



**December
2022**

Mayor's Message

I hope this newsletter finds you all enjoying the sights and sounds of the holiday season. One of those sights and sounds in our village was the annual tree lighting ceremony that was held on December 5th at Hickory Park. Special thanks to Cortney Gale, René Vurraro, and Barb Zinter for once again organizing this event. Thanks to the Bergen Fire Dept., the Bergen Methodist Church Underground, FFA, The BBCS singing silhouettes, the 5th and 6th grade school band, Greg'ry's, all the volunteers and our special guest Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus for making the event so special for the children and parents to enjoy.

Enclosed in this mailing is an informative letter explaining how electric rates this winter season may be impacted. Please read it over for a better understanding of what influences electric rates. Should you have any questions please contact the village office at 494-1513. Our courteous and professional staff is at your disposal to answer all questions or concerns you might have.

I am pleased to announce that storm water drainage issues on Spring Street have been eliminated by removing and replacing large conduits thus eliminating flooding issues. This project was accomplished by our DPW totally in-house. I would also like to inform the residents that restoration of the Hickory Park restrooms is in progress, and we look forward to unveiling the restoration of these facilities this spring.

The village has been awarded a \$50,000.00 engineering planning grant to evaluate the sanitary sewer collection system. Clark-Patterson-Lee Engineering will oversee this project, thanks to Eric Wies, village engineer, for his assistance with this grant. I regret to report that the grant submitted for restoration work on the Tulley Building was rejected due to state funding issues. Should funding become available in the future, we will reapply for funding. Thanks to Anna Marie Barclay for her time in preparing and submitting the grant on the village's behalf during her term of mayor.

Until next month I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year!!!

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at jchimino@villageofbergen.com or (585)703-2875.

Mayor Joseph M. Chimino

From the Desk of the Village Historian, Vicky Truax

I met with Donald Burton, the owner of Lawn Medic which is located on Gates Street, here in the village. The building was built in 1880 and finished before 1883. Lawn Medic services approximately 4000 properties in the Rochester area from spring through fall. Along with the service they provide it is New York mandated to record all pesticide applications. Lawn Medic has 30 employees, full time, part time and salaried workers.

In 1969 Donald built his first tractor which later became patented. With the help of his father, the tractor was built in his father's machine shop in Maine, and then transported to Rochester. Within the first five years, more than 200 of these tractors were built which were sold to franchise dealers.

Along the way Donald took over Churchville Printing. The business was moved to the Bergen location and for many years, had almost 300 outside customers for printing. This was phased out by the year 2000, and only the printing for their Lawn Medic customers, is done today.

Donald is a graduate of the University of Vermont and the University of Massachusetts with a degree in Economics and Agronomy. To say the least, he is a very interesting man along with being a great writer.



Village Emergency Contact Numbers

Electric 353-0981
Sewer 353-3659



Village Meetings

All meetings are open to the public

Save the Date

Office Closings

We will be closing at noon on Thursday, December 22nd.

We will be closed:

Friday and Monday, December 23rd and 26th in celebration of the Christmas Holiday.

Friday, December 30th and Monday, January 2nd in celebration of the New Year!

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

Refuse Service **will not** be delayed for Christmas Day or New Year's Day

Pickups will be on Tuesday, December 27th and Tuesday, January 3rd as usual.



Tuesday, 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.

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**.

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

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.