



Mayor's Message

Summer weather is holding on a bit longer, but the fall season is definitely in the air!

Congratulations to our Deputy Clerk, Barb Zinter, on receiving the MEUA D.B.H. Dalrymple Community Service Award at their annual meeting. We are Bergen Proud of her and all she does for our community.

Cortney Gale, Barb Zinter, Vickie Almquist (trustee), and I had the opportunity to attend the New York Conference of Mayors fall training school for city and village officials from September 12 – 15. We attended a variety of innovative training sessions specializing in municipal law, government operations, and local finance issues and left with a great deal of valuable and useful information.

Upgrade work on our Waste Water Treatment Plant has been a focus of the DPW; improvements, the majority of which have been paid for with grant funding, include the installation of a calcium carbonate system, phosphorus removal system, a UV disinfectant system, screw press, and composting system to eliminate the need to transport solids to the landfill. A pole barn is being constructed on the site.

Other summer projects are finishing up around the village; our electricians and DPW staff have done an amazing job!

Fall clean-up around the village has begun, further information will be online concerning leaf and brush pick-up.

We have been very fortunate to receive funding for an "All Season Pavilion" through support from Senator Ranzenhofer; the former water building adjacent to Hartland Park will be re-purposed to the Sage Pavilion (named for Bergen's first mayor). Work will start in the next few weeks.

The joint meeting of the village and town boards will take place at the village hall on September 28th at 6:30pm; this is a great opportunity to hear updates from community supports including the fire department, sheriff, county legislature, EMS, and others. We invite you to attend.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay

From the Desk of the Village Historian



Thomas R. Galliford, carpenter 1912-1993

Tommy, as he was known in town, was a small man in stature, but a very strong and happy man. He enjoyed his work and he was good at doing it. He was a carpenter, a very good carpenter.

My parents had him add two dormer windows to our house in the early 50's. He also leveled our floors in the house years later. He then repaired the ceilings in the kitchen and dining room. Then, in a few years, he redid the family bathroom. He did all types of carpentry including roofing.

As a child of four or five years, I remember him working on the dormers, but what I remember most was his kindness to me, the bothersome kid who wanted to pick up wood shavings and small discarded pieces of wood to use for play. I made boats and airplanes out of his discarded material. He patiently told me I could stay around, but to be aware of my safety. He never degraded or snapped at me. I think, I would sit with him during his breaks. We talked.

He worked all over Bergen and Byron. My next door neighbor, Edna Corti, had him redo the entire interior of her home. The process took about three months. Tommy and his wife are buried in Mt. Rest Cemetery. His granddaughter, Ruth, remembers him with fond thoughts and much love.

VILLAGE INFORMATION



Payments for electric and sewer bills can now be made through our online portal FREE of charge! Go to our website at villageofbergen.com to sign up now!

Have questions or concerns about your refuse service? Please call the Village Office instead of Boon and Sons. This will help us keep track of any issues which comes in handy when we have to go out for bids on the contract in the future.



We are now on Twitter!

Follow us to receive timely information from the Village, also like us on Facebook and our notifications will appear in your newsfeed! Or email us at vob@villageofbergen.com to join our email list.



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Help Wanted!

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



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Due to the severe weather that passed through our area on September 17th, a few of our residents experienced a power outage. Power was restored within the hour! Thank you to our electric department for their quick response!

Save the Date



Our Village Tree Lighting will take place Friday, December 2nd. We will have 25 trees available for decorating. Please call our office today to reserve a tree for your organization!

Trail Walk Saturdays!



Join us the 4th Saturday of each month to walk our new Village trail together.

We will meet at the Village Office at 9am. Our next walk will be this Saturday, September 24th!

Meet the Candidates Night



Monday, October 17th 7pm

Byron-Bergen Library
Community Room

Anne Sapienza and Mark Anderson
are running for a seat on the Town Council and
Rob Swapceinski is running for Town Justice

Sponsored by the BBKA



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 the fall of 2017. The roadway will remain open during construction maintaining at least one lane of traffic at all times in each direction.