



**September
2023**

Mayor's Message

I hope this month's newsletter finds you well and enjoying the start of the fall season. It truly is a remarkable time of year with the cool nights, the warm days and of course the beauty of the colorful changing of the leaves.

Everywhere I travel I cannot help but notice how everyone is in such a hurry. Speeding and reckless drivers are all around us. Our village is no exception and I have contacted the Genesee County Sheriff's office to address my concerns and to increase their presence in the village. New LED speed display units have been ordered and upon delivery will be installed on Buffalo Road. I ask all residents to do their part and keep our streets safe.

A dozen trees have been ordered and are scheduled for delivery in October. These trees will be planted in Hickory Park around the walking path. Thanks again to the Bergen Business & Civic Association for their generous donation towards the purchase of these trees. I would ask you to save the date of October 28th for the Hallow's Eve Festival & Historical Ghost Walk being held at Hickory Park and Mt. Rest Cemetery. Come out with the children and enjoy the trunk or treat, food vendors, music, a scavenger hunt in the wooded area of the park and a campfire to name a few of the activities. Thanks to the BBCA for organizing this event. Last year's celebration was a huge success and I foresee this year's event will be no different.

As another season winds down, I would like to thank all the village employees for all the work that is performed on a day-to-day basis. It is easy to take for granted the services that are provided by these employees while turning on a light switch, flushing a toilet, maintaining our parks, roads, sidewalks to name a few and our office staff for meeting all of the residents' concerns in person or on the phone and handling these issues in a courteous and professional manner. Well done TEAM!!!

Until next month I wish you all the best, 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

Hallows Eve Festival and Historic Ghost Walk

Saturday, October 28th 5pm to 8pm

Ghost Walks in Mt. Rest Cemetery 5pm to 7pm

Look for more information coming soon!





Village Emergency Contact Numbers

Electric 353-0981
Sewer 353-3659



Village Meetings

All meetings are open to the public



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

Follow us on Facebook
Hickory Park Project

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

Five Easy Ways to Pay Your Electric or Sewer Bill:

- ◆ In Person at the Village Office, 11 North Lake Avenue 8am-4:30pm Monday through Friday
- ◆ By our secure drop box left of our front door
- ◆ By Mail to PO Box 100, Bergen, NY 14416
- ◆ Automatically with ACH Withdrawal from your checking account set up through the office
- ◆ FREE Secure Utility Payment Portal using your debit or credit card at www.villageofbergen.com

Save the Date

Community Garden

The growing season is coming to an end, and the Community Garden will be closing the first part of October. If those of you with gardens would remove materials from your garden bed by October 9th so the area can be closed for the winter, it would be greatly appreciated.



2023 Anti-Rabies Immunization Clinic

Thursday, October 12th 4to 6pm

Genesee County Fairgrounds
5056 East Main Street, Batavia



There is no charge for the vaccine, but voluntary donations are accepted. Animals must be at least 3 months old. Each animal must be leashed or crated and accompanied by an adult who can control the animal at all times. Limit 4 pets per car.



For more information on GO Health's programs and services, visit GOHealth-NY.org. You can also contact the health department at 585-344-2580 x5555 or Health@co.genesee.ny.us



Brush Pickup

Brush and bagged leaves will be picked up each Monday, weather permitting. Pickup is delayed until Tuesdays for holidays

Refuse Service **will not** be delayed for Columbus Day.

Pickup will be on Tuesday, October 10th.



Foodlink Pop Up Pantry Food Distribution

Thursday, October 19th at 4pm

Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church

