



**April  
2023**

**Mayor's Message**

I would like to start this month's newsletter by giving thanks to those that make our village the special place that it is. First, I would like to thank the Bergen Business & Civic Association for once again sponsoring the annual Easter egg hunt for the children. The weather cooperated and Hickory Park and the Sage Pavilion were well utilized to handle the large event. Next, a thank you to the Bergen Fire Department for their quick response and containment of the structure fire at the Firing Pin gun range located on Buffalo Road. I cannot thank our fire department members enough for the dedicated service they provide to our community on a daily basis.

At the April 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting the 2023-2024 General, Electric, and Sewer budgets were adopted by a unanimous vote of the board. Road work, stormwater issues, sidewalk replacements, park improvements, to name a few, will be addressed in this general fiscal budget. There is no increase in the village tax rate for the 2023-2024 budget. Homeowners will have ample notification of projects that could impact them.

Two community action days are planned on Friday April 21st with 25 employees of NORTERA (formerly Bonduelle) volunteering their time to clean up the village and then on April 24<sup>th</sup> the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students from Byron-Bergen Middle School will be taking part in our annual Arbor Day Proclamation to be held at Hickory Park. I hope this newsletter finds you well. Until next month be safe and stay healthy.

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

*Mayor Joseph M. Chimino*

**Resident Reminders**

**Construction Season is here!**  
Remember when you are doing projects at home, you may need a permit! Call our Code Officer for more information at (585)331-6162.

- Gazebo
- Greenhouse
- Deck/Porch
- Shed/Building
- Pool/Hot Tub
- Roof
- Driveway
- Fence



As you are upgrading and replacing appliances, lighting, windows, and doors in your home this spring and summer, don't forget to check our webpage for any applicable rebate forms.

**Sidewalk Parking**  
Just a reminder to residents that by state law it is illegal to park on the sidewalk. It blocks off the right of way for pedestrians. Violations can also result in fines of \$115 or more if ticketed. Our community is a very walkable area, please help keep everyone safe and refrain from vehicles parking, standing, or sitting on the sidewalks.

- Lightbulbs
- Commercial Lighting
- Refrigerator Pick-up
- Furnace Rebate
- Appliance Rebate
- Window and Door Rebate
- Insulation Rebate
- Home Electric Car Charging Station



### 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.

### Five Easy Ways to Pay Your Electric or Sewer Bill:

- ◆ In Person at the Village Office, 11 North Lake Avenue 8am-4:30pm Monday through Friday
- ◆ By our secure drop box left of our front door
- ◆ By Mail to PO Box 100, Bergen, NY 14416
- ◆ Automatically with ACH Withdrawal from your checking account set up through the office
- ◆ FREE Secure Utility Payment Portal using your debit or credit card at [www.villageofbergen.com](http://www.villageofbergen.com)

### 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

Want to know more about what is happening at Hickory Park?



Follow us on Facebook  
Hickory Park Project



### Brush Pickup Began April 3rd

Brush and bagged leaves will be picked up each Monday, weather permitting.



**Burn Ban In Effect**

### School Budget Presentation

Wednesday, May 10th at 6:30pm  
Superintendent Pat McGee will be making a presentation to the Village Board regarding the 2023-2024 Byron-Bergen School Budget.

## Reminder! Annual Burning Ban in effect until May 14<sup>th</sup>

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

The office will be closed  
Monday, May 29th  
in honor of  
Memorial Day



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.



### Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 29th

Watch our Facebook page and see our May Newsletter for more information.