



**February  
2023**

## Mayor's Message

I would like to start this newsletter welcoming Conte Auto to our village. This auto repair shop is located at 8121 Buffalo Road in the former Caesars Auto building. We wish you the best in your new business endeavor.

With the warm weather we have recently experienced I have noticed many residents walking their dogs. Please-Please-Please be responsible pet owners and pick up after your pets. I have received resident concerns pertaining to this issue.

In last month's newsletter I wrote that I would be addressing the infrastructure of our electric system. Our system has undergone a massive rebuild making it arguably the best in the state. New poles, conductors, pole and pad mount transformers and all LED street lighting are in place, but the heart of an electric utility is its substation. The substation receives power from a transmission line and in turn lowers the voltage to be utilized on the overhead conductors on the poles throughout the village. The benchmark of a substation life is forty years. Our current station equipment is from 1984 and with a projected lead time of five years to engineer and build a new station we would be looking at 44 years of service from our Gibson Place substation. Another issue is the lack of capacity at our current substation to meet the needs of tomorrow. Electric automobiles and heat pumps which replace fossil fuels to heat our homes are good examples of increased load on a system. We must plan accordingly to meet the demands for decades to come. At the February 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting the board voted in favor of hiring PLM Engineering to conduct a scope of services study to review the distribution system and develop an upgrade plan for the Village of Bergen electric system. PLM anticipates the study will take approximately six months to complete. The results of the study will be forthcoming when available through this newsletter.

Until next month be safe and stay healthy.

*Mayor Joseph M. Chimino*

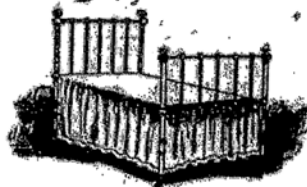
Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at [jchimino@villageofbergen.com](mailto:jchimino@villageofbergen.com) or (585)703-2875.

## From the Desk of the Village Historian, Vicky Truax

I thought this was interesting, that in 1906 you could buy your bedroom furniture right here in Bergen. The ad is from the Daily News.

**FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 16, 1906.**

### **Bergen's Home Furnishing Store**



A Brass and Iron Bed, guaranteed 25 years, a neat, attractive design as illustrated. Our price \$3.75. We are showing a large assortment of Iron Beds in new and attractive designs, price range \$2.75 up.

**Mattresses and Springs in all grades, Bedroom Furniture of all kinds. Our prices will pay you to investigate.**

Our store is an ideal place to select Christmas gift. It's time to be looking.

One price. Every article marked in plain figures.

Both Phones. **G. E. BEST.**

**Bergen's Home Furnishing Store.**



### Village Emergency Contact Numbers

Electric 353-0981  
Sewer 353-3659



# Village Meetings

All meetings are open to the public

## Hickory Park Survey



We have enclosed a survey for everyone regarding Hickory Park in this month's electric billing. This QR code will access the survey if you would rather complete it on your mobile device.

### 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



Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, April 1st  
1pm  
Hickory Park  
Sponsored by the BBCA

## Bergen Fire Department

After a few years on hold due to the pandemic, the Bergen Fire Department held their annual banquet on the evening of February 18th. Among the many recognitions received, the Hesperus Masonic Lodge presented the Department with the DeWitt Clinton Award for Community Service. The Explorers were recognized for their time and dedication to the future of our Department and the community. In addition, the installation of the 2023 officers was presented by Genesee County Coordinator Tim Yeager.

## Village Elections

A special election for one Village Board member seat for a one year term will be held on Tuesday, March 21st from 12pm - 9pm at the Village Hall, 11 North Lake Avenue.

Applications for absentee ballots may be requested no later than March 14th from the Village Administrator by phone, email to [vob@villageofbergen.com](mailto:vob@villageofbergen.com), or at the Village Office



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