



**October
2021**

Mayor's Message

Concerns have been expressed about the source of **electric power** to the village, folks are concerned that we no longer receive power produced by water flow (hydro). Currently, we receive 74% of our power from hydro, 25% produced by nuclear plants, and 1% wind or solar. Through our membership in the NYMPA (New York Municipal Power Agency), village electric receives the most cost-effective electric distribution available to us.

Village infrastructure is aging, and we need to be proactive in assuring that systems are checked for needed repairs on a continual basis. The village staff along with Clark Paterson Lee are undertaking a mapping and condition survey of the village **storm water** system currently. Funding for the project has been secured through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Our **village parks** are used continuously by residents and visitors alike. I am proud of the work that has been done to enhance (much has been accomplished with grant funding) and maintain our parks for everyone's enjoyment. Unfortunately, after our DPW staff completed restoration and general maintenance on the fence in Hickory Park, young men vandalized and tore apart the fence section surrounding the playground. Our cameras recorded the destruction, the video is being used by the sheriff's department to investigate the needless destruction of public property. The village insurance company and a fencing company are working on repair and/or replacement costs.

On October 27th there will be two public hearings; the public hearing for the Clarification Amendment to the Animal Control Law, will take place at 6:30pm, the public hearing for the Proposed Zoning Law will take place at 6:45 pm. The hearings will take place at the Village Hall.

Bergen Octoberfest is taking place Friday, October 22, in Hickory Park, 6pm. The BBCS Drama Club is performing a Ghost Tour in Mt Rest Cemetery, there will be music by the Charlie Mitchell Group, food trucks from Center Street Smokehouse and Cheesy Chick, baked goods from Gregr'y's, and ice cream treats from the Methodist Church. Parking will be via the Parkview (back) entrance to the park, there will be a shuttle from Hickory Park lot to the cemetery and back. Tour tickets are available at the village office or the night of the tour. Hope to see you there!

Trick or Treating will take place in the village on October 31st. Please help to keep everyone safe as they walk throughout the village celebrating Halloween!!

Enjoy these beautiful fall days!!!

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay



Village Tree Lighting

Monday, November 29th

Santa's Fire Truck Parade will start at the Fire Hall at 6:30pm traveling through the Village. His elves will pass out gift bags along the way.

There will be a brief stop at Ward Park to light the trees. They will end at Hickory Park with a brief ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial.

A limited number of trees are available to decorate. This year we are using artificial trees. Please contact the Village office to reserve yours today!



**Village Emergency
Contact Numbers**

**Electric 353-0981
Sewer 353-3659**



Village Meetings

All meetings are open to the public

Change your Clocks/ Change your Batteries

Don't forget that at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 7th, you will need to turn your clocks back one hour, marking the end of Daylight Saving Time. Time to change your smoke alarm batteries!

A fire can double in size every 30 seconds. The sound of the alarm will give you and your family those few extra seconds to get out and stay out of your home.

The Office of the Fire Marshal also recommends that one of the simplest things you can do to protect your family is changing the batteries in your smoke alarms/detectors and carbon monoxide detectors at the same time.

Any elderly or disabled residents who need assistance changing their smoke alarm batteries can call the office for this free service!

When your smoke alarms/detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are in working order – they save lives!

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

The LAST Brush Pickup

Brush and bagged leaves will be picked up each Monday, weather permitting. The last pick up will take place on November 22nd.



Office Closings

Thursday, November 11th
In honor of Veteran's Day
Thursday and Friday,
November 25th and 26th
In celebration of Thanksgiving

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 22nd and December 10th 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!



Bergen Oktoberfest and Historic Ghost Tour

Friday, October 22 from 6pm to 10 pm.



Ghost tours will be held in Mt. Rest Cemetery. Tour participants will ride from the park to the cemetery guided by one of Bergen's famous former residents. Tours will run from 7-9:30 pm. You will find the Center Street Smokehouse and Cheezy Chick food trucks, ice cream treats, and more in the park while listening to performances by the Charlie Mitchell group. Tours are \$10.00, tickets available at the village office. More details are found at: <https://sites.google.com/view/bergen-oktoberfest/home>