



**May
2017**



Mayor's Message

Our village is full of activity these days! Yard clean-up, plantings, park activity, outdoor exercise, yard sales, disc golf, and home improvements are part of our community spring happenings.

It was a pleasure to host the Byron-Bergen Class of 2022 (7th graders), their teachers, principal Pat McGee, and Tom Williamson, American Legion Post Commander on May 18th. They took part in the annual Arbor Day ceremony helping to plant two trees along the Parkview entrance to Hickory Park (a weeping plum and apple), then separated into groups to plant the Memorial Garden with Tom Williamson, fill the white box planters placed on village sidewalks, and planters for Carpenter and Ward Parks, plant and mulch Zuber Park and the garden in the municipal parking lot, and plant under village signs. The class was then taken for a tour of the upgraded Waste Water Treatment Plant and the new composting facility. After that were games in the park and a pizza lunch. We are proud of their community service efforts, the work will be enjoyed by residents and visitors from now through fall, and the trees for years to come. Thank you Class of 2022!!!!

The DPW and linemen have been picking up brush, setting up the community garden (18 plots are planted), preparing for roadwork, repairing plumbing to the park restrooms, setting poles and stringing wire over the past few weeks. The new screw press and composting facility are up and running at the WWTP. Our office staff is working on completing end of fiscal year reports. I have been working with the Park Committee, Park Festival Committee, and Farmers Market Committee to bring events and activities to the village this summer. We are invested in planning opportunities for community involvement. Please check the newsletter for upcoming events and join in as often as you can.

For those of you considering home improvements this year; be sure to review the Village of Bergen Exemption for Capital Improvements to Residential Buildings resolution found on the village website, or call the office for information.

The Village Board extends an open invitation to everyone to attend board meetings which take place the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, 7 pm, village board room. Copies of board minutes are on the village website, a copy can be emailed to you upon request.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Enjoy the warm weather!

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay

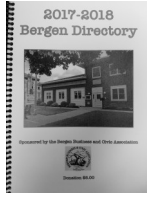
From the Desk of the Village Historian

Follow-up to Aunt Anna Bower's story, Charlie Bower wallpaperer

People actually are reading my articles! I am delighted! Chris Barons, who resides at 24 Clinton Ave. called asking about Charlie Bower mentioned in my story of May 2017. It seems that Chris is redecorating the upstairs walls of his home. Under the old wallpaper he found the writings of the Gib Ide family dated Feb. 10, 1935. He also found the writing of C.M. Bower on the wall. It said "Papered by C.M. Bower Feb. 12, 1935." Uncle Charlie died in 1951 at the age of 76 years. He was 60 when he did the wallpapering at the Ide's home. He was Anna Bower's husband. They lived at 71 S. Lake Ave. I remember him in a rocking chair in his shop. He became a recluse in later years and lived in his shop. I knew he was a wallpaperer and painter. He wheeled his cart around the village from project to project. His ladders and pails were attached to the cart.

The house at 24 Clinton Ave. was built by the A.S.Fisher's (Fisher's Drug Store, but found to have not enough closet space by Mrs. Fisher, so they built a larger house on Lake Ave.) in the late 1800's. Then 24 Clinton Ave. was occupied by the C. Edgerton's (owners of the Edgerton hardware in the Tulley building), later the Ide's (Doris Edgerton Ide was Gib's wife and he was a Curtis -Burns Canning Factory executive), and finally occupied by the Barons family for the last 70 years. What history and stories our old homes hold!

VILLAGE INFORMATION



The new 2017-2018 Bergen Directories are now available!
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Bergen Town Hall
James Sullivan Agency
Ralph & Rosie's
Rose Garden Bowl
Carol's Coiffures
Gillam-Grant
Community Center
Bergen C-Store
Village of Bergen

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Class of 2022
For their hours of Community Service in the village on May 18th



Bergen Energy Efficiency Program (BEEP)

The program's goal is to assist residents and businesses in making energy efficient upgrades that reduce energy consumption, save money, and benefit the environment. For more information, call the office or visit www.villageofbergen.com for a list of available rebates.



Refuse Service will be delayed one day. Pickup will be on Thursday, June 1st due to the Memorial Day Holiday.



The office will be closed Monday, May 29th in honor of Memorial Day.

Save the Date

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



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

The 28th Annual Bergen Park Festival June 10th

Car Show, Vendors, and Family Fun starts at 11am
Parade down Main Street at Noon
Bergen's Got Talent 3pm
Chicken Barbecue 4pm
Live Music 4pm to 10pm
Fireworks 10pm



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 awards to top players.



Summer Recreation Program

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

Registration forms are available in the office.

Bergen Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 29th
9:30am

Please come out and honor our fallen heroes!

