



September 2021



Mayor's Message

Thank you for your understanding of the shutdown of the village office and meetings from Sept. 8 -14, and for the calls of concern. The Genesee County Health Department worked with us in following the necessary protocols for everyone's safety. Special thanks to Rene Vurraro and Barb Zinter for all their help!

A draft dated September 2, 2021, for the Bergen Zoning Code has been posted on the village website; the draft reflects the public comments of the three public hearings. The next step in the process will be a review by the Genesee County Planning Board.

Grippio Asphalt did a great job sealcoating and marking the village parking lots and basketball courts; the sealcoating process protects and prolongs the life expectancy of asphalt pavement. Our staff will be marking parking spaces in the business district as recommended by the DOT. New parking signs provided by the county will be installed.

Projects that were part of the Main Street Program have been completed; the work has provided for the renovation of two and the addition of three new apartments, and the addition of five new businesses to our Main Street. Façade restoration, new signs, parking lot upgrades, new planters, façade lighting, and more were made possible by the grant. This could not have happened without the commitment of the property owners to our village. Thank you to all the participants, and especially to Mike Cocquyt of Labella and Associates, for their efforts throughout the process. You have been great to work with!

Fall is upon us, and a community event is in the works to usher in the season. Libby Piper and her mom Heather Painting approached me about working together on a fall event for the community, and the planning took off from there. Save the date of October 22 from 6 – 10 pm for the “Bergen Octoberfest” with a ghost tour, food trucks, music, and more. Check the website as the plans come together! <https://sites.google.com/view/bergen-octoberfest/home>

Enjoy the coming colors of fall!

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay

A message from our friends at Bonduelle:

Bonduelle strives to be a good neighbor and I regret that we have been the source of odors over the past week. Earlier this year we suffered some electrical power distribution problems and since that time our treatment system has been unable to run at full efficiency. We have recently recovered to almost 90% treatment capacity and expect to reach 100% effectiveness within a few days. We should see a significant odor reduction over the next 48 hours and the odors should disappear in a few days.

I am sorry about the inconvenience and wanted to let you know that we are doing everything in our power to return things to normal.

Pascal Leduc
Bonduelle plant manager



**Village Emergency
Contact Numbers**

Electric 353-0981
Sewer 353-3659



Village Meetings

All meetings are open to the public

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 on a hay wagon, 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>



Board of Trustees

Second Wednesday of the month
6:30pm

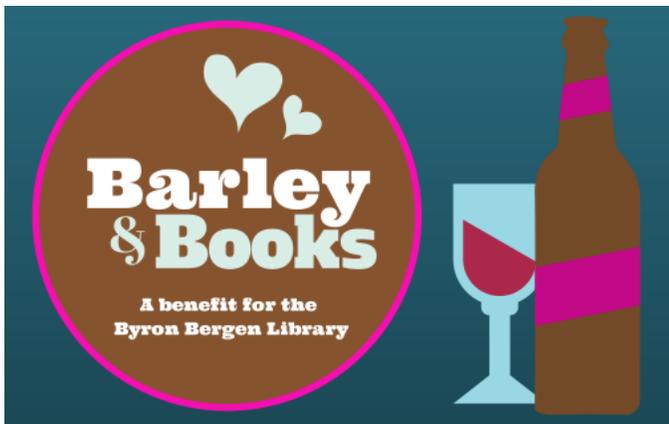
Planning Board

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 Byron-Bergen Public Library is pleased to announce that its annual fundraising event will be held

**Saturday, October 2nd
2pm-5pm**

Hosted by Mark and Wanda Swanson

Join us for:

Wine, Beer and Cider Tastings
and a Live Auction at 3:30pm
with one-of-a-kind, unique items.

**Tickets are available at the library for
\$20 presale or \$25 at the door**



Park Committee/Tree Board

Join us on the 1st Wednesday
of each month

7pm
Village Board Room

The Byron-Bergen Public Library and
Bergen Historical Society present:

Re-Thinking Thanksgiving with Perry Ground

Thursday, October 7th at 7pm.

Join us for a lively, engaging, and content-based presentation that will give an overview of the history of this very misunderstood holiday. There will be a short meeting before the program and refreshments served after the program.

For more information stop in or call the library at

494-1120.