



**May  
2023**

## Mayor's Message

Signs of spring are all around us. The smell of lilacs, freshly cut grass and the colorful tulips blooming in so many of our resident's yards are a sure indication of the season. With our current budget fiscal year ending May 31<sup>st</sup>, it is a very busy time for the village office staff as well as the DPW. I cannot thank all the village employees enough for their commitment to serving you, the residents, on a day-to-day basis.

Work continues on the Hickory Park restoration project. The ADA Restroom interiors are nearing completion and I urge you to take a walk in the park on the newly paved one third mile trail. Other improvements to Hickory Park will be forthcoming. These park improvements will enhance the Bergen Park Festival being held June 10<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the Bergen Business and Civic Association for organizing this yearly event, it surely brings our community together for a fun filled day for all to enjoy.

The Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. The parade starts on Buffalo Street and turns up South Lake Avenue to Hickory Park. Thanks to the American Legion, Byron-Bergen High School marching band, Bergen and Byron Fire departments for participating and organizing this event.

In closing I would like to give thanks to Scotts Miracle Gro for their generous donation of playground mulch, landscape mulch and potting soil that the village utilizes in the many various locations throughout the village. Thank you for assisting us in beautifying the village.

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*

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

Today we look back to a store I remember fondly, Dilcher's Hardware. It was located at 15,17 and 19 North Lake Ave in the village of Bergen. The three buildings that are attached had a walkway through into each business. The hardware store was located at 15 and 17 (North Lake). The show room for the lawn and garden and small engine repair was at 19 North Lake.

Wally and Rosetta Dilcher bought the hardware store from Joe and Edith Claude in the early 1960's. Wally was a long time Bergen resident, and his wife Rosetta was from Leroy. There had been a fire at the three properties. Wally repaired and rebuilt the property including the apartments upstairs. Wally was a "jack of all trades". After the remodeling and repairs were done the store was open for business. The hardware store sold dry goods, men's, women's and children's clothing, along with school supplies. My favorite memory of the store was the candy counter. AnnMarie Dilcher (Stoll), the daughter of Wally and Rosetta worked the candy counter along with a few other Bergen locals. John Stoll (AnnMarie's husband), Dennis (Fuzz) Hunt and Jean Lambien. AnnMarie's brother Duane, was younger and I don't recall him working there. There was a large glass case filled with many selections of candy for 1 cent. My mom would give each of my siblings 2 or 3 cents and off we would walk to Dilcher's Hardware. It might take us a half an hour to make our purchase. We would each get a little brown bag with our candy inside. The lawn and garden part of the store was Wally's showcase for lawn tractors along with the small engine repair shop. Another local man, Jim Harrigan worked in this part of the business. Once the apartments upstairs were refurbished, they housed Brockport college students.

The store was sold in the mid 1970's at auction by Harris Wilcox. The three addresses along with the contents of the store were sold. Prior to the sale, Wally went to work for the NYS Department of transportation. He worked there for twenty years and received his first pension check the day of his funeral. Wally was born in August of 1922 and died December 1990. Wally, along with other Bergen folks were instrumental in getting the Bergen Rescue Squad started. John Stoll, his son in law was one of Wally's recruits.

The logo that the Bergen Hardware used was: We treat you  year  This said a lot about how the business was run.

Thank you to AnnMarie and John Stoll for helping with this story.



**Village Emergency  
Contact Numbers**

Electric 353-0981  
Sewer 353-3659



# Village Meetings

All meetings are open to the public



**In observance of the  
Memorial Day holiday,  
brush pickup will be  
delayed to Tuesday, May 30th,  
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?

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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



### Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 29th at 9am

It will begin at Buffalo Street and Lake Avenue and proceed south on Lake Avenue to Hickory Park where there will be a ceremony to honor our fallen servicemen and women.

### The 33rd Annual Bergen Park Festival

Saturday, June 10th

Come out and enjoy the day in Hickory Park!

Basketball Tournament, Car Show, Parade, Magician, Live Music, Food Trucks, Craft Vendors, Bounce Houses, Dunk Tank, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, and a Book Sale!



Refuse Service will be delayed one day. Pickup will be on Wednesday, May 31st due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

### 4:00-5:30pm Chicken Barbecue

Chicken Barbecue tickets are \$14 each. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased at the Village and Town Offices and at the Byron-Bergen Public Library as well as at the Main Tent on Festival day.

Fireworks at Dusk!

### 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..

### Happy National EMS Week!

May 21-27, 2023

Thank you to all of those who answer the call here in Bergen and everywhere!



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

