



**December  
2021**

## **Mayor's Message**

The holiday season brought the Christmas Tree Lighting Parade to our village. Fire trucks and village trucks brightly decorated, Mr. and Mrs. Claus waving, and treats delivered by elves brought cheer to folks along the route on the sidewalks, front lawns, and at their door and windows. Thank you to the volunteers who made the event possible, and to the staff for bringing the season to our Main Street and village parks.

We received great news today; the village will receive a grant for \$137,500 from the Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) program to aid the village in funding the Department of Environmental Conservation mandate. The mandate requires the village to include a disinfection method for destroying disease-causing organisms in wastewater effluent in onsite wastewater treatment systems. The village will be installing an ultraviolet system for this process.

January meetings have been scheduled to plan the next phase of the Stormwater Project; this phase will be to locate and repair any damage to the system infrastructure. This project is being funded through the American Rescue Plan Act.

As 2021 draws to a close, we can look back on the accomplishments of our staff, the village committees, volunteers, and all those who help to make the village a community to be proud of. Folks come here to enjoy with us our parks and walking trails, our businesses (we have added five to Main Street), the ongoing restoration of the historic district, and the pride our community has.

*Whether your holiday celebrations include traditions of generations, special new ones you have come to enjoy, or those you will experience for the first time; may your Christmas sparkle with moments of love, laughter, family, and friends. And may the year ahead be full of contentment, good health, 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

All meetings are open to the public

The BBCA will be publishing a 2022-2023 Bergen/Byron Directory. Entries for Bergen residents will include your mailing address, landline number, and/or cell phone number. The information is strictly used for the directory, never shared. Please send information to :[BBCA1311@gmail.com](mailto:BBCA1311@gmail.com) or [barclayan-namari@gmail.com](mailto:barclayan-namari@gmail.com)

### 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 by February 28th, 2022**

#### 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

## Save the Date

### Notice of Permissive Referendum Relating to Cannabis Local Law Opting Out of Retail Sales

**Public Notice:** Permissive Referendum Local Law #5 of the year 2021

Please take notice that on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bergen adopted a local law opting out of allowing retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments from locating and operating within the boundaries of the Village of Bergen. Such local law is subject to permissive referendum.

Anyone wishing to protest against the adoption of such local law must file a petition with the Village Administrator within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the local law. See, Village Law §9-902.

Dated: 12/9/21

Cortney W Gale, Village Administrator

### Village Elections

Elections for the Village Mayor and two Village Board members for four year terms will be held on Tuesday, March 14<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.

#### Office Closings

Friday and Monday,  
December 24th and 27th  
In celebration of Christmas

Thursday and Friday,  
December 30th and 31st  
In celebration of New Year's



Monday, January 3rd 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.