



**October
2017**



Mayor's Message

Fall is coming to the village, albeit rather slowly temperature wise. Park restrooms are winterized and closed for the season; nets will be removed in the pickleball courts as well. The Village will be picking up bagged leaves as necessary, along with regular brush pick-up. Trick or Treaters will be out and about on Tuesday night, 10/31; let's work to make it a safe and fun time for everyone.

The Sage Pavilion is officially open for reservations! It is certainly an asset to the village, and a building to be proud of. Consider celebrating family and organization events at the pavilion. A Senior Recognition Event will take place at the pavilion on October 28th. Thank you to everyone who attended the opening event and to Senator Ranzenhofer for supporting the SAM grant sending \$100,000 to the village for the project.

October 12th was the final Farmers' Market scheduled for this year; attendance and positive comments have encouraged the BBCA, Town and Village Boards to continue the market for next year. Weekly entertainment, opportunities for fundraising, visiting with neighbors, fresh local fruits and vegetables, spending time at the park, all make the Farmers Market a positive event in the village.

Genesee County is working on a Water Supply agreement between the county and Towns. The Village of Bergen is in contract with Monroe County Water Authority for our water and infrastructure. It has been a priority to attend the county informational meeting and listen to plans, as well as hear concerns about the agreement. I will keep you updated on information and any impact the agreement may have on the village.

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay

Be sure to come out and vote on November 7th!

From the Desk of the Village Historian



LET THERE BE LIGHT! LIGHT THE LIGHTS!

From the Village of Bergen Historian, Ray MacConnell

The Village of Bergen was said to be the first place between Rochester and Buffalo, with the exception of Batavia, to have electric lights. This was thanks to the actions of the board and Mayor W. Monroe Sage. In the first years of the twentieth century, Burt Lewellyn began operating an electric lighting plant, using a steam generator. This was at 19 Rochester Street, once known as Skip Sackett's home, for those who have been around for a while. Burton S. Parish, at the age of sixteen, worked in this plant. The lights were turned on at dusk and turned off at midnight. When there was a full moon, they weren't turned on at all.

Burton Barringer purchased the electric light plant from Mr. Lewellyn and planned to run it in connection with his laundry at the same address. On December 8, 1900 the residents of bergen voted to establish a municipal electric light plant.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

Change your Clocks/ Change your Batteries

Don't forget that at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 5th, you will need to turn your clocks back one hour, marking the end of Daylight Saving Time.

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 changing their smoke alarm batteries can call the office for this free service at (585) 494-1513

When your smoke alarms/detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are in working order – they save lives!
Ken Kuter Building Inspector/Fire Marshal

Local Law #5 of 1990, Section 11

It shall be unlawful for any dog owner in the Village to permit or allow a dog to:

- Run at large unless the dog is restrained by an adequate leash.
- Create a nuisance by defecating, urinating or digging on public or private property other than the property of the said owner.

Fall Brush and Leaf Pick-up

Brush and leaf pick-up will be on November 27th. This will be our last scheduled pick-up. Remaining pick-ups will only be done on an as needed basis.

As a reminder, we will not pick-up leaves that are bagged in plastic bags. They must be in paper!



Save the Date



Bergen Community Christmas Concert
Saturday, December 9th, 2017 6:00pm
Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church
38 South Lake Avenue

Join us for an evening of Christmas music performed by members of the community, Young and old are welcome to attend. Special family friendly seating available, bring your little ones! Cookies, milk, and cocoa to follow.

New this year: Need a ride? Call 494-1251
Calling all musicians-please share your talent with our community!

Questions about attending or performing? Contact
Jocelyn Rebisz, 494-6031



Village Tree Lighting

Monday, December 4th, 2017

Caroling at 6:15pm

Hickory Park to Ward Park

A limited number of trees are available for decoration. This year we are requesting a \$25 donation toward the purchase of the tree.

The trees will be planted in the Spring around the Village

Please contact the Village office to reserve yours today!

Office Closings

Friday, November 10th
In honor of Veteran's Day

Thursday and Friday,
November 23rd and 24th
In celebration of Thanksgiving