



September
2017



Mayor's Message

Last year at this time we were talking about the all season pavilion project we were starting thanks to the funding provided us through the support of Senator Ranzenhofer. The renovation and reuse of the former water building completes another goal put forth by our Parks Master Plan. On Thursday, September 28th, there will be an Open House from 4-7pm with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 4:30 to officially welcome everyone to the Sage Pavilion. Please join us for this community event. (Reservation forms are available for your celebrations in the pavilion.)

One aspect of the Town/Village Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2016 was to update village zoning laws according to recommendations in the plan. The Planning Board has submitted an updated Signs chapter to the village zoning document. This document will be available after board approval, and a public hearing will be held for village resident input. The hearing date will be advertized. The planning board worked long and hard to complete this document, and the work is greatly appreciated.

Seniors in the Bergen Community – October 28th has been set aside as Senior Recognition Day! Senior service organizations of Genesee County and local health and wellness services will be sharing their information with you, a brunch will be served in your honor, and entertainment will be provided. The event begins at 10am in the new Sage Pavilion. Please RSVP to join us by calling the village office at 494-1513 as soon as possible. We have limited seating for this event.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Farmers Market at Hickory Park (4-7pm Thursdays). If you have not yet attended, please stop by. The market continues through October 12.

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay

From the Desk of the Village Historian

W. Monroe Sage 1834-1910 - Bergen's First Mayor - to be honored

Bergen's first mayor of Bergen was called its president. On Thursday, September 28, 2017 from 4-7 pm the building will be dedicated in his name as Sage Pavilion. It is the old water plant located on the West side of South Lake Ave. across from Hickory Park. The building has undergone a complete renovation and provides rooms for family gatherings, parties, and even small weddings.

W. Monroe Sage first took office in 1877. He also served in 1878, 1902, 1903 and 1904. He lived with his wife, Frances, at 19 South Lake Ave. after acquiring the house from her father, James Doolittle, a prominent business man in the community. W. Monroe was also a talented musician. He ran a music school from his home calling it, "The Palms". He attended Oberlin College and sent many of his best music students to Oberlin from Bergen. My great aunt Elizabeth Wilcox was one of those students.

As mayor, he had wooden sidewalks installed in the village business district and placed lighting at the four corners of the business district. Many other improvements followed in the community.

His philosophy was, "As we journey through life, let us live by the way". He was buried in Mt. Rest Cemetery in the Doolittle plot, on the crest of the hill with his wife's family. He was a kind, gentle man who loved his community and the people in it.

VILLAGE 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

BBCA Candidate Forum

**Sage Pavilion
Monday, October 16th
7pm**

Candidates running for a seat on the Town Council :

**Mark Anderson
Ernest Haywood**

**Anne Sapienza
James Starowitz**



Help Wanted!

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

#BergenProud

Thank you to all the Village employees who worked so hard to get Sage Pavilion up and going!

Save the Date



Calling All Seniors!

Bergen Senior Recognition Day!!

A brunch to recognize Bergen's Seniors will be held on October 28th from 10am to noon at the Sage Pavilion adjacent to Hartland Park. Organizations providing services to seniors will be available with valuable information followed by a brunch and entertainment. Please call the village office (494-1513) or stop in to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

NEW TO BERGEN!



Bergen Community Farmers Market

Thursdays 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

Sage Pavilion Open House

Thursday, September 28th 4 to 7pm
Ribbon cutting at 4:30.

All are welcome!

