



**June
2017**



Mayor's Message

Fresh strawberries, vegetables, flowers, and jewelry were abundant at the opening of the Bergen Community Farmers Market on June 15th. Even the downpour we had didn't keep folks away, the market was well attended. This week, June 22, 4-7pm in Hickory Park, will have 9 vendors along with a food truck. Come on out to the market!!

Efforts to bring businesses to the village, and to support property owners in renovating their buildings and rental areas, are an ongoing process. We will once again apply for funding through the 2017 New York Main Street Program, part of the Consolidated Funding Opportunity. Property owners in the historic district have the opportunity to participate in the program which provides for 75% reimbursement of renovation costs. We are also hosting a START UP Genesee Entrepreneurial Walking Tour June 22 which will provide participants with a look at successful downtown business operations, tours of existing space for sale and lease, recreational trail tour and a stop at the Bergen Community Farmer's Market.

The village is being represented on the Governor's County Shared Services Panel for Genesee County; the panel includes the County Manager Jay Gsell, supervisors of each town, and the mayor of each city or village. The Panels will work to help develop, and ultimately approve a County-wide Shared Service Property Tax Savings Plan through intergovernmental cooperation to find new opportunities to share and coordinate services. Plans that create actual and demonstrable property tax savings may be eligible for a onetime match of the net savings resulting from new actions implemented pursuant to the plan. We will keep you updated on the progress of the panel.

Our summer recreation program begins July 17th; there will be a field trip, visiting programs, and many activities throughout the 4 weeks. Be sure to register your children for this free program supported by the Youth Bureau and the American Legion. Thank you for reading this far; stop in at the office and pick up a free light bulb.

A huge thank you to the BBKA Park Festival Committee for a very successful Park festival; the day could not have been more perfect for the parade, festival events, and fireworks.

Our walking trails are busy, disc golf players are on the course, the community gardens are planted and growing, work is continuing on the Sage Pavilion, volleyball season begins this week, grass is being mowed, flowers are blooming ... summer has arrived in the village.

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay

From the Desk of the Village Historian



How lucky we are to have a festival in our town and village. It was once a larger event involving the firemen. It was called the Fireman's Carnival. The carnival dates back to the early 1900's. I remember as a child the carnival ran for almost a week of events. Each night would feature something new. Saturday brought the parade. I remember the smells of the beer tent. I remember the bingo tent and its wonderful prizes. I won a blanket! I still have it! The smells of clams, hots and hamburgers, popcorn and cotton candy were wonderful. As a teen, 55 years ago I enjoyed the swings, my favorite ride. On a warm night one could ride through the air and believe one was flying. I enjoyed it! I did worry I might loose my shoes from time to time as we flew through the air. The Ferris Wheel was another favorite. Forty years ago my 2 nephews rode with their nana. Nana sat between the 2 boys with a smile on her face. She enjoyed each moment until Mike threw-up and Todd, the youngest, sat there holding onto the handle bar for dear life. His eyes were bugged out. The smile and enjoyment came to an abrupt end as the operator stopped the wheel so nana and the boys could exit.

Crowds still gather for the wonderful parade, music and the gathering of neighbors, who seldom see each other because of busy lives. Life for that day is concentrated at Hickory Park for family fun. Fireworks and a good chicken barbecue round-out the day's events.

This year the Byron-Bergen Public Library was honored and as one strolled the park, one could observe other groups participating in a form of advertising for their clubs or organizations. What a good way to become aware that Bergen is a part of our extended family. Live it and love it! I hope Park Day continues.

VILLAGE INFORMATION



Brush Pickup Reminder!

Our brush and leaves pick-up is on the **2nd and 4th Monday** of each month. Please keep branches and logs to no more than 4 foot lengths. **All leaves, grass clippings, etc. must be placed in a paper bag!** Please try to keep piles a good distance from the trees and utility poles to aid in pick up with the loader.

#BergenProud



Congratulations to all of our 2017 Byron-Bergen graduates!

Please do not put used tires out for pickup. We have no way to dispose of them. You can take them to the Town of Bergen transfer station for a small fee.



2017 Jenny Kuzma Memorial 5k
Bergen Road Race
Saturday, August 12th 8:30am

Registration by July 9th \$20

www.bergen5k.com



The office will be closed Tuesday, July 4th in celebration of Independence Day.

Save the Date



The Byron-Bergen Public Library is pleased to announce that its annual fundraising event

Barley & Books

will be held

Saturday, September 9th

During the past six years, these events raised over \$50,000 for much-needed updates to the Library's facilities and technology, as well as provide additional programming for our community.



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 BBBCA, Village of Bergen, Town of Bergen



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.

Anti-Rabies Clinic

Dog, Cat and Ferret vaccinations are free to Genesee County residents. A \$5 voluntary donation per pet is requested to offset expenses. Non-County residents must pay a mandatory \$5 fee for each pet immunized. Each animal must be accompanied by someone who can control it.

August 17, 2017 Genesee County Fairgrounds
5031 East Main Street, Batavia 4-7pm



Summer Recreation Program

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

Monday through Friday
Registration forms are available
in the office.