



**October
2023**

Mayor's Message

I hope this month's newsletter finds you well and enjoying the fall season. It truly is a picturesque time of year with the colorful changing of the leaves. Speaking of leaves, our brush and leaf pickup continues to November 20th, we will see what mother nature has in store and act accordingly to meet the resident's needs.

I would like to thank the village office staff for going way over and above for community beautification projects in our village parks. From painting to planting 600 flower bulbs which will surely brighten our village parks come springtime. The village has also planted 10 large Cleveland pear trees in Hickory Park along the back side of the walking trail. Thanks again to the Bergen Business and Civic Association for the generous contribution which made this possible. Landscaping projects around the newly renovated restrooms and in front of the fence on route 19 (South Lake Ave.) should be completed in the next two weeks. I highly encourage you to visit Hickory Park and see the many improvements to date. A great time to visit would be on October 28th when the Village and the BBKA are sponsoring the Hallows Eve Festival and Ghost Walk starting at 4:30 till 8:00 pm. Bring the children out for a fun-filled event.

In closing have a safe and enjoyable Halloween and remember to vote on Tuesday November 7th
Until next month I wish you all the best, be safe be healthy.

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

Craft Supplies Unlimited, 70 South Lake Ave.

Today's story begins in 1981, when Jack and Ann Peters purchased the Ladd property on West Bergen Rd. They eventually moved into that home in 1992 after it had been remodeled, by Jack himself. Prior to that, they commuted to Bergen from Penfield.

In 1984, Ann and Jack opened their craft store on Buffalo St. It later became Mike's gym. That location was 400 square feet and was the beginning of Ann's history of her regular customers. In 1989, the Peter's bought the large building next door to the present craft store. Jack did the remodeling over the years. Many businesses have been run out of that location. Lori Gerard had a hair shop upstairs, Carol Randall had a ceramic shop, The Fink's had an art and musical after school program for children, and Fred Dunham had his insurance office (Sullivan Insurance). Fred's daughter Anita, ran a business selling blinds and other products and Cindy Reynolds had an antique shop. This is only naming a few.

In 1993 the Peters bought their present location from Bob Vorndran (previously owned by Bill Chick) where he ran a tractor and small engine shop. The craft store went from 400 square feet to 4000 square feet. From 1991 – 2016, Ann had a florist shop, and Jack was the main delivery man. The flower shop was successful until the big box stores (Wegmans, Walmart, etc) started selling flowers. During this time there were three employees along with Ann. Maria Chimino of Bergen, Nancy Riggi of Byron, and Sue Thomas of Churchville. There was much going on as the craft store offered classes such as basket making and fabric painting to name a few. Over the years many patrons became regulars. In particular, a 103-year-old woman who was originally from Bergen, stopped in recently to pick up her supplies.

Bergen is lucky to have such a gem in our community. Currently the store is open Thursday – Saturdays, with 50% off many items. In July of this year, Jack Peters passed away. He was 92. His legacy lives on every time you walk into the store, as Ann greets you with a smile. As you look around, you can see the many hours that Jack put into making the store their own.



Village Emergency Contact Numbers

Electric 353-0981
Sewer 353-3659



These numbers do not receive text messages

Village Meetings

All meetings are open to the public

Save the Date

Hallows Eve Festival

October 28th 5pm to 8pm at Hickory Park

All Ages Costume Parade at 4:30pm
(meet at the Post Office on Rochester Street)

Historical Ghost Tours at Mt. Rest Cemetery from 5pm to 7pm. Tours leave Hickory Park every 15 minutes. \$5 per person. Tickets can be purchased the night of the event at the park.

Trunk or Treat, Food Trucks, Scavenger Hunt, Music, Games, and Face Painting

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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

Thermal Infrared Imaging



Thermal infrared imaging has become a valuable tool in performing energy audits in residential and commercial applications. We are again offering a **free infrared assessment on your home**. The assessment, complete with color photos and helpful information show areas of heat loss. If you are interested please **contact the Village Office**.

Village Tree Lighting

Monday, December 4th

A limited number of trees are available to decorate. Please contact the Village office to reserve yours today!



Office Closings

Friday, November 10th
In honor of Veteran's Day

Thursday and Friday,
November 23rd and 24th
In celebration of Thanksgiving

Refuse Service **will not** be delayed for Veteran's Day nor Thanksgiving Day.

Pickups will be on
Tuesday, November 7th and
Tuesday, November 21st
as usual.



Change your Clocks/ Change your Batteries

Don't forget that at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 5th, you will need to turn your clocks back one hour, marking the end of Daylight Saving Time. Time to change your smoke alarm batteries!

A fire can double in size every 30 seconds. The sound of the alarm will give you and your family those few extra seconds to get out and stay out of your home.

The Office of the Fire Marshal also recommends that one of the simplest things you can do to protect your family is changing the batteries in your smoke alarms/detectors and carbon monoxide detectors at the same time.

Any elderly or disabled residents who need assistance changing their smoke alarm batteries can call the office for this free service!