.

Spring also brings work on the village budgets; general, sewer, and electric budgets for the fiscal year 2017-2018 will go into effect June 1st. The Village Board has been reviewing numbers and updating projects for several weeks to be sure dollars are used most efficiently. There are a few changes impacting the budget; Mark Boylan of Boylan Law Office LLC has been appointed village attorney, there have been employee salary changes and we will not be hiring temporary DPW help. Several major projects will be completed and will not carry over to the new budgets. We are holding the tax rate steady, but are keeping a close eye on the property tax allocations for the village. A public hearing on the 2017-2018 budgets will take place in the board room at 6pm on April 26th.

The village hosted a brief visit from Senator Chuck Schumer Wednesday, April 19th; he was here to discuss railroad safety concerns, legislation he is sponsoring to prevent railroad incidents that endanger communities in close proximity to rails, and the issue of milk sales to Canada.

It is great to see folks out walking, enjoying the exercise equipment in Hickory Park, little ones on the playground, the disc golf course busy....enjoying the outdoors.

Have a great spring!!

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay

From the Desk of the Village Historian



Great Aunts Anna Bower and Helen Rogers

My maternal grandmother (Martha) was one of 4 sisters; Lillian Abel, Helen Rogers, Martha Wilcox and Anna Bower. I adored my grandma who died in 1958, but her sister Anna was also a wonderful giving person in her quiet, gentle way. Helen and Lillian lived at 22 S. Lake Avenue until the death of Lillian in 1952. Helen could not continue living alone financially so she went to live with Anna, at 71 S. Lake Avenue. Both ladies had very little and would share a tea bag for a week. Their meals were scant, a few crackers and jelly made the meal. Helen gave up the library in her home, Bergen's first, in 1948.

Aunt Anna always had a smile and nice things to say about others. She was a wonderful baker and cook and could make a great dinner out of little. Her brother CA Rogers, when visiting from Florida, would stock her food shelves before he returned to Florida. The breads and Parkerhouse rolls, made from scratch were her forte. When visited by her son's children Anna always had fresh cookies and lemonade for them. Her husband, Charlie, had been a wallpaper hanger, as he aged he lived the life of a hermit in a workshop between the house and garage. Anna would take his meals to him. He passed in 1951.

Anna was an excellent seamstress. She confided with my mother that both sisters needed new hats to wear to church. There was no money to purchase hats from a store. Anna made them out of old cloth she had saved. As the 2 ladies took their seats in church the next Sunday, they sat in the next pew in front of us. Mom leaned forward and whispered how lovely their hats looked. I, as a kid, chimed in and whispered into my aunts ears, "Yes, very pretty"! They smiled and resumed their meditation before the service. Helen passed away and left Anna alone in the house. Eating got lighter and soon her mind began to wander. Anna passed with the grace in which she had lived in 1965.

VILLAGE NEWS

Important Sewer Account Message

Just a reminder that sewer arrears must be paid by **April 30th** 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.

Time to reserve your garden plot for the 2017 growing season. Please call the village office at 494-1513 to reserve your 4 X 10 ft space. There is a onetime \$25 fee for new gardeners.

The Village Park Committee has received a Grant from Miracle Grow for our Community Garden.



Brush Pick up Begins April 24th!



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. must be placed in a paper bag! We will not pick up debris in plastic bags for biodegradable reasons.



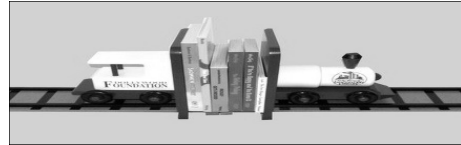
The office will be closed Monday, May 29th for the Memorial Day Holiday

Looking for a way to get involved in your community?

The Park Committee/Tree Board is looking for new members!

Meetings are the 1st Wednesday evening of the month

Contact Mayor Barclay for more information at ambarclay@villageofbergen.com



Byron-Bergen Imagination Library Approaching First Anniversary

We continue to partner with the Richter Family Foundation to make this program possible. We need your help!! Ninety eight children in the Byron Bergen School District have, and are, receiving monthly books though the generous donation of community businesses, organizations, and individuals. Won't you consider donating to this worthwhile program to ensure these children and others, your children, your grandchildren, have the opportunity to participate in this reading program? A \$25 donation supports one child's books and postage for one year; any size donation is appreciated. This program is solely funded through our community donations, and 100% of your tax deductible donations fund our program only.

Checks may be made payable to:
The Richter Family Foundation
(Byron-Bergen on memo line)
1600 Ham Road
Basom, NY 14013

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Electronic Waste Collection

Assemblyman Joe Robach is sponsoring a free electronics waste collection.

June 4th, 2017

9:30am to 1:30pm

Eco Park

10 Avion Drive (off Paul Road), Rochester



The New York State Department of Transportation has developed a project to resurface I-490 between the New York State Thruway and Exit 2 (Route 33A), in the towns of LeRoy, Bergen, Riga and Chili, in Genesee and Monroe Counties. The project includes additional work between Exit 2 (Route 33A) and Exit 4 (Route 259).

Work on the project is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2017 and be completed by late fall of 2017. The roadway will remain open during construction maintaining at least one lane of traffic at all times in each direction.

The project will rejuvenate the top layer of existing pavement and place a new asphalt driving surface over the driving lanes and shoulders from the NYS Thruway to Exit 2. All ramps will be resurfaced as well. This will restore 3.4 miles of pavement. It will also surface treat (seal) the shoulders only between Exit 2 and Exit 4.

The project includes removal of the abandoned highway lighting system at Exit 3. It also includes rehabilitation of two large culverts east of Attridge Road. It includes new pavement markings, replacement of overhead signs and guide rail as needed.

This segment of highway carries just under 16,000 vehicles per day. The highway is in fair condition but this project will prevent further deterioration of the pavement and provide an adequate riding surface for the next 8-10 years.

It sounds like a long, robust project! Please have patience and obey the road work traffic laws. Remember the workers are someone's sons and daughters and some are moms and dads too!

Planning a project that requires digging?

Dial 811

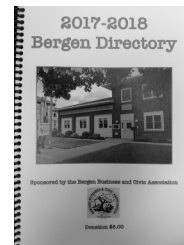
for the Dig Safely
hotline!



Help Wanted!



We are currently looking for an alternate member to serve on our Planning Board. Training is provided!



The new 2017-2018
Bergen Directories are
now available!

Copies may be purchased
Bergen Town Hall
James Sullivan Agency
Ralph & Rosie's
Rose Garden Bowl
Carol's Coiffures
Gillam-Grant Commu-
nity Center
Bergen C-Store
Village of Bergen

Have you heard about the new website and phone app that can connect you with all your neighbors?

Nextdoor.com is the private social network for you, your neighbors and your community.

People are using Nextdoor to:

- Quickly get the word out about a break-in
- Organize a Neighborhood Watch Group
- Track down a trustworthy babysitter
- Find out who does the best paint job in town
- Ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost dog
- Find a new home for an outgrown bike
- Finally call that nice man down the street by his first name



Save the Date

Village of Bergen 's Annual Bulk Pickup Day May 6th

Items should be placed at the curb no later than 6:00am

- Acceptable items must weigh 60 lbs. or less
- Paint needs to be dry in Paint Cans
- Loose items should be in containers or bundled together, making them no longer than 4'
- We will pick up appliances that do not contain Freon.
- 20 yd. roll off boxes staged and manned at the village DPW from 6:30 – 2:30 for residents to bring, Tires, Concrete, Metal, Loose items that are not in a container or bundled, Heavy items including stone, bricks etc.

***Unacceptable waste:** Any Hazardous waste as defined by NYSDEC – asbestos, electronics, batteries, oil, 55-gallon drums, medical waste, suspicious waste, yard waste, and *any waste not generated in the village.*



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 BBKA, Village of Bergen, Town of Bergen

Fourth Annual!
Saturday, May 20th
9am-3pm

Forms available at
the Village Office or
on the website.
Deadline for the
map is May 12th.



Summer Recreation Program

July 17th through August 11th
1pm to 4pm
Monday through Friday
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.



The 2nd Annual Chuckfest Disc Golf Tournament

Saturday, July 15th
in Hartland Park

The tournament is open to all skill levels.
Player Packs for all participants and prizes awarded to
top players.

Bergen Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 29th
9:30am

Please come out and honor our fallen heroes!



The 28th Annual Bergen Park Festival June 10th

Volunteers Needed! Please call the Village office!

Friday afternoon/evening setup
Saturday assisting with the games and at the
Main Tent, help with the chicken barbecue, and
evening tear down.

Sunday 7:30am cleanup of the park.