



**February
2021**

Mayor's Message

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on February 2nd predicting 6 more weeks of wintery weather then "After winter, you're looking forward to one of the most beautiful and brightest springs you've ever seen." Our crew is doing a great job maintaining snow removal, they very much appreciate and deserve the compliments called in for the work they do.

Thank you for the great response to the "chicken" survey, the attendance at the information meeting, and the numerous emails and calls I received on the topic of the keeping of chickens in the village. Your input is valued and will inform the board's decision whether to move forward with a proposed local law. Whatever the outcome, community involvement in the process makes community.

The three Village budgets, general, sewer, and electric for 2021-2022 are coming together and will be presented to residents before adoption by the board. We are working hard to compensate for the projected loss of revenue due to the consequences of the COVID 19 pandemic. At our weekly staff meetings, staff input has informed a schedule of road repair for spring which was postponed from 2020.

I am continuing to work with FEMA on the reimbursement for COVID expenditures, companies looking for acreage for a small solar project (a source of revenue to the village), and developers interested in our community. I am also working on a grant application (100% reimbursement) to fund the preservation of the exterior bricks on the Tulley building. The bricks are "Bergen Bricks", produced in the late 1800's in the village, soft bricks, which are deteriorating and in need of repair.

Look for a draft of the updated Village Zoning Law over the next few weeks; the committee has been dedicated, committed to making sure it is a workable document which reflects the Comprehensive Plan and what is in the best interest of our community. Working with the group has been a rewarding experience.

Stay warm, be safe!

"What **good** is the warmth of summer, without the cold of **winter** to give it sweetness."

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay



Sage Pavilion

We are once again taking reservations for Sage Pavilion!

Dates are filling up fast! We are currently only booking one use per weekend and renters will be required to follow all COVID -19 regulations that are in place at the time of their event.

Call the Village office at (585)494-1513 to book your event today!



Village Emergency Contact Numbers

Electric 353-0981
Sewer 353-3659



Village Information

Thermal Infrared Imaging

Last Call!

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 before February 28th, 2021**.

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. Application deadline is March 1st

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



Residential Refuse Collection Holiday Schedule (Correction)

Memorial Day pickup will be Wednesday, June 2nd
Labor Day pickup will be Wednesday, September 8th

Any holidays not listed above do not affect the regular collection schedule and garbage

Please Clear Your FIRE HYDRANTS



Emergency Personnel Need Your Assistance

Please Shovel a 3 Foot Area Around All Fire Hydrants



Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 27th
1pm
Hickory Park



Gypsy moths have been spotted in the village; this moth is a significant pest because the caterpillars have voracious appetites for more than 300 species of trees and shrubs, posing a danger to North America's forests. The caterpillars defoliate trees, leaving trees vulnerable to diseases and other pests and can eventually kill the tree. Please email us if you observe these moths so we can submit a report to the DEC.