



**March
2022**

Mayor's Message

As newlyweds in 1976, David and I had the opportunity to explore towns and villages in western New York looking for a place to settle. I will never forget driving through a little tree lined village one afternoon: a village of businesses and a post office on a small main street, beautiful old homes throughout. We could not have guessed that little village would be our forever home before our first anniversary. Together we have worked to renovate our 1863 Victorian home, raise two wonderful sons who are now raising families of their own, and becoming part of an amazing community.

Through volunteering with organizations, I met an inspiring woman who taught me about the community that we both became part of a great distance from where we grew up. Tally Almquist (our village historian) sparked in me a desire to know the rich history inherited by all of us who live here, and to build on that, and not allow it to be lost.

When asked to run for trustee by Mayor Jim MacConnell 25 years ago, I sat in on meetings to become better informed, then made the decision to do so. I have been so very grateful from that time on for the support given to me by this community to serve our village, 16 years as trustee and 8 as mayor. The board members I have worked with showed me a wide variety of approaches to problem solving.

When families are given the opportunity to come together as community, enabled by a safe environment, by facilities that provide opportunities, and an environment that creates pride and a sense of place, the community thrives. I am proud to have been able to facilitate the growth of our community. My time as mayor allowed me the opportunity to grow our parks, to plan and promote community gatherings. My initiatives, including rehabilitation of an old water building to the Sage Pavilion, and restoration of 5 historic buildings while maintaining services and infrastructure integrity have enabled us to come together and grow as a community.

We are so fortunate to have an amazing staff; a group of individuals who take pride in their work, look for ways to make improvements and serve our village. They work together to provide all of us, willingly, with their best efforts. I will miss our talks, continual problem solving, and the sharing of ideas. I am so fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with them.

I wish all the best for our new mayor and board members as they take their oath of office.

I can't thank you enough for your expressions of support, I feel truly humbled and blessed. Thank you for the privilege to serve as trustee and mayor of our village, I have been honored and proud to do so.

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay

*Thank
you!*

Please join me in thanking Kevin Donovan as he retires as Trustee of the Village of Bergen, a position he held for nine years, eight of which as Deputy Mayor. Kevin has served the Village with professionalism, attention to detail, and dedication to fiscal responsibility as trustee, member and Chairman of the Planning Board, member of the Park Committee, Mill Seat Landfill Citizen's Advisory Board, Black Creek Watershed Committee, Comprehensive Plan Committee, and Zoning Law Update Committee. Kevin has been an asset to our community, and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with him, sharing his insights, his stories, and his humor. Very grateful for the experience,



Village Emergency Contact Numbers

Electric 353-0981
Sewer 353-3659



Village Meetings

All meetings are open to the public

Important Sewer Account Message

Just a reminder that sewer arrears must be paid by **April 30th** to avoid being sent to Genesee County to be put on the Village Taxes.

If you are unsure of your balance, please don't hesitate to contact our office, we would be happy to assist you.



A very special thank you to Bob and LeeAnn Patterson for their donation of a beautifully matted and framed 1876 map of the Village of Bergen. It is displayed on the lobby wall at the Village office. Be sure to come in and take a look.

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

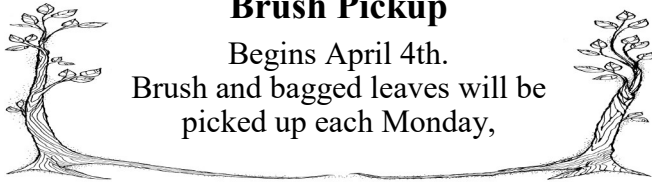
Zoning Board of Appeals

Fourth Thursday of the month
7pm
Agenda items must be submitted no later than ten days prior to the meeting

Save the Date

Brush Pickup

Begins April 4th.
Brush and bagged leaves will be picked up each Monday,



The Village Office will be closed April 15th for Good Friday



2022 Summer Recreation Program

Look for more information on the **SIX** weeks of our summer recreation program coming soon!



Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 9th
12-1pm
Hickory Park



Our 2022 Community Garden has a limited number of 4'x10' plots available. The cost is \$25 per plot. If you are interested, please contact the Village Office.



Burn Ban In Effect

Reminder! Annual Burning Ban in effect until May 14th

All residential brush burning is prohibited in smaller communities during the state's historically high fire-risk period from **March 16 through May 14th.**

Several factors enable wildfires to start easily and spread quickly at this time, including the lack of green vegetation, abundance of available fuels such as dry grass and leaves, warm temperatures and wind.