



**April
2020**

Mayor's Message

In spite of all we are working through together and apart, spring is poking through the village of Bergen; daffodils, hyacinths, hellebores, and bluets are sharing their colors, many are out walking, yard work is underway, and our neighbors are supporting our community by preparing and delivering meals, picking up groceries and prescriptions, sewing and delivering masks, working with COVID patients, supporting food pantries, making caring calls, cheering with birthday parades, even the Easter Bunny toured our community. A heartfelt thank you to everyone for all you are doing. No, life is not “normal” but we are making our way through this crisis together.

We have extended the State of Emergency in the village for another 30 days, and are continuing to follow the governors “pause” directives through May 15, or until we are notified otherwise. There are weekly conference calls with the county, with the fire department, school district and town, and various state agencies that I participate in to keep updated on any changes that may impact the village. The office is closed but someone is here each day answering phones and completing office work. Linemen, DPW, and WWTP operator are alternating days to maintain services. I can be reached at the office or at home.

Updates – Public Hearing - 2020-2021 Budget

A public hearing for the 2020-2021 General, Sewer, and Electric budgets will be held on April 29th at 6:30 for the matter of the adoption of the Electric, Sewer and General Budgets. In accordance with Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order 202.15 the meeting will be held via video/conference call. Please check the website for copies of the budgets and directions to participate.

Village Elections – The NY Conference of Mayors is pushing for village elections to be held in June, but no date has been set.

Main Street – We have been given permission by the state to proceed with the Main Street projects with the condition that all COVID safety protocols are followed.

Park Festival – Cancelled

Continue to check the village website, village facebook and twitter as things change daily. Everyone is aware of the impact this crisis is having on each of our families, of the impact on our small businesses, of employment, on our finances, and of the impact on the health and well being of everyone. The “pause” is challenging, but our grandchildren, family members, and friends will be waiting for hugs on the other side.

Thank you again to everyone for all you are doing! Stay safe and well!

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay



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



Village Information



The office will be closed
Monday, May 25th
in honor of
Memorial Day

Property Assessment

The towns of Bergen, Byron, Elba, Oakfield, and Stafford have completed property reassessment projects this year. If you have concerns about your assessment, the NYS Department of Tax and Finance website is an excellent resource. Questions can also be forwarded to Rhonda Saulsbury Town of Bergen Assessor Bergen Office – (585) 494-1484 For appointments – (585) 343-1729 Ext. 207
Email: rsaulsbury@townofbatavia.com

Our 2020 Community Garden has a limited number of 4' x 10' plots available. The cost is \$25 per plot. If you are interested, please contact the Office.



Save the Date



Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony

Flags will still mark the graves of our Veterans, and 3x5 flags will still be available (\$25) through the Sackett Merrill White American Legion Post No 575 in Bergen, but the Memorial Day Parade and ceremony will be postponed to a later date.

Contact Commander Tom Williamson 494-1627 for information and flags.

Bergen Meal Delivery Program

Please call the village office 494-1513 if we can deliver meals to your home Monday, Wednesday, and Friday as part of our program. We are hoping to help all in our community who are vulnerable during this difficult time; health wise and financially.

The 31st Annual Bergen Park Festival
Unfortunately, this year's festival has been canceled due to the current Covid-19 situation.

The Genesee County website is filled with information concerning the COVID-19 crisis and its impact on our local communities. There is information and resources concerning the impact of local businesses, community resources, and assistance available to all aspects of health and wellness. Check the website for assistance you, a family member, or a friend may find helpful.

<https://www.co.genesee.ny.us/>



Village Elections Rescheduled
Elections for two Village Board members will now be held on a date yet to be determined.

United States Census 2020

Census 2020 is underway! Do your civic duty and complete your Census questionnaire to help ensure Genesee County is fairly funded and fairly represented for the next decade. The questionnaire takes less than ten minutes to finish and can be completed without leaving home. Complete the Census online by using the website 2020census.gov or by calling Toll Free 1-844-330-2020.

Brush Pickup Began April 6th!

Changes for this year:
Brush and leaf pickup will be done every Monday, weather permitting.