



**February
2024**

Mayor's Message

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the mild weather we are enjoying. Maybe there is something to be said for Punxsutawney Phil not seeing his shadow and indicating an early spring. Shifting to warmer days ahead I reported last month that the village would be hosting three concerts in Hickory Park this summer which are being funded by Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council (GO-ART) The dates for these concerts are now set for June 20th, July 31st, and August 19th please save the dates to attend. More information will be available in the months to come.

As we get closer to spring, I would ask any residents who are interested in reserving a plot in the community garden located on Church Street to do so by March 29th. The cost of the plots is twenty-five dollars for the season. For more details contact the village office at 494-1513. Participation for the community garden has been very poor in recent years and without considerable utilization from village residents we will be closing the garden down.

As the weather improves, I see many pet owners out walking their dogs. Please, Please, Please, pick up after your animals. Be a responsible pet owner and good neighbor. Residents going for an enjoyable village walk should not have to deal with dog feces along the walkways. Let's make the village a cleaner and healthier place for all of our residents.

Until next month stay healthy and be safe.

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

Today's story is from December 8, 1898, in the Batavia Daily News

Great Storm At An End

If the man who predicted an open winter has not already crawled under a snowbank he should do so as quickly as he can. With more snow on the ground than has been seen in years, Batavians are in a frame of mind to deal roughly with false prophets. The individual who writes about the beautiful snow should get ready to dodge every time he sees a man with a snow shovel.

Men who have lived long hereabouts aver that they have never seen higher individual drifts, but all agree that they have never gazed upon such a volume of snow so comparatively evenly distributed. It is the unanimous verdict, furthermore, that the skies never emptied so much whiteness on the parent town of the Holland Purchase within such a brief space of time as it has in this instance. No one ever saw it snow faster than it did yesterday afternoon. Beyond a doubt it was as great a storm as ever imposed upon this section. There are very few places, where the snow is undisturbed, where it wouldn't be necessary to dig down at least three feet to reach dirt. When it finally stopped snowing late yesterday afternoon the business portions of Main, Jackson, and State Streets resembled rivers disturbed by a tempest. The snow had been drifted by the wind into the form of great waves, which were pretty to look upon, but anything but pleasant to wade through.

The only redeeming feature of the storm was the fact that it was not accompanied by severe cold. At no time during the day yesterday did it get below 20 degrees.

Many of us complain about winter, but we have been lucky this year. We know that spring is right around the corner. For that we are thankful.



Village Emergency Contact Numbers

Electric 353-0981
Sewer 353-3659



These numbers do not receive text messages

Save the Date

Village Elections



An election for three Village Board member seats, one for a two year term, and two for four year terms will be held

Tuesday, March 19th from 12pm - 9pm.

Applications for absentee ballots may be requested from the Village Administrator by phone, email to vob@villageofbergen.com, or at the Village Office.



Easter Lunch & Hunt

Saturday, March 23rd

11:30am to 12:45pm

Meet and greet with the bunny
Lunch available for purchase
at Sage Pavilion
62 South Lake Avenue

1pm Easter Egg Hunt at Hickory Park
Presented by the BBCA

Hometown Heroes Banner Program 2024



Banners will be displayed in the village from Memorial Day until Veteran's Day. Have a service member you know honored with a banner of their own. To order a banner to honor a service member, and to have questions concerning the banners answered, please email amb0330@rochester.rr.com. Guidelines and an application will be sent to you. Orders must be submitted by **March 31, 2024** for banners to be added to our display in 2024

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



Residential Refuse Collection

Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day pickup will be **Wednesday**, May 29th

Independence Day pickup will be **Tuesday**, July 2nd

Labor Day pickup will be **Wednesday**, September 4th

Veteran's Day pickup will be **Tuesday**, November 12th

Thanksgiving Day pickup will be **Tuesday**, November 26th

Christmas Day pickup will be **Tuesday**, December 24th

New Year's Day pickup will be **Tuesday**, December 31st

Office Closing



We will be closed
Good Friday, March 29th