



April 2024

Mayor's Message

With spring upon us we look forward to the good weather and sharing good times with family and friends. This is always a very busy time of year for our village as we transform from winter to spring. It is a special time as our downtown is decorated with flower boxes, American flags, and Hometown Heroes Banners honoring the men and women who are serving or have served in our military. Thank you all for your service. On May 5th the unveiling of new banners will take place at the American Legion Post located at 21 North Lake Ave. between 1-3pm. The public is welcome and cordially invited to attend. Another date to save is May 8th as representatives of Byron Bergen High School will attend our board meeting to present the ensuing school budget.

During this construction season, street resurfacing of Clinton, McKenzie, Munger, and Buffalo Streets will be addressed along with sidewalk and catch basin repairs in various locations throughout the village. Residents affected will be notified prior to these projects' startup. The front pavilion in Hickory Park is scheduled to have a concrete floor poured along with benches with pads and lighting around the walking path adding to the ambiance in the park. There is no increase in the village tax to fund these projects. The village has again been named a Tree City for the 13th year by the Arbor Day Foundation. On May 9th the seventh graders from Byron-Bergen middle school will participate in our community action day event honoring Arbor Day here in the village. This has become a yearly tradition which we look forward to hosting.

You may see our senior lineman in your yards performing GPS on electric and sewer infrastructure. This GPS will greatly assist our crews in locating facilities whether it be for routine maintenance or pumping of septic tanks as needed.

In closing I would like to welcome our newly elected village trustees. Elected to a two-year term is Bernadette Thompson and to four-year terms Todd Cargill and Robert Capurso. On behalf of myself and the residents we thank you for your service to our 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

This article appeared in the newspaper on April 15, 1939

Here is some chilling News: There was no summer in 1816.

Ithaca - To shivering New Yorkers, awaiting the delayed advent of warm weather, came today this chilling news. In 1816 there wasn't any summer!

A scrapbook-diary kept by the grandmother of an Elmer Dillon of Black Rock, now a part of Buffalo, reveals chronologically a summerless 1816.

March 9 - Snow 2 1/2 feet deep

April 12 - Four inches snow

April 22 - Snow fell three inches last night

May 15 - Froze uncommonly hard last night

May 20 - It froze so hard last night that mud three inches deep will bear a man

May 23 - Season cold and backward

June 6 - Snowed from early morning until 1pm, melting as fast as it fell, save on north side of buildings

June 7 - Very cold, froze half inch thick last night

June 14 - It has frozen every night since June came in, except a few rainy foggy nights

June 28 - A little frost

July 11 - Crops very backward

August 12 - Began hailing

August 24 - Frost, Vines and corn in some places ruined

October 17 - Snow eight inches deep.

On a positive note, we have been blessed this winter as it has been extremely mild.



**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

Board of Trustees

Second Wednesday of the month
6:30pm

Planning Board

Third Wednesday of the month at 7pm
Agenda items must be submitted no later than ten days prior to the meeting

Zoning Board of Appeals

Fourth Thursday of the month at 7pm
Agenda items must be submitted no later than ten days prior to the meeting

Imagination Library

The Imagination Library Program, a program which delivers age-appropriate free books to children, started in the Byron Bergen Community in 2016. Since that time, almost 9000 books have been delivered to children from birth to 5 years of age to enjoy at no cost because of generous donations. The program has been supported by Byron Bergen businesses, organizations, and individuals during this time, and our committee is grateful.

Sadly, donations have diminished to the point where we will not be able to maintain the program beyond August 2024 without community support.

Please contact the committee at (585)820-8594 if you can help in any way to save this program.

Thank you again for your previous support!

Construction Season is here!

Remember when you are doing projects at home, you may need a permit! Call our Code Officer for more information at (585)331-6162.

- Gazebo
- Greenhouse
- Deck/Porch
- Shed/Building
- Pool/Hot Tub
- Roof
- Driveway
- Fence

Save the Date

Boy Scout Troop 31 Chicken Barbecue

Monday, May 27th, 11am until sold out
\$15 per dinner

Bergen United Methodist Church
27 South Lake Avenue
Contact Carolyn at 739-1549 or
Scott at 590-2147 for tickets.



The office will be closed
Monday, May 27th
in honor of
Memorial Day



Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 27th



Watch our Facebook page and see our May Newsletter for more information



Burn Ban In Effect

Reminder! Annual Burning Ban in effect until May 14th

All residential brush burning is prohibited in smaller communities during the state's historically high fire-risk period from **March 16 through May 14th.**

Several factors enable wildfires to start easily and spread quickly at this time, including the lack of green vegetation, abundance of available fuels such as dry grass and leaves, warm temperatures and wind.

Brush Pickup Began April 8th

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

