



## Mayor's Message

With the harsh winter season ending, we welcome the onset of Spring! With this comes Easter and the annual BBCA Easter Egg Hunt for the children which is scheduled for Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. The activities begin at Noon with pictures with the Easter Bunny at the Sage Pavilion, followed by the short walk to Hickory Park at 12:45pm for the 1:00pm start of the Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks again to BBCA for again sponsoring this community event.

Village elections were held on March 18<sup>th</sup>. I would like to congratulate those elected and wish them the very best in the performance of their duties to the village residents. The village board of Trustees has tentatively approved the 2026-2027 General-Electric-Sewer budgets with a public hearing scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm for public comment and questions. I am pleased to again announce that there is no increase in the village tax for fiscal year 2026-2027. This public hearing will be held at the village office prior to the monthly scheduled meeting, which is always the second Wednesday of the month.

Paperwork has again been submitted to the DOT for the re-installation of an LED speed sign on Buffalo Road. We await the permit.

The electric substation project is ongoing. Site work is scheduled for late April to early May. We will need a system shutdown to necessitate the switching of lines from the old structure to our new structures. Plenty of advance notice will be given to all customers when the date is locked in between National Grid and the New York Power Authority who has to install new metering during the shutdown.

In closing, this is my last newsletter to you as the mayor as I did not seek another term. I would like to thank you for giving me the honor and privilege of being your mayor for the past four years. I owe so much thanks to the many residents, the village staff and all those serving on various committees, all working as a unit with a common goal of what is best for Bergen. Together we have made positive results for the village.

Lastly, I cannot thank the Bergen Fire Department members, past and present, enough for your service to this community. Until I sat in at your monthly meetings, I had no idea how deep the commitment goes and the sacrifices you all make in keeping our residents safe. You are truly the CROWN JEWEL of our community, and I sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart.

*Mayor Joseph M. Chimino*

Again, thank you all for the past four years and be safe and healthy!!!

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at [jchimino@villageofbergen.com](mailto:jchimino@villageofbergen.com) or (585)703-2875.

## From the Desk of the Village Historian, Vicky Truax

Pictured here are Carl W.E. Almquist and his family. We were not able to include it with the story last month.





### Village Emergency Contact Numbers

Electric 353-0981  
Sewer 353-3659



These numbers do not receive text messages

# Village Meetings

All meetings are open to the public

**Board of Trustees:** 6:30pm April 8th

**Planning Board:** 7pm April 15th

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** 7pm April 23rd

Agenda items must be submitted no later than ten days prior to the meeting

## Save the Date



### Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 29th

**Noon to 12:45pm**

Photos with the Easter Bunny  
Crafts and Snacks  
at Sage Pavilion

62 South Lake Avenue

**1pm** Easter Egg Hunt at Hickory Park

**Bergen**



Eat-In + Take-Out

**Pulled Pork  
Dinner & Basket  
Raffle**

Bergen Cub Scout Pack 31 will be hosting their annual Pulled Pork Dinner and Basket Raffle on 5/16/2026 at the Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church located at 38 S Lake Ave, Bergen, NY from 1pm – 5pm. Raffles to be drawn at 5pm.

Tickets are \$15 each and include freshly smoked pulled pork, macaroni and cheese, salt potatoes, coleslaw, roll, and drink. Pre-purchase your tickets from local scouts or by contacting the pack via email / phone / text at [bpack6031@yahoo.com](mailto:bpack6031@yahoo.com) or 585-502-8601.

Genesee County Office of the Aging  
Will be at the  
Village Hall  
11 North Lake Avenue  
April 9th  
9am to 4pm



### Brush Pickup Begins April 6th

Brush and paper bagged leaves will be picked up each Monday, weather permitting, and continuing into November



**Burn Ban In Effect**

## Reminder! Annual Burning Ban in effect until May 14<sup>th</sup>

All residential brush burning is prohibited in smaller communities during the state's historically high fire-risk period from **March 16 through May 14th.**



Bergen Evangelical Church  
38 South Lake Avenue  
Thursdays at 4pm

April 17, May 15, and June 26

This is an outdoor walk-through food distribution. Please bring a cart or wagon to gather your food.



### Office Closing

We will be closed  
Good Friday, April 3rd

Several factors enable wildfires to start easily and spread quickly at this time, including the lack of green vegetation, abundance of available fuels such as dry grass and leaves, warm temperatures and wind.