



**June
2019**

Mayor's Message

On behalf of the Village of Bergen Board of Trustees, Congratulations to the 2019 Graduating Class of Byron Bergen Central Schools!!! We wish you a bright and beautiful future as you reach the goals you have set for yourselves!!!

Our greatest appreciation to the Park Festival Committee for once again providing our community with a wonderful day celebrating Bergen. The day could not have been more perfect for the parade, food and craft vendors, Bergen's got talent, and fireworks as we celebrated 30 years of Park Fest. A special thank you to Anne Sapienza who has chaired the park fest committee for 30 years, her work has provided enjoyment for the community for many years.

A committee including the village planning board and two board members has been developed to take on the task of updating the village zoning laws. The changes will be based on the Comprehensive Plan and resident input. The committee will be working with Barton & Loguidice. Notices for all meetings of the committee as well as agenda topics will be available on the village facebook and twitter accounts, and the village website and newsletter.

A special thank you to our village office staff, Cortney Gale, Rene Vurraro, and Barb Zinter; we are very fortunate to have such dedicated and knowledgeable people working for us every day. They work hard to ensure all our residents receive appropriate assistance, and village procedures are followed.

Enjoy the village parks, plantings, pavilions, and services that have been prepared and maintained for you by our staff! Welcome to summer in the village!!!

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay

From the Desk of the Village Historian, Ray MacConnell

STEAK DINNER FOR MOM AT THE ROSE GARDEN

The Sardou family took over the Rose Garden in 1954. They must have provided a coupon, at one of the village organization's for a free steak dinner for one person. My dad or mom had won such coupon. My father had gone to New York City, (NYC) with Lee Stanley, also of Rochester Street, for a gathering of Presbyterians. They flew to the city. It was a very snowy weekend. Mom decided that with dad's freedom she would use the coupon on herself. After walking to church that morning she decided that walking was a good thing. That way she would not need to brush the car off of the many inches of snow that had, and still were, falling Sunday afternoon. So we, again, bundled-up and headed to the Rose Garden for Sunday dinner. I was about 10 and my brother 14. We all put on our boots with the metal buckles that snapped shut. We all had scarves around our necks and mom insisted on wearing a fancy Sunday hat, that was not so fancy in today's world. The sidewalks were not clear, so we walked in the road most of the way. I don't even remember any cars passing us. We could see perhaps 10 feet in front of us through the falling snow. We arrived at the Rose Garden covered with the white stuff and stood near the entrance and shook the snow from our forms. Mom's hat looked many times worse for wear from the heavy snow. I don't think she ever wore it again. We were ushered to a huge round booth against the south wall. I thought we were in heaven, dining in such elegance. It sure beat our kitchen at home. Mom ordered her free steak dinner with all the trimmings and my brother and I were served a hamburger with French fries and all the ketchup we wished to use. That was as gourmet as our taste buds would allow. I remember mom excusing herself and visiting the ladies room near our table .and then tracking off, again, home through the less intense snow fall. Mom had a toothpick between her red painted lips for the trip home.

Later that afternoon, our cousins called and asked my brother and I to the movies at the LeRoy Theater. "Oklahoma" was playing and we were happy about the invitation, so we went. I don't remember any treats purchased at the movie. About half way through, I noticed a flash light coming down the aisle. The usher was looking for us. Mom had come to get use because dad had gotten an earlier flight home and we were to meet them at the Rochester Airport. Oh, what a thrill! The airport was very new and to we Bergenites it seemed to be the ultimate experience. We all loaded into our Ford and arrived home safely. Dad was full of fun facts about NYC. They had stepped into "Club 21" for a floor show. They were wearing buttons from the Presbyterian conference saying, "Drive carefully, you might hit a Presbyterian". I think that got them into the club free of charge, as a kindness to conventioners.

We told them of our dining adventure at the Rose Garden. Somehow it didn't match-up to "Club 21", but it still was a thrill for us to experience a fancy restaurant in our home town. I thought Bergen was a good place to be with all the free ketchup one wished to use.



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



GLOW Region Solid Waste

Household Hazardous Waste/Pharmaceutical Collection

September 14, 2019
Batavia

Electronics Collection

September 21, 2019
9am to Noon
Batavia

Appointments are necessary and there are a limited number of them available. You may call or email the GLOW office starting July 22nd for an appointment.

(800)836-1154 or (585)815-7906
glow@co.genesee.ny.us

#BergenProud



Congratulations to all of our
2019 Byron-Bergen graduates!



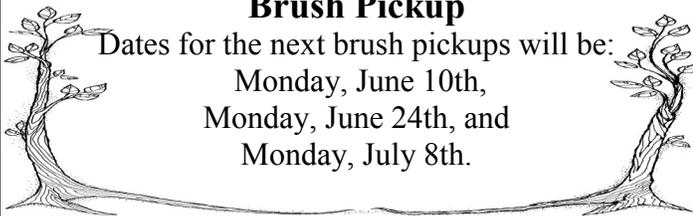
There are still bricks available to purchase for the Veteran's Memorial Walkway in Hickory Park. Bricks are \$50 and order forms are available in the Village Office.

Save the Date

Brush Pickup

Dates for the next brush pickups will be:

Monday, June 10th,
Monday, June 24th, and
Monday, July 8th.



The 4th Annual Chuckfest Disc Golf Tournament

Saturday, July 20th
in Hartland Park

The tournament is open to all
skill levels.



Happy 4th!

The office will be closed
Thursday, July 4th in
celebration of
Independence Day

2019 Jenny Kuzma Memorial 5k Bergen Road Race

Saturday, August 10th 8:30am

www.bergen5k.com

2019 Summer Recreation Program

July 15th through August 9th
10am to 1pm
Monday through Friday

Registration forms are available online
or in the office.

Lunch will be provided every day!



2019 Sports Camp w/Joe Rebisz

August 11th through 14th
6pm to 8pm
Hickory Park
Ages 6 to 14

Sponsored by Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian
Church



Community Yard Sale

Saturday, August 17th

Anyone interested in
helping for an hour or
two, please contact the
Village Office.