



**December  
2019**

## Mayor's Message

As 2019 draws to a close, we here in our Village of Bergen can be grateful for a very successful year highlighted by a variety of wonderful events. The village was awarded the New York Main Street Grant for the \$474,750 proposed project, the Sage Pavilion was awarded the Small Cities Public Works Project of the Year and NY Conference of Mayor's Local Government Achievement Award, and we have just received word that we were awarded \$256,250 for Waste Water Collection System Improvements.

Our staff completed the conversion to LED lighting in village owned buildings, the Chevy Volt has arrived in the village, and the charging stations are being utilized; all paid for through the \$50,000 NYSERDA grant the village received.

Local Laws passed this year included the village Animal Control Law and village Sign Law. We celebrated together at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Park Festival, Tree Lighting, Community Holiday Luncheon, Disc Golf Tournament, and 5K race. The Imagination Library sent its 4,000<sup>th</sup> book to our young readers.

As the result of the village board letter, letters of support, and petitions sent to the DOT, a traffic study is being done at the intersections of Route 33 at I-490 interchange, Apple Tree Avenue, and Route 19. The area is being evaluated to determine what traffic safety measures will be appropriate.

A project to update the village zoning laws has begun and will continue throughout the coming year. Look for meeting dates, everyone is welcome to attend.

A huge thank you goes out to Bob Bausch who is leaving public service after 27 years; it has been a great pleasure to have worked with Bob!! Enjoy the "free" time!!

*May your Christmas sparkle with moments of love, laughter, family and friends. And the year ahead be full of contentment and joy!*

*Mayor Anna Marie Barclay*

## Department of Public Works



Please remember that there is no parking on Village streets between 2:00am and 7:00am. Your assistance will help our crews in their efforts to keep our roads clean and safe during the winter months. Vehicles that remain parked on the street between these hours will be towed at the owner's expense.

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.

Property owners and snow removal contractors should be aware that shoveling or plowing snow from private property onto or across public roads is illegal because it can present a serious traffic hazard to motorists.

Customers must keep the approach to their mailboxes clear of obstructions to allow safe access for delivery. If USPS employees are impeded in reaching a mail receptacle, the postmaster may withdraw delivery service.

On-street parking on Lake Avenue is limited to 2 hours at all times and there is no overnight parking allowed.



**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

## Office Closings

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24th and 25th  
In celebration of Christmas  
Tuesday and Wednesday, December 31st and January  
1st In celebration of the New Year

## Thank You!

Byron-Bergen student artists Amaya Gunther, Megan Bogue (LaMarca), Caitlin Ashton, and Rose Hubbard lead by Art teacher Justine Fritz painted the festive wood decorations that adorn the fence along the playground in Hickory Park. Thank you also to our DPW staff Zach Kuter and Kirk Roberts for their hard work and efforts on this project as well!

## Don't Delay Your Payments!

Please make sure that any mail sent to the Village of Bergen has the correct address. The Post Office will not forward any incorrectly addressed mail to us any longer. It should be addressed to:



Village of Bergen  
PO Box 100  
Bergen, New York 14416

## 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, 2020.

## Bergen Proud

Congratulations to our Byron-Bergen Lego Bees who received the 2019 Championship "Mechanical Design Award" on December 8th at the New York State competition held at the University of Rochester.

# Save the Date

## Village Elections

Elections for two Village Board members will be held on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 12pm - 9pm.

Individuals interested in running can receive information at [www.elections.ny.gov](http://www.elections.ny.gov). Please be advised that the Village Office is not responsible to answer questions, give advice or documents to candidates.



Monday, January 13th our DPW will be around to pick up Christmas trees only. Brush and leaf pickup has been completed for the season.

Please place bare trees parallel to the road in the right-of-way for pickup.