



**June  
2023**

## Mayor's Message

Many thanks to all those individuals and organizations who have made possible the many events that have occurred in the village since last month's newsletter. From the Memorial Day Parade and heartfelt memorial service held at Hickory Park which followed honoring those who (all gave some- some gave all). Let us never forget our veterans. Park Day was held on June 10<sup>th</sup> under beautiful skies. The annual event was very well attended with residents and their children lining South Lake Avenue to witness a fabulous parade. All the vendors, musicians and organizations truly made this a special day and night culminating with the spectacular fireworks display. Well done and a sincere thank you to the Bergen Business & Civic Association for organizing an extraordinary event for all to enjoy. If you were unable to attend Park Day, I encourage you to visit Hickory Park and see the improvements that have been made such as the new restrooms, and the 1/3-mile walking trail, four square game area, pickle ball court and newly sealed and striped basketball court. This park is being highly utilized by the community and further improvements are planned for you, the residents to be proud of and enjoy. A reminder that the summer recreation program is being held at Hickory Park starting July 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact the village office at 494-1513. Thanks to Village Trustee Emily Marble for once again organizing this program.

Road repair work as well as sidewalk replacements have begun. The resurfacing of Rochester Street and Parkview Drive is scheduled for the final week of June. Village residents impacted by the road work will receive prior notice of the exact date as it becomes available from the contractor performing the work.

On behalf of the entire village staff, we hope you all enjoy the dog days of summer and have a safe and enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

Until next month be safe, be healthy.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

*Mayor Joseph M. Chimino*

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

Today's story takes us to a home built for Dr. Bernard Puglisi, in 1941 located at 68 Rochester Street. This lovely home is now owned by the Garnish's. The property had two acres of land which included frontage on Munger Street. Dr. Puglisi was Bergen's family doctor for many of us locals. The house was originally built with Dr. Puglisi's doctor's office attached to the west side of the Rochester Street home. In this way, the Puglisi family lived there, and the doctor could conveniently run his medical practice. In 1946, Mary wanted the family to move back to Rochester, so that her children could attend Catholic schools. With a heavy heart, the Puglisi's sold the home and the doctor's office was detached and moved to 57 Munger Street. After the office was moved in 1946, the doctor planted 100's of pine trees, between Munger Street and the Rochester Street home, to obscure his view of the house on Rochester Street that he so loved. Dr. Puglisi ran his medical practice from Munger Street, from 1946 until his death in 1989. He commuted from Rochester to his office in Bergen for 43 years. 57 Munger Street is now Tom and Ellen Taylor's home.

In Dr. Puglisi's obituary, he was remembered for maintaining the qualities of a small-town doctor in his practice, and for making house calls. Dr. Puglisi became specialized in arthritis and allergies, in his later years of practice. The good Doctor prepared proprietary medications, contained in small glass bottles with a cork on top, for some of the locals. Harris Wilcox was a friend of the doctor for over 50 years. "Dr. Puglisi was a little bit ahead of his time", said Harris Wilcox.

Thanks to Ralph Garnish for his many details and documents to help write this story. The Garnish's are the fourth owners of their home.



**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.

You can find our brush policy on our website or we have hard copies in the office.

### 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



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

Follow us on Facebook  
Hickory Park Project

### 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

The office will be closed  
Tuesday, July 4th  
in honor of  
Independence Day



### 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



Refuse Service will be delayed one day. Pickup will be on Wednesday, July 5th due to the Independence Day Holiday.

### 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](mailto:office@bergenumc.org)



All are welcome! Registration is online or at the door. Dinner is provided each night.  
[epcbergen.org/vbs](http://epcbergen.org/vbs)  
(585)494-1251



### 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..