



April 2018



Mayor's Message

The energy of spring has arrived in the village; yards are being raked, brush trimmed, flowers blooming, folks out walking, summer plans being made. The parks are being made ready for all the activity to come.

As you visit Hickory Park, Take note of the work being done for the new Veteran's Memorial; the project is being coordinated by Tom Williamson, Commander of our American Legion Post #575. The dedication will take place after the Park Festival Parade on June 9th.

Consider bringing your scrap metal to the marked site at the DPW (up the drive from the Sage Pavilion) April 28-May 5th. Proceeds go to fund village park projects.

The village went out for bids on the next three year refuse pick up contract; the board will award the contract at the April 25th meeting. Further information will be in the next newsletter.

You have probably seen a lot of information concerning the County Water Agreement. The village has a water agreement with the Monroe County Water Authority which exempts village residents from the proposed surcharge.

Congratulations and thank you to Barb Zinter; the Village of Bergen is the first outside agency to have zero discrepancies in electronic data input to Genesee County Human Resources.

After 35 and a half years of service to the Village of Bergen, Bruce Partridge has decided to retire as Chief Operator of our Waste Water Treatment Plant and sewer department. This new chapter in his life will allow more time to travel, spend time with family and friends, and time on the golf course. Thirty plus years of service and experience will be missed; we wish Bruce all the best in his retirement.

Enjoy the Spring weather!!

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay

Brush Pick up Begins April 30th!



Our brush and leaves pick-up is on the **2nd and 4th Monday** of each month. If Monday is a holiday, then pick-up will be on Tuesday. Place items at the curb by 7am.

Place the brush parallel to the road, away from mailboxes, trees, signs, and power lines.

Place loosely piled, putting small, tangled brush in a separate pile so we can pick it up with a loader and transport it. Place large logs in a separate pile in 4 ft. lengths. (Please remember we are a brush pick-up service not a tree removal service). If a contractor is doing tree removal at your home, it is their responsibility to remove all brush. We have worked out an agreement to place our brush at an alternate location to reduce cost to the Village. There will be no self-serve drop-off of debris only leaves in paper bags.

All leaves, grass clippings, etc. must be placed in a paper bag! We will not pick up debris in plastic bags for biodegradable reasons.

Please take a minute to visit the newly updated village website:

villageofbergen.com

If you click on the news and events tab you will see a sign up for information to be sent directly to your email.

The Mill Seat Landfill now has a line available for residents who have questions or comments regarding the facility. Residents may call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please dial (585)494-3000 to contact a dedicated staff member.



We will be closed Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.



From the Desk of the Village Historian, Ray MacConnell

CHARLIE, "THE GREEK" also know as "The Greeks" by Village Historian, Ray MacConnell

Our historical booklets have "Bergen Restaurant and Bowling Alley" established in the Tulley building from 1949-1973. The building now holds the Village of Bergen Offices. The bowling alleys (2) were located in the area of the board room. The pins were set by Steve Stoll. He moved from one alley to the other as the pins crashed. John, Steve's son, remembers his father returning home with black and blue legs from the pins flying around the very tight area.

I remember Charlie and Mary Copoulos running the bar and bowling alley. They were from Rochester and attended a Greek Orthodox Church on East Ave. in Rochester. Charlie and Mary built a lovely ranch home on Clinton St. which is now owned by the Methodist Church as their pastor's home. The Copoulos family first lived above the bar with his parents. Charlie's father made candy for sale around Easter. There was a small liquor store behind the bar where the candy was sold. I have been told by former residents Barb Blue and Bill Carruthers that they served a wonderful sub sandwich at the restaurant. I have 2 photos that Bill forwarded, one at the Rose Garden and one at "The Greeks" of the same team. I will use them in a future story board.

Charlie and Mary were very community minded people. Charlie belonged to the American Legion. I remember on Halloween going to their home on Clinton St. with my UNICEF bank. They did not hesitate giving generously to the cause.

Charlie was a big man. He eventually went blind and that forced the closing of the restaurant and bar. Mary ran it until she could no longer. Charlie helped people in the community, whenever, he was asked. Mary was a very thin woman. She always had a smile for everyone. They had a boy and 2 girls while in Bergen.

I have contacted their priest at the Greek Orthodox Church and he is to give the message to Mary to please call my phone. I am hoping she will call. I expect a follow-up to this story upon her response. Perhaps she will allow me to visit her in Webster.

Save the Date



The 3rd Annual Chuckfest Disc Golf Tournament

Saturday, July 14th
in Hartland Park

The tournament is open to all skill levels. Awards to top players.

The 29th Annual Bergen Park Festival June 9th

The Veteran's Memorial in Hickory Park will be dedicated at this year's Park Festival. Forms are available at the office to purchase an engraved brick for veterans and service members for a \$50 donation. The bricks will make up the walkway bordering the north side of the memorial.

Bergen Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 28th
9:30am



Please come out and honor our fallen heroes!

Summer Recreation Program

July 16th through August 10th
Monday through Friday



We are looking for a Lead Counselor to facilitate the program. Must be at least 18.

We are also looking for junior counselors ages 14 to 18. If you are interested, please contact us.

Bergen Community Farmers Market



Thursdays, June 28th through
September 27th, 4-8 pm
Hickory Park, front pavilion area
Local produce, meat products,
eggs, crafts, and entertainment.
Sponsored by Village of Bergen,
BBCA, and Town of Bergen.