



Mayor's Message

How quickly the summer season flew by, with Memorial Day to Labor Day passing in the blink of an eye! We now enjoy the cool mornings and warm afternoons of early fall. I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Upgrades around the village continue with the resurfacing of Church and Gates streets and the milling and paving of the rear parking lot on Buffalo Street, the Sage Pavilion parking lot and the Hickory Park front entrance. I would like to extend special thanks to Joel Pocock and his crew at the Town of Bergen and the crew from the Town of Byron for all the mutual aid they have supplied to the village in completing these upgrades.

The rear pavilion in Hickory Park has been removed and site work for the new pavilion will take place during the week of September 29th. More sidewalk replacements are scheduled for mid-October, and we are anxiously awaiting the delivery of major electric equipment needed for our substation upgrade.

On the sewer side, four very large manhole collection basins have been replaced, thus eliminating the infiltration of ground water into our collection system. The village is currently seeking grants to fund the replacement of other wastewater basins in need of repair.

Ever think about being part of something very special? If so, the Bergen Fire Department is for you! They meet on the first Monday of the month at 7:00pm at the firehall on Hunter Street. They will welcome you with open arms and you can witness firsthand the dedication all these members have to serving our community. If you are looking to volunteer in an organization, I can think of none better than our Bergen Fire Department. I consider it to be the crown jewel of Bergen. Until next month, be safe, 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



Remembering Barry G. Miller

As September marks the 10-year anniversary of his passing, we reflect on the life and legacy of Barry G. Miller — a man whose impact on the Bergen community remains strong to this day.

Barry was born on June 6, 1965, and raised in Bergen, where he graduated from high school in 1983 as class president. After high school, he attended Genesee Community College, earning an associate degree in Computer Repair Technology. Barry began his professional career as a computer technician and eventually became Vice President of Business Methods, Inc. in the early

1990s. Later, he pursued further education and earned a bachelor's degree in Organizational Management from Roberts Wesleyan College.

In 1996, Barry founded Miller's Millworks, located in the old mill on North Lake Avenue — a building once operated by his ancestors as a feed mill. There, he crafted custom furniture such as podiums, lecterns, desks, and media centers. His love of craftsmanship extended beyond Bergen; Barry also owned Beaver Ridge Lodge, a 125-year-old hotel in the Adirondacks, accessible only by boat or snowmobile. He spent many weekends there running the lodge and welcoming guests.

Barry is perhaps best remembered for his deep involvement with the Bergen Fire Department, where he served for 31 years. As Chief of Emergency Medical Services,

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Village Emergency Contact Numbers

Electric 353-0981
Sewer 353-3659



These numbers do not receive text messages

Save the Date

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

Pickup will be on
Tuesday, October 14th.



Village Meetings

All meetings are open to the public

Board of Trustees: Second Wednesday of the month
at 6:30pm

Planning Board: Third Wednesday of the month at
7pm

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

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...continued from page 1 he founded the Explorers program, mentoring local youth and training the next generation of emergency medical technicians. Barry also served as one of Genesee County's Coroners and was a member of the New York State Association of County Coroners and Medical Examiners.

Beyond emergency services, Barry was active in public service as a longtime member of the Bergen Town Board, where he served as Deputy Supervisor. He was also a devoted member of the Bergen United Methodist Church.

In July 2016, the Bergen Post Office was officially renamed "The Barry Miller Post Office" in his honor — a testament to his lasting influence in the community. Many remember Barry piloting his powered parachute across the skies of Bergen, always adding his unique energy to local events throughout Genesee County.

As the anniversary of his passing approaches, Barry's memory continues to inspire those who knew him. Julie Donofrio reflects on how far the fire department and its members have come over the past decade, in large part due to Barry's mentorship and leadership. His father, Tracy Miller, believes that every young person who joins the fire department and serves their community helps keep Barry's legacy alive — a legacy rooted in serving others with purpose and compassion.

Barry's sister, Pam, remembers him as a loving, passionate, and adventurous man — someone who jumped into life with both feet. She often mourns the fact that her grandsons will never get to meet their "crazy uncle," but rarely does a day pass without a memory of him. Pam offers these words to anyone wishing to honor her brother:

"Be intentional about making amends. Make time for your family. Make time for God. And live a little."

Barry G. Miller passed away on September 23, 2015, and is laid to rest at Mt. Rest Cemetery in Bergen. His spirit lives on through the people and the community he so deeply loved.

HALLOW'S EVE FESTIVAL

October 18th

4-5 pm	Ghost Walk
5:30 pm	Costume Parade
5:45 - 7:30 pm	Trunk or Treat
5-7:30 pm	Games
	Food Trucks
	Mobile Bar
	Music
	Camp Fire

Sponsored by BBCA



Bergen Evangelical Church
38 South Lake Avenue
Thursdays at 4pm

September 25 October 23 November 13

This is an outdoor walk-through food distribution.
Please bring a cart or wagon to gather your food.
Everyone is welcome to attend all Foodlink events



Mustard Seed Food Pantry
Bergen United Methodist Church, 27 South Lake Avenue

All are welcome at the Mustard Seed Food Pantry!
This vital community mission provides pantry staples,
canned goods, and fresh and frozen food.

The Food Distribution Schedule:

Last Saturday of each month 9am to Noon
Second Thursday of each month 5pm to 8pm