



**November
2020**

Mayor's Message

Our village businesses and our office staff appreciate all you are doing to support keeping everyone safe, to keeping us open and working, during the COVID pandemic. We hope the newsletter finds you and your family well.

Fall clean-up and winter preparations are finishing up, the last regular brush pick-up will take place on November 30th.

I hope you have been enjoying the changes to our historic district buildings provided by the Main Street grant, and the commitment of the property owners to the village. The streetscape portion of the grant has funded the new signs on three of the buildings that really add to their charm, and a new guardrail, handmade by our DPW staff, that has been installed in the parking lot in the downtown district. Look for large new planter boxes and a sidewalk library also funded by the grant.

Our wastewater treatment plant has undergone a major upgrade over the past few weeks; all of the membranes used in the processing of greywater have been replaced. Thank you to our treatment plant operator, Chris Fay, and village engineer Eric Wies for working through the planning process and installation of the membranes.

Our village office has taken on the responsibility of payroll for the Town of Bergen which is a financial savings for the town and an added source of revenue to the village. The completion and submission of the Annual Update Document (Annual Financial Report) is now being done in house at a savings to the village. Thank you to Barb Zinter for taking on these tasks.

We continue to work on the village zoning law updates; the committee, led by Rene Vurraro, is creating a relevant and significant document. Please join us during any meeting and share in the conversation.

The discussion of keeping chickens on village properties has led to a proposed local law. If you have questions, concerns, comments on the topic, please consider attending the public hearing (information in the newsletter). The board needs to hear your input before a decision is made.

Santa and Mrs. Claus' visit to our village will be done a little differently this year, but they will be greeting everyone on November 30th. To insure everyone's safety, they will ride throughout the village waving and distributing treats to young people waving back from front yards and on the sidewalks. Please distance yourselves, wear masks, and give them a warm Bergen welcome!! As they pass by Ward Park and Hickory Park, trees and decorations will be lit for everyone to enjoy! A big thank you to Wegmans, the Triangle Club, Bergen Business and Civic Association, and family for their donations to the event.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been stressful and isolating. Sharing Thanksgiving will be a little different for many of us this year. Enjoy while keeping everyone safe. We will be having a small in person meal but will be celebrating with the rest of our family virtually.

On behalf of the Village Board and the entire village staff, we wish you a special celebration of Thanksgiving.

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow. -Melody Beattie

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay



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



Village Information

Office Closings

Thursday and Friday,
November 26th and 27th
In celebration of Thanksgiving

Thursday and Friday,
December 24th and 25th
In celebration of Christmas

Thursday and Friday,
December 31st and January 1st
In celebration of New Year's

Hometown Heroes Banner Program



The Bergen Triangle Club, Ladies Auxiliary of the Sackett-Merrill-White American Legion, and the Friends of Bergen are proud to announce the Hometown Heroes Banner Program. The program serves as a tribute to recognize service men and women from Bergen who are currently serving our country in a branch of the military. Information and application forms are on the village website.

Department of Public Works



Please remember that there is no parking on Village streets between 2:00 am and 7:00 am. Your assistance will help our crews in their efforts to keep our

roads clean and safe during the winter months. 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.

Save the Date

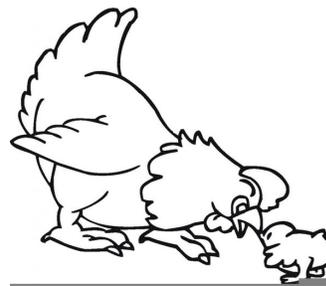
Last Fall Brush and Leaf Pick-up



Our last brush and leaf pick-up will be on November 30th weather permitting. As a reminder, we will not pick-up leaves that are bagged in plastic bags. They must be in paper!

Letters to Santa

Since Santa may be unable to have children sit on his lap and share their wishes with him, we would like to encourage them to write letters. Please put your letters to Santa in the mailbox at the Byron-Bergen Public Library or the Village of Bergen Office between November 23rd and December 12th to ensure that he receives them in time. Also be sure to include your name and return address. We know he loves to write back!



A public hearing has been scheduled for 6:15pm December 9 at the Sage Pavilion to hear questions, comments, concerns on the proposed local law for the keeping of chickens in the village. This is an important part of the local law process, and the opportunity for all residents to be heard. Due to COVID restrictions we will need to take reservations for in person attendance. If you cannot attend in person, please email comments to ambarclay@villageofbergen.com, send comments to VOB PO Box 100 Bergen, NY, or drop comments in the office drop box. All comments received will be shared at the public hearing.

Village Tree Lighting

Monday, November 30th at 6:30pm



Trees in the parks around the Village will be lit as Santa and Mrs. Claus ride around greeting everyone.