



**October
2024**

Mayor's Message

The changing of the leaves this fall are not the only colors changing in the village. The Tulley building, which is home to the village office, is undergoing a face lift with an 1880's multiple color scheme to enhance the appearance of this historical building. Hickory Park improvements are ongoing with the installation of underground electric conduits as well as 23 light poles around the walking trail and back entrance. We await the delivery of the LED colonial fixtures which will cap off these new light poles.

In the next few days customers of Bergen electric will receive a bag on your doorknobs containing a box of LED Christmas lights along with information regarding the Bergen Energy Efficiency Program (BEEP) and the Annual Village Tree Lighting.

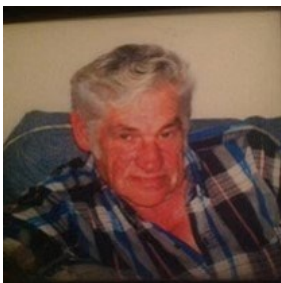
I am very happy to report that the village has received \$1.26 million dollars from NYS for our substation upgrade through a FAST NY Grant. This grant will greatly offset the total cost of the project. Many thanks to Genesee County Economic Development Center and to village administrator Cortney Gale for obtaining this grant on the village's behalf. The village has also submitted two other grant applications seeking funding for our substation upgrade and awaits a final determination. The village applied and was awarded an increase in our hydro allocation of preference power from the New York Power Authority with the addition of OXBO International moving into the Apple Tree Acres Business Park.

Final brush pickup is scheduled for November 11th barring windstorms. Leaf pickup in paper bags will depend on mother nature's timeline. In closing, I want to give a huge shout out to all the village employees for all they do daily in their respective jobs. They deserve all the credit for making our village the special place we call home. Until next month, stay safe and 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



Today's story is of longtime resident Jack Robinson. Jack was born in Bergen, on August 21, 1942 and passed away on October 24, 2016. He was one of six boys. He grew up in Bergen and attended Bergen School. In March of 1962, he married Shirley Davis and had six children, five boys and one girl. He worked for many years at Agway Flour Mill in Churchville, driving truck. Jack began working for the Village of Bergen in August of 1984, and retired in January of 2005. He worked twenty plus years for the village. During his years employed for the village, he was skilled in many areas. He operated heavy equipment, drove truck, plowed snow, and maintained the sewer treatment plant, to name a few. One of his greatest accomplishments was being part of building the substation in 2002. Jack along with Joe Chimino, Rick Robinson (Jack's son) and Chris Fay were the hands that built this monster, after many had their doubts that it could be done. This was done when Tom

LeSage was mayor. Joe Chimino remembers Jack as a phenomenal mechanic. He could repair any piece of equipment that needed to be repaired. Jack also had a visual in his head of where things were underground.

In 1998 Jack and his family opened the golf driving range on Buffalo Road. Shortly after retirement, Jack developed the par three golf course behind the driving range. This all came together after Jack inherited 17 acres, and then purchased the additional acreage at county auction.

Jack's hobbies were golfing, hunting and visiting Batavia Downs with his wife Shirley. He was a true family man. Chris Fay, a co-worker of Jack's described him as a "Prince of a man". Jack left his footprint in the village and is remembered as a compassionate and generous man with a great sense of humor.



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

Village Tree Lighting

Monday, December 9th



A limited number of trees are available to decorate. Please contact the Village office to reserve yours today!

Office Closings

Monday, November 11th
In honor of Veteran's Day

Thursday and Friday,
November 28th and 29th
In celebration of Thanksgiving



Change your Clocks/ Change your Batteries

Don't forget that at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 3rd, you will need to turn your clocks back one hour, marking the end of Daylight Saving Time. Time to change your smoke alarm batteries!

A fire can double in size every 30 seconds. The sound of the alarm will give you and your family those few extra seconds to get out and stay out of your home.

The Office of the Fire Marshal also recommends that one of the simplest things you can do to protect your family is changing the batteries in your smoke alarms/detectors and carbon monoxide detectors at the same time.

Any elderly or disabled residents who need assistance

Hometown Hero Banners



The Bergen Triangle Club, Ladies Auxiliary of the Sackett-Merrill-White American Legion, and the Friends of Bergen are proud to continue the Hometown Heroes Banner Program for spring 2025. The program serves as a tribute to recognize service men and women from Bergen who are currently serving or have been honorably discharged from service to our country, in a branch of the military.

These banners are proudly displayed in the Village of Bergen from Memorial Day through Veteran's Day each year.

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 February 28, 2025, for banners to be added to our display in 2025.



Foodlink Pop Up Pantry Food Distribution
Thursday, November 14th at 4pm
Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Refuse Service **will not** be delayed for Veteran's Day nor Thanksgiving Day.

Pickups will be on Tuesday, November 12th and Tuesday, November 26th as usual.

