



**September
2024**

Mayor's Message

I hope all the residents are enjoying the cool mornings and warm afternoons as we enter the fall season. Truly the most picturesque of the seasons with the fall foliage for everyone's visual enjoyment. Speaking of enjoyment, the Cummings Family and Friends performed a benefit concert on August 28th which benefitted Friends of Bergen Parks. Donations totaled \$541.00 which will be used for improvements to village parks. This is the second year that this group has performed this benefit concert for all to enjoy in beautiful Hickory Park. The other concerts that were held in the park were a big success and we look forward to another concert series for the summer of 2025. Work in Hickory Park continues as we install underground electric infrastructure which will include colonial lighting around the walking trail and along the back pathway leading to McKenzie Street. The next scheduled event in the park is the Hallow's Eve Festival on October 26th with a costume parade for the kids beginning at 4:30pm starting at the post office parking lot and proceeding to the park where food trucks, DJ, games, scavenger hunt and trunk or treat await. There are also historical ghost tours from 5-7-pm at Mt. Rest cemetery. Thanks to the BBCA and the Village of Bergen for this presentation.

A new car charging station is being installed in the rear parking lot on Buffalo Street. This was funded through a grant from NYSERDA and replaces the failing station. Road maintenance is complete for this season. The streets that were micro-paved were Buffalo, McKenzie and Clinton. I would like to thank the Town of Bergen for allowing their intern Jake Vazquez from RIT's Civil Engineering Program to evaluate all the village streets and furnish his findings to the village as to the condition and recommended maintenance needed going forward. This will surely be valuable data as we schedule road work for the ensuing construction season. Bergen electric will be providing mutual aid to the Town of Bergen to construct an electric pole line from Rt.262 to the back pavilion at Robins Brook Park. Sidewalk replacements are scheduled for the third week of October by Pro-Construction.

In closing, I cannot say enough how grateful I am to the members of the Bergen Fire Department for their service to this community. When I hear that siren going off at all hours of the day and night, I say to myself thank you from the bottom of my heart for protecting our village.

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 jchimino@villageofbergen.com or (585)703-2875.

Mayor Joseph M. Chimino

From the Desk of the Village Historian, Vicky Truax

Hallow's Eve Festival and Historic Ghost Walk Saturday, October 26th

- Costume Parade begins at 4:30 in Zuber Park
- Food trucks, DJ, games, scavenger hunt, and trunk or treat 5pm to 8pm in Hickory Park
- Historical Ghost Tours 5pm to 7pm

Presented by the BBCA with cooperation and support from the Village of Bergen





**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

BERGEN BUSINESS AND CIVIC ASSOCIATION (BBCA) Community Service Recognition Awards Banquet February 22, 2025

The BBCA Community Service Recognition Awards were developed to honor persons who are making, and have made, significant contributions to the Bergen community through their time, actions, talents and dedication. Do you know someone you would like to nominate?

The honorees selected will be those striving to enhance the Bergen community as seen through their community service actions.

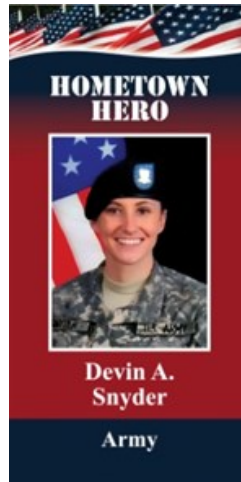
The BBCA will accept and review all nominations submitted to determine their appropriateness based on the award criteria.

All information will be kept confidential by the nominee and by the review committee.

**Nominations are to be submitted to:
BBCA, PO Box 24, Bergen NY 14416
Nominations are due by October 31, 2024**

To receive nomination forms and criteria information for the recognition awards, please reach out to Anna Marie Barclay at (585) 820-8594 or amb0330@rochester.rr.com or you can pick them up at the Village or Town Offices!
Thank you!!

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, October 17th at 4pm
Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Refuse Service **will not** be delayed for Columbus Day.

Pickup will be on
Tuesday, October 15th.

