



**March
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Mayor's Message

Winter has certainly let it be known that it is not ready to loosen its grip on the Village of Bergen, but our wonderful employees have prepared the village for what the weather handed us. We appreciate all they do to keep us safe, to clean the village clear of snow and debris, and to answer questions and concerns.

The last newsletter gave an overview of our electric department, this time the focus is on the accomplishments of our DPW over the past year.

Village DPW

Gary Zawodzinski – DPW Supervisor

Bruce Partridge – Water Treatment Plant Operator

Chris Fay – Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, MEO

Kirk Roberts – Laborer

Our parks and trails get a lot of use throughout the year, and our DPW maintains and enhances them. This year the baseball diamonds in Hickory Park were upgraded (the sod repurposed in Hartland Park) and backstops installed, new swings and slide installed, new basketball backboards and pickleball nets were added to the former tennis court area along with new surfacing and court markings. The park pavilions have new picnic tables which were assembled by the DPW.

The Carpenter Park fountain is now flowing! Work was done to repair the fountain, and a walled in moat was built at its base.

Preparation and clean-up for Community Action Day, Park Festival, Disc Golf Tournament, 5K Race, Tree Lighting, and other village events all happens through the DPW.

After windstorms, spring and fall clean-up, the crew pick up debris to be moved to the WWTP area. Potholes have been repaired this year (major roadwork is planned for 2017), portions of sidewalk replaced, new signage installed throughout the village, outside painting of the Tulley Building, GPS loca-

tions of septic tanks, trails, and village assets have been added to the Genesee County mapping system. Verizon has been added to the cell tower, the tower has been fenced in, and the concrete building located at that site has been donated to the village and moved to the Quonset site.

Two major building projects have taken place this year; a 20 ft X 50 ft heated pole barn has been constructed at the WWTP site (a DEC grant has been applied for to help fund this project), and the renovation and restoration of the old water building adjacent to Hartland Park (we received \$100,000 assistance for the project through Sen. Ranzenhofer's office) is coming to completion. The linemen work on these projects as well.

Our Waste Water Treatment Plant has undergone an extensive upgrade this year. Along with the construction of the pole barn, required phosphorus treatment equipment has been installed, an Aluminum Chlorohydrate (ACH) pump has been moved to the screen room, the new auto sampler has been installed, the new Ph pump, controller and meter installed.

A rotary press will be installed for dewatering the treatment sludge, eliminating the need and cost of transporting the material out and paying for processing. The solids will be composted as part of our new composting operation.

Daily testing and reporting to the DEC at the WWTP is accomplished, septic tanks were pumped according to schedule, septic tanks and sanitary sewers were mapped, and training for the upgraded system is ongoing.

We have received grants, and have completed studies with those funds on our village drainage system.

It has been a very busy year; a great deal has been accomplished as we work to improve and enhance the quality of life in our village. Thank you to everyone.

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay

From the Desk of the Village Historian

The Village of Bergen is situated in the eastern part of the town. The village in the early days was where Route 262 (Townline Road) meets Route 19. It was first called Buell's Corners, then Bergen Corners. When a settlement developed near the new railroad, the settlement on the hill was sometimes called High Bergen and the new settlement was called Low Bergen, or Cork after the Irishmen who built the railroad or Wardville after Martin Ward and family who bought the land by the railroad and laid out the village. The area to the South was a busy four corners, with stores and taverns, houses, a school and the Congregational Church. Buffalo Road was the main road from Rochester to Buffalo.

The Village of Bergen was incorporated on April 3, 1877. The village's first mayor or president was W. Monroe Sage.

This information was taken from the booklet "175th Anniversary, Town of Bergen, 1813-1988 by Tally Almquist, Wanda MacVean and Sharon Pocock.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

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

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.

#BergenProud

Chris Fay for achieving his Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification from the NYSDEC/NYWEA. Congratulations Chris!

Bergen Electric – Joe Chimino, Nick Booher, Matt Sluberski for maintaining our system during the two recent storms (and every day), and for the assistance they provided to Churchville, Spencerport, and RGE during their power outages.



The office will be closed Friday, April 14th.

Save the Date



Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 8th
1pm
Hickory Park

Please check for recycling bins in your neighborhood, and return them to the village office. Many bins were "lost" during the wind storm and have not been located. The village had to purchase 30 replacement bins at a cost of \$10 each. Any that we can get returned to their owners would be greatly appreciated.



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.

Volunteers needed for a Senior Home Visitation Program in Genesee County. Aging in Place is looking for individuals, ages 21 and older, to visit homebound or socially isolated adults.

Please contact Linda Chadderdon, BSW at 343-0614 for further information.



Imagination Library

We now have 93 children receiving monthly books through the program. Imagination Train bookends are available from the committee (494-1979).

