



**January
2021**

Mayor's Message

On behalf of the village board and staff, I want to extend our best wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2021!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Tree Lighting Parade that took the place of our Annual Tree lighting in Ward Park. Mr. and Mrs. Claus, the fire department with brightly decorated trucks, elves Nancy Bailey, Anne Sapienza, and Eliana Peralta Sapienza, joined with me to bring Christmas Cheer to the village.

Your patience during the 2 weeks the office was closed due to staff quarantining due to a village employee contracting COVID 19 was greatly appreciated. All services to residents during that time remained uninterrupted with everyone's help, including snow removal.

The most current information for Genesee County Covid-19 vaccinations can be found at <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>. The site will inform you of eligibility for you and family members to be vaccinated, and locations where reservation can be made. Please continue to practice safety protocols of mask wearing and hand washing to keep everyone safe and healthy. The village office remains on appointment only entrance.

The Planning Board has welcomed newly appointed member Carol Walker; Carol has jumped right in working on the Zoning Law updates and helping to carryout planning board business.

Spring plans are coming together for roadwork, sidewalk repairs, and parking lot coating in the village. A rebuild of the entrance to Hickory Park is also planned. These projects were put on hold from last spring and summer due to the pandemic.

Work has begun on the 5th building participating in the Main Street Grant program; façade work and interior work is taking place at 23-25 N Lake Ave. All projects will be completed by April.

No decisions have been made on whether or not to pursue a local law for the keeping of chickens in the village. Please consider attending the February information meeting if you have questions. Please call the office(494-1513) if you are planning to attend the February 10 information meeting on the keeping of chickens in the village. The number of attendees will determine the location of the meeting.

The Byron-Bergen Chapter of the Imagination Library began in September of 2016 with the monthly delivery of free books to 50 of our community children ages birth to 5 years. In that time numbers have risen to 130 as we add or graduate children who participate. Donna Gerrard and I greatly appreciate the donations received by community businesses, organizations and neighbors that have supported the delivery over 6600 books. Unfortunately, funding has dropped off to the point where funding is not sufficient to continue the program beyond February if no further donations are received. Please contact me if you can help in any way to continue the program.

Stay safe and well!

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay



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



Village Information



The Village Office will be closed Monday, February 15th in honor of President's Day,

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



Residential Refuse Collection Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day pickup will be Wednesday, June 2nd

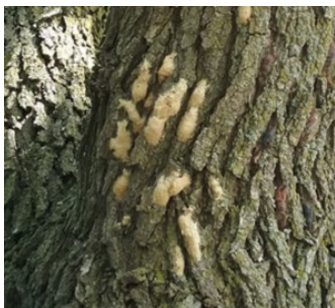
Labor Day pickup will be Thursday, September 10th

Any holidays not listed above do not affect the regular collection schedule and garbage will be picked up on Tuesday.



An invitation for public comment has been scheduled for 6:15pm February 10th to hear questions, comments, and concerns for the proposal of a local law for the keeping of chickens in the village.

This is an important part of the 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 information meeting on the 10th..



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.