



September
2018



Mayor's Message

All the best for a great school year for students and staff! We look forward to our 9th graders joining us for fall clean-up day as part of their community service.

You may have noticed work being done in Ward Park; a cement platform is in place. Grant money was available to us for park improvement, and a Gazebo is being purchased for community enjoyment.

There have been numerous articles in the news concerning water agreements with the county. The village is exempt due to our contract with Monroe County Water Authority.

Discussions surrounding county sales tax distribution continue, this will impact the village general budget in the future. A large percentage of our general budget revenue comes from county sales tax sharing. It is likely the village share could decrease.

A joint meeting of the town and village boards will take place on September 26, village board room, 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

We welcome Zach Kuter as he joins our DPW staff.

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay

From the Desk of the Village Historian, Ray MacConnell

BERGEN STEW, a Hastings/Clement find
by Ray MacConnell, historian

The recipe for Bergen Stew can be found in the Bergen Historical Cookbook, 2002. I have placed copies of the recipe in the Village of Bergen Office. Please stop by the office and pick-up a copy of the recipe and enjoy the results. There is no cost. While in the office please view the historical display in the boardroom. If I am in the office, I will be happy to answer any questions.

Henry Hastings, who lived at 23 Clinton St. in Bergen, said the stew was "very tasty". His mother's side of the family were raised in Bethany, and lived on Brown Road. Henry and I once took a ride to see if we could find the old farmstead. We found it! He had old snapshots of the home to use as a comparison. At the end of Brown Rd was a small cemetery. We walked it and did not find any of his relatives. Henry had no idea where they were buried. Henry died in 2013 and his wife, Kay in 2005. The couple were entombed in Elmwood Cemetery's small mausoleum. Again, Ancestry.com aided in establishing that the family was buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Batavia.

I recently traveled to the cemetery to visit Kay and Henry's resting place. To my surprise, when entering the grounds I easily found a large monument marked "Clement". I stopped and found that it was the burial place of his earlier generation. There were 6 graves. Arthur G. Clement, d. 1929, was Henry's grandfather, and graduate of the University of Rochester. He was supervisor of Bergen High School and later the supervisor of the Institute for the Blind in Batavia, Arthur's 2 wives, and 3 sisters were also buried there. Henry's aunt Geraldine had lived her last years at 23 Clinton St. in Bergen. Henry, as a boy, was sent to Bergen from Albany to spend his Summer's with Geraldine. Henry then rented the house to others after Geraldine's death in 1968. In the mid 80's he and his wife renovated the home and moved in to spend the rest of their days in the family home. Before, Henry and Kay lived in Ogden Dunes, near Chicago for many years. Henry was trained as a librarian. Henry's parents are buried in Albany with his sister, Alice. His father, Harry, was a college teacher in Albany. His sister became head librarian at SUNY-Albany and has a wing in the library dedicated to her. She told me that once she had lunch with Charles Lindbergh at the university, and also was invited, with others, to the Roosevelt's for lunch at Hyde Park.



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



Village Meetings

Board of Trustees

Second Wednesday of the month
6:30pm

Planning Board

Third Wednesday of the month
7pm
Agenda items must be submitted no later than ten
days prior to the meeting

Zoning Board of Appeals

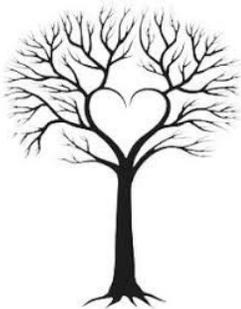
Fourth Thursday of the month
7pm
Agenda items must be submitted no later than ten
days prior to the meeting



Bricks are still available for the
Veteran's Memorial Walkway in
Hickory Park. Cost is \$50 per brick.
Purchase them now so they can be
placed before the snow flies!

Scrap Metal Drive
to benefit our parks and community projects
Sponsored by the Park Committee
October 15th to 21st
Drop your items off at the Village Quonset
Hut located behind the Sage Pavilion at
62 South Lake Avenue

Save the Date



Applications will be available in
the office Monday, September
24th for a limited number of
Village trees to be planted in the
right-of-way in front of your
home. Stop in for an application
or send an email to
ambarclay@villageofbergen.com
to sign up.

Village Tree Lighting

December 3rd



Sign up for the display trees begins
Monday, October 15th!
More details to follow

The next brush and leaf pickups
will be:

Monday, September 24th,
Monday, October 8th and
Monday, October 22nd.



Community Halloween Bash

October 20th 5-8pm

Join us if you dare...you're in
for a scare!
And a night of Halloween FUN.
FOOD, GAMES, VENDORS,
CRAFTS and MORE!!



Little Guppies Childcare, 42 Rochester Street

Our Last Bergen Community Farmers Market

Thursday, September 27th
4-8 pm
Hickory Park,
front pavilion area



Local produce, meat products, eggs, crafts,
and entertainment.

Sponsored by Village of Bergen, BBKA,
and Town of Bergen.

Watch for the beginning of Fall Cleanup!
Our linemen will be out over the next few weeks
doing some tree trimming around the power
lines to try to alleviate outages due to weather.