



July
2023

Mayor's Message

I hope this month's newsletter finds you well and hopefully enjoying the sights and sounds of summer. I would like to congratulate all the BBHS graduates of the class of 2023 and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Improvements to Hickory Park continue. Thanks to the Bergen Business & Civic Association for donating \$2000.00 which will be used to purchase trees to plant around the newly paved walking trail this fall and to NORTERA FOODS for their \$1000.00 donation for a park bench. Upcoming events at Hickory Park include a community kick-ball game on July 29th from 3:00-4:30 pm organized by the Bergen Business & Civic Association. Register at the library or the day of at the park. (Kids and adults, all abilities play) The BBCA has also organized a town and village of Bergen community garage sale on July 29th from 9am to 5pm. See the flyer enclosed for more info. On August 12th at 8:30am is the annual Bergen 5K run/walk hosted by Young Life of Genesee County, lace up your sneakers and I will see you on the starting line. On Wednesday August 23rd from 6:00-9:00pm there is a concert in the park with the Cummings family and friends providing the entertainment. These musicians are giving their time for the community's music enjoyment, come out and enjoy the show. Any donated proceeds are benefiting the Friends of Bergen Parks for future park improvements. Thank you all for your time, generosity, and ongoing support.

In closing I would like to thank Lee Zimmerman of Bergen, owner of Custom Exteriors, for donating his time and materials for restoration work on the exterior of the village office. Thank you for having pride in your community.

Until next month be safe be 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 or (585)703-2875.

From the Desk of the Village Historian, Vicky Truax

Today we remember long time Bergen resident Joan Miller. She was born in August of 1931, and passed away in January of 2023. Joan's parents, Ethel and Francis Miller lived on Rochester Street, here in the village. Joan was one of three children. After graduation from Bergen High School in the late 1940's, Joan went to school at Keuka College, where she got her degree in elementary education. There at Keuka college, she became lifelong friends with her roommates. Joan's first year after college, she returned to Byron-Bergen and taught 3rd grade. While she was teaching at Byron-Bergen, Joan continued her education at Brockport College where she got her master's degree. She only taught school at Byron-Bergen a year or two. Ruth Sheldon Morris was one of her students. After receiving her master's degree, she moved to Westport Connecticut, near Long Island Sound, to be near her college roommates. She rented a guest house until she bought her condo. She taught school in Westport, and soon found out that Paul Newman's and Joanne Woodward's children attended her school. Joan was nervous about having such famous actor and actress' children in her class. The principal told her they are just normal people like you and me. You don't treat them any different. Joan told the story that at one of Paul and Joanne's children teacher's conference, she looked up, and there were those beautiful blue eyes of Paul Newman's. Joan's brother Francis, and her father Francis both went to Syracuse University. Joan was a huge 'Cuse fan along with loving the Buffalo Bills.

Joan ended up back in Bergen caring for her elderly mother, Ethel, until Ethel passed in October of 1993. Joan continued to live in the family homestead until her death in 2023. Ethel Miller was a huge advocate for the Byron-Bergen Public Library. In the early 1970's, Ethel donated \$10,000 to the library for a children's room.. That money continued to grow and in 2018 the room was completed.

In Joan's Bergen yearbook, her friend Joe Stein wrote that too bad Joan wasn't a boy, because they would have had a great basketball team. I would run into Joan every now and then in town. She always had a smile on her face along with many a story. Her obituary read that Joan was a ray of sunshine with a cheerful attitude and positive energy. This described Joan to a T. Bergen lost a good one when she passed.

Thank you to Tracy Miller for his help with this story.



Village Emergency Contact Numbers

Electric 353-0981
Sewer 353-3659



Village Meetings

All meetings are open to the public



Brush Pickup Began April 3rd

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

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

Save the Date

Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church VBS 2023

Where: 38 S. Lake Ave. Bergen

When: August 1-3 (Tues-Thurs)
5-8 pm

August 5 Sunday Funday. 10:30 am

Who: Ages 4 through completed 5th grade
Teen group (completed 6th through 12th gr.)
Parent group

What: Twists and Turns
Following Jesus Changes the Game

All are welcome! Registration is online or at the door. Dinner is provided each night.

epcbergen.org/vbs
(585)494-1251



Zoning Board of Appeals

Fourth Thursday of the month
7pm



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

Follow us on Facebook
Hickory Park Project

2023 Bergen 5k
Jenny Kuzma Memorial Race
Saturday, August 12th 8:30am



Please watch for the road closures around Hickory Park to be in place between 8:00 and 10:00 for runner's safety.



Bergen UMC VBS 2023

Thursday and Friday
August 10th and 11th
9:00am-12:00pm

Registration begins at 8:30am

At Bergen United Methodist Church
27 South Lake Avenue

Register online for VBS at
<https://vbspro.events/p/bergenumc>
For more information or in-person registration, contact the church office at: (585)494-1312 or office@bergenumc.org



2023 Sports Camp

w/Joe Rebisz
August 13th through 16th
6pm to 8pm
Hickory Park
Ages 6 to 14



Sponsored by Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church

2023 Summer Recreation Program

Hickory Park
July 3rd through August 11th
Monday through Friday
10am to 1pm



Registration forms are available on the Village website or at the Village Office..