



**November
2018**

Mayor's Message

Winter has arrived in the village; Hickory Park has been winterized, and snowplowing has begun. The village will soon be decorated for the holidays. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Tree Lighting on Dec. 3, and the introduction of the Ward Park gazebo (paid almost entirely with a park grant).

The project funded by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority grant has begun; the charging stations have been installed, the electric car ordered, and the conversion of village buildings to LED is underway. The equipment for this project is of no cost to the village tax payers, and will save the village over \$6000/year.

The Village Board has adopted an updated Animal Control Law, and a Village Sign Law, both are available at the village office, and will soon be available online.

On behalf of the Village Board and the entire village staff, we wish you a special celebration of Thanksgiving with family and friends

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.

- Melody Beattie

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay

From the Desk of the Village Historian, Ray MacConnell

PICTURES OF DAYS GONE BYE!

By Ray MacConnell, Village Historian

If you have seen some of the old photos of Bergen, you would have seen on the reverse side in very small print the name of E.R. Mann, photographer. Eaton Richmond Mann lived with his mother on Church Street, where his studio also was located, until about 1911. I believe he left Bergen about 1911 just after his mother's death. He then lived in Buffalo. He is buried in Mount Rest Cemetery with his mother. No date of death is on his stone, so that is in question. Richmond was born in 1874. His father was killed early on by a train. He took many pictures of high school teams, family group photos, and street scenes of Bergen.

He was an avid bike rider and could be seen with his camera on his back. He would travel many miles on his bike. The Buffalo News reported many of his long bike trips in the newspaper. He also was a composer of music and played the piano and often played for village parties. The sheet music included: "My Tallahassee Lassie," "On The Alert," and the "Dewey Two-Step."

The many post cards were sent to Germany to be printed, and most bear the mark, E.R. Mann, Bergen, N.Y. Printed in Germany.



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



Village Meetings

Board of Trustees

Second Wednesday of the month
6:30pm

Give a Brick for Christmas!



There are still bricks available to purchase for the Veteran's Memorial Walkway in Hickory Park. Bricks are \$50 and order forms are available in the Village Office.

Office Closings

Thursday and Friday,
November 22nd and 23rd
In celebration of Thanksgiving

Monday and Tuesday,
December 24th, 25th and 31st
And January 1st
In celebration of Christmas
and New Year's

Department of Public Works



Please remember that there is no parking on Village streets between 2:00 am and 7:00 am. Your assistance will help our crews in their efforts to keep our roads clean and safe during the winter months. We will do our best to keep streets and sidewalks safe during snow and ice conditions. If you believe you have an unsafe situation, please contact the office at 494-1513 and we will do our best to resolve the problem as quickly as possible.

Save the Date



Bergen Community Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 8th, 2018
6:00pm

Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church
38 South Lake Avenue

Join us for an evening of Christmas music performed by members of the community.
Young and old are welcome to attend.
Family friendly, bring all your little ones!
Cookies, milk, and cocoa to follow.
Need a ride? Call 494-1251

Calling all musicians-please share your talent with our community!

Questions about attending or performing?
Contact Jocelyn Rebisz, 494-6031

Village Tree Lighting

Monday, December 3rd, 2018

Caroling at 6:15pm

Hickory Park to Ward Park



A limited number of trees are available for decoration. This year we are going back to using cut trees. If you would like to decorate a tree this year, we are requesting \$20 per tree to cover the purchase price. Please contact the Village office to reserve yours today!

Road Closure

On Monday, December 3rd, Rochester Street will be closed between Lake Avenue (Rt. 19) and Buffalo Road (Rt.33) for the Annual Village Tree Lighting Ceremony in Ward Park.

The entire street will be closed from 6:15pm to 6:45pm. After which just the area at the end by Buffalo Road where Ward Park is located will remain closed until 8:00pm.