



**January  
2019**

## Mayor's Message

Our Community received great news as 2018 came to a close!!



### ***Main Street Grant***

After 12 years of applications, the Village of Bergen has been awarded the *Main Street Grant* which will assist in the renovation of mixed used properties in the Village's Lake Street Historic District!! What a great opportunity to assist in the restoration and renovation of our downtown buildings and encourage small businesses to move to our village. There is a lot of exciting work ahead!

### ***Sage Pavilion Recognition***

Our Sage Pavilion has been recognized as the *Rural Communities Project of the Year* by the American Public Works Association – Genesee Branch. The award recognizes projects that demonstrate creativity, ingenuity, and efficiency in the delivery of public works projects that have a profound impact of the community. The re-use of the old water building to an all season pavilion provides the community with a location for family and social events. **Bergen Proud!!**

*Mayor Anna Marie Barclay*

**Please be sure to read the "Special Notice" included with the newsletter.**

## From the Desk of the Village Historian, Ray MacConnell

### **A WALK THROUGH BERGEN, 1907-1919**

This account of his days in Bergen was written by Dr. Paul L. Carpenter, semi-retired minister of Newton, Kansas. It was written on August 18, 1962 to commemorate the Sesquicentennial celebration held in Bergen during the week of August 20 thru 25, 1962. It came from Eunice Ely who gave it to Mayor Barclay a few years ago.

The old two-story frame building on Rochester Street (prior to the fire), the school of LaFayette Clapp, where rumor had it that Prof. Clapp threw Charley Church down the stairs, or it might have been the other way around. But I do remember viewing Prof. Clapp's home after "the boys" had "plastered" it with ripe tomatoes.

The school was of Ethel Davy (Will Davy's sister), and Katie Kelly, and Florence Gillette (Heath), and Miss Siebold, and Prof. Cleland, and tall, curly-haired Prof. Higley.

I can still see Ethel Davy's delicately shaped and well manicured hand as she placed it over mine in teaching me writing exercises, and I can smell that unique perfume which she wore, potent enough to knock any man cold. One day Mert Miller (Tracy Miller's dad) and I decided we would have some fun with Ethel, so as she walked up-town on the north side of Rochester Street, we called "How's Willie Peck?" Needless to say we stayed at our desks in her room until 5 PM for two weeks thereafter.

This is a small part of a 21 page article as Paul recollected. He tours the entire village, house by house, and its stores. He highlights the deviltry created during his time in Bergen. He ends the story by saying wistfully, "They are all a part of that wonderful Village of Bergen with its maple-arched streets."



**Village Emergency  
Contact Numbers**  
Electric 353-0981  
Sewer 353-3659



### Thermal Infrared Imaging

Thermal infrared imaging has become a valuable tool in performing energy audits in residential and commercial applications. We are again offering a free **infrared assessment on your home**. The assessment, complete with color photos and helpful information show areas of heat loss, if you are interested please contact the Village Office before February 28th, 2019.

### Department of Public Works

In order for the sidewalk plow to get through the Village in a timely and efficient manner, please refrain from parking vehicles over the sidewalk areas.



Having just survived our first major “snow event” of the season, I would like to take a moment to thank the various residents who took the initiative and cleared out around the fire hydrants near their homes. We at the Village are running with fewer personnel, having citizens who care about the safety of themselves and their neighbors is a very big help to us. It’s small acts of civic mindedness such as this that make the Village of Bergen a lovely place to live. Thank you again.

Here’s to a great season!  
Your Plow Guy

### Please Clear Your FIRE HYDRANTS

Emergency Personnel  
Need Your Assistance

Please Shovel a 3 Foot Area  
Around All Fire Hydrants



## Save the Date



### Residential Refuse Collection Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day pickup will be Thursday, May 30th

Independence Day pickup is Wednesday, July 3rd

Labor Day pickup will be Thursday, September 5th

Thanksgiving pickup is Wednesday, November 27th

Christmas pickup will be Thursday, December 26th

New Years pickup will be Thursday, January 2nd

**Any holidays not listed above do not affect the collection schedule.**



We are already in the planning stages for this summer’s market!

Thursdays 4pm to 7pm  
July 11th through September 26th  
Hickory Park

If you or someone you know would be interested in being a vendor, having a fundraiser, or providing entertainment, please contact the Village Office at 494-1513

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### 2019 Summer Recreation Program

July 15th through August 9th  
Monday through Friday



The Village Office will be closed Monday, February 18th in honor of President’s Day,