



May 2026

Mayor's Message

Hello to all our Village residents!

It finally feels like the weather is heading in the right direction, and I hope everyone's spring cleanup is going well. I'm looking forward to seeing our downtown planter boxes once again filled with beautiful flowers and plants as we welcome the warmer months ahead.

We are proud to have placed the Hometown Hero banners throughout the Village in partnership with the Triangle Club and the American Legion Sackett-Merrill-White Post 575. Several new banners were added this year, and it is truly an honor to recognize and celebrate the service and sacrifice of these individuals and their families.

We have many exciting events coming up in our community. Please join us for Park Days, which is always a great event for the entire family. We're also excited to kick off our Summer Concert Series in June with a fantastic lineup of local bands performing at the new pavilion in Hickory Park. In addition, the new pavilion will officially be dedicated to the Bergen Fire Department following the Park Festival Parade on June 13th in recognition of their years of dedicated service to our community.

As Memorial Day approaches, I encourage everyone to take a moment to remember and honor the men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Please remember that electronic devices will not be picked up during regular garbage collection. TVs, computers, batteries, and similar items must be properly recycled. Several recycling events are held throughout Genesee County for your convenience. We ask that residents please do not leave electronics along the roadside.

I hope everyone has a safe, warm, and enjoyable spring and summer season. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming community events!

Mayor Michael Fleming

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or comments that you have. mayor@villageofbergen.com or my cell at 585-745-0525. In addition, consider attending our Village Board meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30pm.

From the Desk of the Village Historian, Vicky Truax

Today's story highlights a longtime village business, "Chark's Glass." The building dates back to the early 1950s, when it originally operated as a gas station. A few years later, from 1958 to 1965, it became home to "Maretta's Doll Museum" before eventually transitioning into a glass shop.

In the mid-1970s, Robroy Charcolla purchased the property. Having worked for several different glass companies over the years, Robroy decided to start his own business. Before moving into the current location, the Charcolla family lived next door, in the house just south of the shop. Robroy originally operated his glass business out of his garage at home, but with plans to expand, he purchased the neighboring building — now known as Chark's Glass.

Before opening the shop, Robroy rented the space to the Village of Bergen, which used it to store supplies, vehicles, and equipment. In 1975, he officially opened the glass and mirror shop. The following year, in 1976, his son Robin took over the business after learning the trade from his father.

In the mid-1990s, Tim Downs rented the garage space on Buffalo Street, which is attached to the Chark's Glass building. There he operated TD Repair, offering car repairs, inspections, and other automotive services. Tim successfully ran his business for many years before retiring shortly before his passing in 2018.

For what seems like forever, Chark's Glass has been a staple of the village. After many years under the Charcolla family's leadership, the business has now been sold to David Levchuk. Dave is no stranger to the community, as he is a graduate of Byron-Bergen. His goal is to continue operating the business as usual, while possibly adding to its current services in the future. The name "Chark's Glass" will remain the same.

Be sure to stop in, welcome the new owner, and continue supporting our local businesses.



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 June 10th

Planning Board: 6:30pm June 17th

Zoning Board of Appeals: 7pm June 25th

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

Save the Date

Memorial Day Parade
Monday, May 25th at 9am



It will begin at Buffalo Street and Lake Avenue and proceed south on Lake Avenue to Hickory Park where there will be a ceremony to honor our fallen servicemen and women.



Office Closing

We will be closed
Memorial Day, May 25th

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, brush pickup will be delayed to Tuesday, May 26th, weather permitting.



Refuse Service will be delayed one day. Pickup will be on Wednesday, May 27th due to the Memorial Day Holiday.



2026 Summer Concert Series
Hickory Park 6:30pm-8:30pm

Wednesday, June 24th Genesee Ted

Thursday, July 9th Something Else

Wednesday, July 29th Trilogy

Wednesday, August 26th Cummings Family & Friends

2026 Summer Recreation Program

Hickory Park
June 29th through August 7th
Monday through Friday
10am to 1pm



Registration forms are available on the Village website or at the Village Office..

2026 Bergen Park Fest

Celebrating
AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY

NEW DAY AND TIME
Friday
JUNE 12TH

"STEELE THE COURT"
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
CHICKEN BBQ
LIVE MUSIC

Saturday
JUNE 13TH

PARADE KICK OFF AT NOON
CAR SHOW
FOOD VENDORS
CRAFT AND ART VENDORS
BOUNCE HOUSES
LIVE MUSIC
FIREWORKS
AND SO MUCH MORE!



Bergen Park Festival
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The Community Clothesline



OPEN HOUSE

12 Buffalo Street in the Village
June 6, 11 am - 5 pm

Meet the new neighbors! Come see what we are all about!

The Community Clothesline is a volunteer, not-for-profit that collects, sorts and distributes donated new and used clothing to organizations, individuals and families free of charge. Any unusable items are passed along to textile recyclers to reduce the amount from our community that goes into landfills.

Free pick-up and delivery!