



September 2022



Mayor's Message

Gone are the dog days of summer, we now settle into the crisp, cool mornings of fall. I hope your summer was a most enjoyable one.

Repair to the Hartland Park bridge is nearly completed with new concrete piers being installed to stabilize the structure, final grading and work on the walking trail is being attended to. Hickory Park restrooms will be shut down in early October to begin renovating those facilities. I am very pleased with the work that was performed on all the Village's infrastructure this construction season. Thanks to all the Village employees for making it happen.

At the September board meeting under privilege of the floor there were a couple of concerns discussed. The first was residents blowing cut grass over sidewalks and roadways making for unsightly and hazardous situations. Please be considerate of pedestrians and motorists (cyclists) as these grass clippings can cause slippery conditions. The other issue was picking up after our pets. Please be considerate of your neighbors, be a responsible pet owner.

Bergen Tree and Park committee is looking for volunteers. No experience necessary. Come aboard and help us plan for tomorrow. Interested individuals can contact me at 585-703-2875 or call the village office to place your name on the list.

Until next month be safe be healthy!!!

Mayor Joseph M. Chimino

From the Desk of the Village Historian, Vicky Truax



Today we look back to 1898. An article in The Daily News reads that, yesterday at the Bantel Sons' Stables in Rochester, Auctioneer George H. Wilcox sold \$1704 worth of horses. One year later in 1899 and also, in the Daily News we read that George H. Wilcox will begin his 4th year as auctioneer at the Bantel Sons' Stables in Rochester. He will sell horses every Wednesday until June 1st. Mr. Wilcox's reputation as a successful auctioneer is well established.

Here is a little history on the Wilcox family. George H. Wilcox began as the first of several generations of auctioneers. George H. died at 49 years old from appendicitis. His son, George C. Wilcox, was an attorney with the law firm: Harris, Beach & Wilcox. He died at 90 years old. His son, George Harris Wilcox (Harris Wilcox as we knew him) carried on as a very successful auctioneer.. Harris died at 90 years old. Harris' son, Craig Wilcox continues with the family business as a prominent auctioneer. Craig began his career at 14 years old. Craig's son, Brett Wilcox continues the legacy as a very successful auctioneer along with Brett's son, Cash Wilcox. Cash has joined in the auctioneering business and is also very well known in the auctioneering field. Both Brett and Cash also began at 14 years old.

Continuing from 1898 the Wilcox family is renowned for their auctioneering skills. Who doesn't love a good auction? The atmosphere is exciting with high energy, along with all the bantering and joking. It is almost mesmerizing. Thank you to Craig Wilcox for the details in the story.



Village Emergency Contact Numbers

Electric 353-0981
Sewer 353-3659



Village Meetings

All meetings are open to the public

Hometown Heroes Banner Program 2023



The Bergen Triangle Club, Ladies Auxiliary of the Sackett-Merrill-White American Legion, and the Friends of Bergen are proud to be a part of 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. Updated information and applications are available for Hometown Hero Banners at the village office, Legion Hall, and at

amb0330@rochester.rr.com. The deadline date for orders has been changed to **December 10, 2022** in order to insure the current fee (\$200.00). Please call 820-8594 with any questions.

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

Refuse Service **will not** be delayed for Columbus Day.

Pickup will be on Tuesday, October 11th.



The members of the Bergen Triangle Club are proud to honor our community veterans with a contemplative Tree of Life bench which is installed at the Hickory Park Veteran's Memorial. Thank you to the village DPW for installing the bench for all to enjoy!

Community Garden

The growing season is coming to an end, and the Community Garden will be closing the first week of October. If those of you with gardens would remove materials from your garden bed by October 10 so the area can be closed for the winter, it would be greatly appreciated.



Smoke BBQ Cookoff

Saturday, October 15th 5-7pm

Official Rules and Entry Forms available at the Sackett-Merrill-White American Legion Post 575

\$12 per plate

Raffles

50/50 Drawings

