



**March
2020**

Mayor's Message

“This moment is as true a testament there is to the human spirit”

After much consideration, and collaboration with the Village Board of Trustees, Town Supervisor Haywood, and the Bergen Fire Department, and determining what is in the best interests of the Village of Bergen and our residents and businesses, I have issued a State of Emergency for the Village of Bergen as of 3 pm on 3/18/2020. (A copy can be found on the village website) The declaration allows the Mayor discretion to use all facilities, equipment, supplies, personnel and other resources of the Village of Bergen to cope with the COVID-19 emergency. I anticipate that it will be critical to have Village of Bergen personnel available to respond to various needs arising in the Village. I am sure we will all rise to the occasion to help each other, to keep everyone as safe as possible, during this time.

Understand that the situation in the village remains the same with the declaration; there is no immediate impact to the residents of the village. The declaration is a precautionary and proactive measure in response to the COVID-19 emergency. The Village website will be updated as needed information comes to us.

The Byron Bergen School District, Bergen Fire Department, Bergen Town Supervisor, and I are in open communication concerning the Covid-19 impact on our community and the path forward to keep our community safe.

Currently, in compliance with the directives of the Governor; the village office is closed to the public; emails and phone calls will be responded to by the one office person who is there. One lineman, one DPW employee, and the WWTP operator will be in the village during the workday. This will continue indefinitely. Our restaurants must be take-out only; no one should mingle.

Please take the 6 foot social distancing seriously; why take the chance; why jeopardize yourself, your family, friends, and others? Hand washing is critical. We need to respond as a community.

There is so much coming at us right now, let's take a pause, take a deep breath together. We need to be a community, to support each other, connect in ways other than in person.

We are available to answer questions, help where we can. Call or email, check village, town, fire department and school websites, as well as websites of organizations, businesses, and churches for updates.

Let's work together to keep our families, neighbors and friends, and ourselves well! Take good care everyone!

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay



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



Village Information

Following orders issued by Governor Cuomo's Office beginning Wednesday, March 18th the Village of Bergen's office will be CLOSED to the public until further notice. An employee will be in the office 8am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday to assist residents by phone or email.

Electric payments can be made on your credit card using our online payment portal at www.villageofbergen.com Checks may be mailed or placed in the drop box to the left of the front office door. We can also set up automatic withdrawal from your checking account through the office. Feel free to call with questions or concerns at (585)494-1513.

Village Elections are postponed until April 28th

Village Assessor, Rhonda Saulsbury (585)343-1729 x207
rsaulsbury@townofbatavia.com

Building and Zoning, Ken Kuter (585)752-2931
vob@villageofbergen.com

Refuse service looks to be continuing without changes so plan on regular pickup on Wednesdays.

There is a statewide burn ban from March 16th through May 14th, 2020.

Additional cancellations and postponements we are aware of:

- Bergen Triangle Club
- Village and Town March Planning and Zoning Board Meetings
- BBCA Meeting
- Park Festival Committee Meeting and Easter Egg Hunt
- Bergen Fire Department Meetings
- St Brigid Catholic Church Sunday Masses
- Bergen United Methodist Church Sunday Services and Wednesday dinners
- Byron-Bergen will be closed to students beginning Monday, March 16 until further notice. This closing includes all school-related activities including sports and other extracurricular activities.
- Only those fire department members involved in an emergency call will be allowed in the fire hall.
- Both the Village of Bergen and Town of Bergen offices are closed to the public; please refer to the village and town websites for contact information.

This is a very fluid situation so please check with individual organizations for changes or additional cancellations.

2020 Census

Your response matters

Please participate

You are receiving census forms in the mail, complete online or mail

Our **community** benefits the most when the **census** counts everyone. When you respond to the **census**, you help our **community** get its fair share of the more than \$675 billion per year in federal funds spent on schools and school lunch and educational programs, hospitals, roads, public works, fire department, and other vital programs. Our fair share of federal funds for programs essential to health care, education, housing, economic development and transportation, as well as our congressional representation in Washington, all depends on an accurate and fully-counted census response.

1 person counted = \$30,000 of federal program dollars for the 10 years of the census

It determines the distribution of \$75 million brought to Genesee county for federal programs

When your census data is missing, so are the funds we could have for our programs

Save the Date



Village Elections Rescheduled
Elections for
two Village Board members
will now be held on
Tuesday, April 28th 12pm - 9pm.

Brush Pickup Begins April 6th!

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