



**August
2023**

Mayor's Message

These cool nights are a sure indication that summer is winding down. Labor Day is already upon us which means the school year is also quickly approaching. I would like to wish the students and staff a most successful 2023-2024 school year.

Hickory Park continues to bring family, friends, and organizations together. Thanks to Evie Rodriguez and her assistants for again overseeing a very successful summer recreation program at the park, the parents and children truly appreciate all you do for this program.

DPW- It has been a very busy construction season in the village. Park improvements, road work, sidewalk replacements, stormwater drainage, sealing of parking lots, upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant and lift stations to mention a few. A new F550 Ford truck that was ordered two years ago has finally been released. This truck will be outfitted with a plow and salter and will be available for the upcoming winter season. This truck will replace our current F550 that will be sold at auction.

At the Board of Trustees meeting held on August 9th the board voted to hire PLM Engineering to oversee the implementation of a new electric substation which will replace the aging substation located on Gibson Place. When all the bids are received, and we have a firm project cost, a public hearing will be scheduled for discussion. Also at that meeting the board awarded a bid contract to Preserve A Stone to repair brick and mortar issues on the historic Tully Building which houses our Village of Bergen office.

Wishing you and yours a safe and healthy Labor Day weekend. 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

Today's story is from 125 years ago and is from the Daily News, August 8, 1889.

Killed on the Central
Violent death at the Lake Street crossing in Bergen

Last night at 10:05 engine number 580, Henry Childs engineer, drawing the empty coaches of the Sunday School excursion train back to Rochester, struck the hind end of the skeleton wagon in which William H. Miller was returning from Brockport, at the Lake Street crossing, throwing him into the ditch at the foot of the telegraph pole on the east side of the street. The train stopped, and the train hands with the help of Bergen people, carried the injured man to his house, but he was dead before it was reached.

Mr. Miller was born in Cooperstown, NY in 1835 and had lived in Bergen about 30 years, carrying on the blacksmith business. He was twice married, the second time to a daughter of the late William Hiscock, who survives him. Mr. Miller was a member of Company 1, 8th NY Heavy Artillery, and served through the war.

Coroner Parmele of Batavia was notified of the accident and left for Bergen at 10:30 this morning to investigate it.

The conclusion to our story is from the Daily News, August 18, 1889

The Coroner's inquest into the death of William H. Miller was resumed yesterday afternoon in Firemen's Hall. Henry Childs, engineer; William Rice, fireman; H.H. Beach, conductor and a brakeman of the excursion train were examined, but their testimony was unimportant. The verdict was that Mr. Miller died from concussion of the brain, caused by being thrown from his wagon, with which engine 580 had come into collision at the Lake Street crossing. Three of the jury desired to censure the railroad company for leaving this dangerous crossing unprotected by a night watchman and signed a statement to that effect. The President and trustees of the Village of Bergen, in response to a general desire of the people of this village, and with a deep sense of the public need for the safety of life and limb, would respectfully request you to furnish a night watchman for the crossing of your railroad over Lake Street in this village, and a day watchman for the crossing over Church Street. Should the company refuse or neglect to station flagmen at these crossings after a ten days' notice, the County Judge may upon the application of the local authorities, order that flagmen be stationed.



Village Emergency Contact Numbers

Electric 353-0981
Sewer 353-3659



Village Meetings

All meetings are open to the public



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

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Hickory Park Project

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

Foodlink Pop Up Pantry Food Distribution
Thursday, September 21st at 4pm
Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Zoning Board of Appeals

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



Brush Pickup

Brush and bagged leaves will be picked up each Monday, weather permitting.. Pickup is delayed until Tuesdays for holidays

Save the Date

First day of classes for Byron-Bergen is Wednesday, September 6th!



OBEY ALL SCHOOL BUS WARNING SYSTEMS!

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN!

If red lights are flashing, **STOP!** They show that children are getting on or off the bus and may be crossing the street.

GLOW Region Solid Waste Mt. Morris, NY

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Saturday, August 26, 2023

Acceptable materials include vehicle fluids EXCEPT MOTOR OIL, lead acid batteries, household cleaning products, pesticides and insecticides, polishes and waxes, resins and adhesives, oil base AND Latex paint and stains, fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, pool chemicals, driveway sealer, 11lb and 20lb propane canisters and tanks.

Tires are accepted. Passenger car and light truck tires are \$5.00 each and \$10.00 each for other truck tires.

Electronics Collection Saturday, September 23, 2023

Limit of four (4) CRT TVs and/or monitors per car
Acceptable materials include monitors and TVs, computers, printers, keyboards, peripherals, microwaves, etc. NOTHING WITH REFRIGERANT.

Appointments are necessary and there are a limited number of them available. You may make them online at www.glowsolidwaste.org. Click on the link for the collection you would like to attend. Those without internet access can call the GLOW office for an appointment.
(800)836-1154 or (585)815-7906
glow@co.genesee.ny.us



The office will be closed Monday, September 4th in celebration of Labor Day

Refuse Service will be delayed for Labor Day. Pickup will be on Wednesday, September 6th.

