



July 2024

Mayor's Message

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and enjoying the great summer weather. In taking advantage of this weather, our DPW crew has begun removing dead trees located in the village right of way which are a threat to public safety. We are receiving quotes for sidewalk repairs. Should sidewalk repairs be performed in a driveway area, the homeowner will be notified to limit any inconvenience. Road resurfacing is still planned on a few of the village streets this fall. When a firm date is set, residents on the streets impacted will receive advance notice. The DPW crew has been repairing deteriorating storm water catch basins on various streets and our electric crew has been performing GPS documentation on everything from electric, wastewater, stormwater, and roads to name a few. Never has our system been mapped out to this degree allowing all the data available with just a click on a laptop or even a smart phone.

We had a meeting with Empire State Development on July 18th to discuss our Fast-NY Grant application concerning our electric substation upgrade. We are hoping to have a decision from the EDC in two weeks. We are surely keeping our fingers crossed as this grant would greatly aid the community.

The Bergen Summer Fun Day held on July 20th @ Hickory Park was a sun filled day for all to enjoy. The morning started with village and town wide garage sales followed by activities in the park including kickball, concessions, a cornhole tournament and music by Jenna and the Journeyman which made for a spectacular day. Thanks to the BBCA with the help of Friends of Bergen Parks for organizing this event. The next event in Hickory Park is the second summer music concert featuring the band Something Else which was voted two-time winner of Rochester's top cover band. This concert is on July 31, from 6:30 -8:30 pm. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the show. Also, save the dates for the Bergen 5K race being held on August 10th and two other concerts in the park on August 19th with music by Blue Sky starting at 6:30-8:30pm and closing out the summer concert series with Cummings Family and Friends who will be performing on August 28th from 6:00-9:00pm for all to enjoy. A special thank you to the Cummings family and Friends for sharing their time and musical talents in bringing our community together for a special evening of entertainment.

Until next month, be safe and stay 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

Today's story is about our youth summer recreation program. In the 1970's the recreation program went swimming at MacArthur Park pool in Batavia. After the Gillam-Grant pool was built, the swimming program was moved to that pool. I can remember as a junior and senior in high school teaching children to swim. It was my summer job. The bus picked up children in Bergen and Byron and we met at the Gillam-Grant Pool.

Now, Bergen has its own recreation program and Byron has their own. The first village rec program was in 2015. Emily VanEenwyk-Marble, a Village Trustee at the time, had been overseeing the Byron Rec program and brought the idea to the village board to create a similar program here in the village. This was made possible through funding from the Genesee County Youth Bureau. There were also some other donations given. The American Legion Post here in Bergen donated \$100. Jessica Roth and Aurora Zinter were the first counselor and youth counselor, respectively.

This year the program is run by Evie Rodriguez-Brown. She began her role in 2021 and has been in charge for her fourth year. There are youth volunteers in training to help with the children along with paid young adult helpers. Each day there are arts and crafts and sports, along with the playground being utilized. I spoke to a young participant and jr. counselor in training, Emily Brownell. She said that her favorite things at rec are the games, such as "Capture the flag" and "Soccer tennis". Emily has been enjoying the program for four years now. She is from out of town but stays with her grandparents.

At lunch time, a village employee will pick up lunches at Byron-Bergen School and deliver them to the children at the park. The day that I stopped, there were 28 children in attendance. Looking at the activity calendar, there is a day at the library each week, with an opportunity to check out books. Every week also consists of water games. Seeing how hot it has been, it's a nice cool-down day.

The program is free to children 5-15 years old and runs from July 1st – August 8th from 10 am – 1 pm. There is a year-round fundraiser at the Bergen Bottle and Can Return that supports the recreation program. Our village is lucky to have such a program. Another gem in our quaint community.

Thanks to Marsha MacConnell for inspiring this story. She explained how much she enjoys looking out her window and seeing the children and young adults enjoying this summer program.



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

Save the Date

2024 Concerts in the Park

July 31st Something Else 6:30-8:30
August 19th Blue Sky 6:30-8:30
August 28th The Cummings Family 6-9

All concerts are held in Hickory Park
Food and Beverages available for purchase



2024 Bergen 5k

Jenny Kuzma Memorial Race
Saturday, August 10th 8:30am
www.bergen5k.com

Please watch for the road closures around Hickory Park to be in place between 8:00am and 10:00am for runner's safety.



2024 Summer Recreation Program

Hickory Park
July 1st through August 8th
Monday through Friday
10am to 1pm



2024 Sports Camp

w/Joe Rebisz
August 11th through 14th
6pm to 8pm
Hickory Park
Ages 6 to 14

Sponsored by Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church



Bergen Community VBS Hometown Nazareth

August 21st to 23rd
9am to Noon
Ages 4-13
(Must be 4 by August 1st)



Bergen United Methodist Church and
Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church
27 South Lake Avenue and 38 South Lake Avenue
<https://www.myvbs.org/bergencommunity/>

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TUES	7/30	International Friend Day--Celebrate by watching the Goonies!!	3pm
TUES	7/30	Crafting an Adventure Series (Tell Your Story)* --Sign up by 7/26 <i>get it!</i>	6pm
WED	7/31	Adventures in Jewelry--learn to make a binary bracelet with Ari Originals --Sign up by 7/30 <i>get it!</i>	4pm

August

Thurs	8/1	DRAGON STORIES* <i>get it!</i> Sign up by 7/30 -- space is limited	6pm
*	8/6-8/9	LAST WEEK TO SPIN THE WHEEL!!	8/6-8/9
TUES	8/6	STEM Adventures with Cornell Co-Op Sign up by 8/2	6pm
WED	8/7	Crunchy Sam's Bug Extravaganza	6pm
		Drop off Reading Log by 8/16 to get your final Prize!	

For more information feel free to stop in, call us at (585) 494-1120, check out the Byron-Bergen Public Library Facebook page, or visit our website at byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org/events