



June 2024

Mayor's Message

Fantastic is the word I must use to start off this month's newsletter. The 34th Annual Park Fest held on June 8th was simply a fantastic event. Bringing the community together for a fun filled day of activities for all ages to enjoy. To see both sides of South Lake Ave. lined with parade watchers was awesome. A great car show brought back memories of years past. There was a large number of vendors and entertainment throughout the day and the evening was highlighted by a spectacular fireworks display which put an exclamation point on the event. Grand honors to the Bergen Business & Civic Association for organizing this annual event and to all the volunteers and loyal supporters.

I would like to congratulate the Byron-Bergen class of 2024 graduates on their accomplishments and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

Hickory Park improvements have continued with 8 park benches being installed and the concrete floor installed in the front pavilion making it much more user-friendly. Pickle Ball is becoming a very popular activity. We have a court at Hickory Park and paddles and balls can be signed out at the Byron-Bergen library for residents' use. If you have any interest in taking lessons, village resident David Catalino can be reached at 585-993-2561

The village has received a Clean Community Grant through NYSERDA which will pay for a new car charging station which will replace the failing station in the municipal parking lot behind the village office.

I have met with the Genesee County Sheriffs and requested more patrols to crack down on speeding, and illegal motor vehicles on our streets. I have asked for strict enforcement of the village laws. Also, a reminder that overnight parking on village streets is not allowed and violators will be ticketed.

Wishing you all the best as the summer season is upon us. Until next month be safe and stay healthy.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at

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Mayor Joseph M. Chimino

From the Desk of the Village Historian, Vicky Truax



Today's story is about long time Bergen resident, Herb Ridd. (my uncle)

Herb was born on February 20, 1929, in Batavia. His parents were Florence Wilcox and William Ridd. He had three siblings and grew up on a farm on Gustin Rd. (Vallance Road) Herb went to Leroy School and dropped out in 5th grade, to help on the family farm.

In November of 1950, Herb joined the army and was stationed in Germany during the Korean War. He was discharged in November of 1952, with military honors and returned to the family farm.

On May 22, 1954, Herb married Josephine Beedham. They rented an apartment at Doug Susat's house. They bought property on Munger Street and in 1967 they had their ranch home built by Bergen native, Tommy Galliford. They had three children and Herb supported his family by working at Hunter Stevens Machine Shop in Spencerport. He worked there from 1954-1974 until the business closed. From there he went to work at Gates Albert as the nighttime machine shop supervisor. He worked there until his retirement.

Herb lost his wife, Josie in 1995 and lost his son, Randy, tragically in 2021. He had his share of heartache. That didn't stop Herb from getting out and spreading his kindness and warm smile with his infectious laugh. He was known to like a cold beer and play Quick Draw. Whenever I would see my Uncle Herb out, he always had a big smile. He was a kind and gentle man. I would always give him a kiss on the cheek and ask him how he was doing. It was always the same reply, "I'm doing better now." Herb got his final wishes and passed at his beloved home in Bergen surrounded by his loving family, on June 2, 2024, at the age of 95. He was a Bergen staple and will be missed.



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

Save the Date

2024 Summer Recreation Program

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



Registration forms are available on the Village website or at the Village Office..



The office will be closed
Thursday, July 4th
in celebration of
Independence Day

2024 Concerts in the Park

July 31st Something Else
August 19th Blue Sky
6:30pm in Hickory Park
Food and Beverages available for purchase



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July

TUES	7/2	Drop in for Craft Palooza Day --Make & Take a couple crafts!	3-6pm
WED	7/3	GAME DAY ft. cards, board games, & Xbox games! Sign up by 7/2	5pm
TUES	7/9	JAPAN DAY--Explore the Country through crafts, food, & more! Sign up by 7/5	6pm
Thurs	7/11	All About Pokemon--Play, share, and talk Pokemon! Sign up by 7/9	4pm
Tues	7/16	Crafting an Adventure Series (Build Your World) with Jacob* -- Sign by 7/12 <i>get it!</i>	6pm
WED	7/17	Boba Tea & Manga Meet Up! Recommended ages 10 & up -- Sign up by 7/12	4pm
TUES	7/23	Crafting an Adventure Series (Build Your Character)* --Sign up by 7/19 <i>get it!</i>	6pm
Thurs	7/25	CHRISTMAS IN JULY!! Featuring a special guest reader & craft -- Sign up 7/23	6pm

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

July
20th

\$50
2nd
place

\$100
1st
place

Check-in at 4:30 pm
Bags fly at 5:00 pm

20
team
limit

\$20 per team

Live music, food & drinks

Register at the
Village of Bergen Office

cash
or
check

11 North Lake Ave
494-1513

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Hickory
Park

Hickory Park, Bergen NY

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