



**March
2021**

Mayor's Message

Welcome Spring!! The signs of the season are all around us!

Along with the warmer weather, please remind yourselves of the brush pick-up requirements; your help in piling brush appropriately and following the proper process makes pick up and disposal much more efficient and increases time for other village projects to be completed.

Building improvements in our downtown are coming to completion; new planters have been installed on the sidewalk. Five specimen trees provided by a Tree City grant will be planted this spring in our parks. Hometown Hero Banners will be hung along Main Street to honor our current service members in time for Memorial Day.

Congratulations to Gary Cecere on his successful completion of coursework and testing for his New York State Code Enforcement Certification. A huge Thank You to Gerry Wood for taking on the role of Code Enforcement officer for the village during Gary's classes and internship.

I want to thank everyone who took the time to share their concerns and opinions on the question of the keeping of chickens in the village. It became a community discussion allowing for the sharing of information, participation in the process of decision making, and an increased understanding of our neighbors. The board determined the local law will remain without changes; the keeping of chickens remains against village law, and the moratorium has been ended.

Let's continue to follow COVID protocols in our village businesses and parks, and in all public spaces. We are all looking forward to being together, for our kids to be back at school, and things to return to "normal".

Stay safe and healthy!!!!

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay

Village of Bergen Animal Control Law

It shall be unlawful for an owner of any dog to allow or permit such dog to:

- Run at large.
- Be permitted in any of the streets or public places of the Village of Bergen unless it is effectively *restrained by a chain or leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length and is attended by a person of adequate strength to control its actions.*
- Defecate on any sidewalk, street, park, public area or private property of another person or on property owned by the Village of Bergen. When walking your dog, you are responsible to remove all feces from any property that is not personally owned by the dog owner.
- A female dog, when in heat, should not be off the owner's premises, unrestrained by a leash except when transporting to vets office or where involved in formal controlled breeding program.
- Attack any person peaceably conducting himself in any place where such a person may lawfully be, or attack, chase or worry or kill any domestic animal, while such animal is in any place where it may lawfully be.
- Engage in habitual and loud howling, barking, crying, or whining or conduct as to unreasonably and habitually disturb the comfort or repose of any person other than the owner of such dog.
- Cause damage to property of any person other than the owner of such dog.
- Habitually chase, run alongside of or bark at motor vehicles, motorcycles or bicycles while upon private property without the consent or approval of the owner of said property.
- Chase, jump upon or otherwise harass any person in such a manner as to reasonably cause intimidation or fear or to put person in reasonable apprehension of bodily harm while off of the owner's premises.
- Run, at large, in any recreational area within the village.



Village Emergency Contact Numbers

Electric 353-0981
Sewer 353-3659



Our current Refuse contract expires May 31st. We are accepting bids for a three year contract to be opened March 31st. This may cause a change in the cost of the refuse service that appears on your Village tax bills.

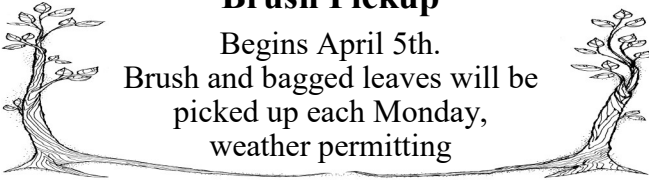
Watch for more information coming soon.

We are very excited to welcome our new Code and Zoning Enforcement Officer, Gary Cecere! He replaces Gerry Wood who filled in temporarily when Ken Kuter retired. Gary completed his training courses and is now New York State Certified! Gary will be integral in the implementation of our updated Zoning Law that we are hoping will be ready this summer. For help in planning your building project, you can contact Gary at (585)331-6162 or ceo@villageofbergen.com

Save the Date

Brush Pickup

Begins April 5th.
Brush and bagged leaves will be picked up each Monday, weather permitting



Bergen Park Festival is back!
(Covid Edition)
June 12th, 2021

Chicken Barbecue
Music
Fireworks



Drive Thru Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 27th
12-1pm
Hickory Park

Village Information



Burn Ban In Effect

Reminder! Annual Burning Ban in effect until May 14th

All residential brush burning is prohibited in smaller communities during the state's historically high fire-risk period from **March 16 through May 14th.**

Several factors enable wildfires to start easily and spread quickly at this time, including the lack of green vegetation, abundance of available fuels such as dry grass and leaves, warm temperatures and wind.

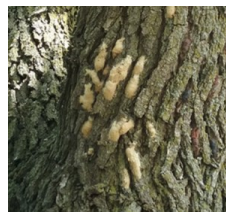


The Village Office will be closed
Friday, April 2nd

Important Sewer Account Message

Just a reminder that sewer arrears must be paid by **April 30th** to avoid being sent to Genesee County to be put on the Village Taxes.

If you are unsure of your balance, please don't hesitate to contact our office, we would be happy to assist you.



Gypsy moths have been spotted in the village; this moth is a significant pest because the caterpillars have voracious appetites for more than 300 species of trees and shrubs, posing a danger to North

America's forests. The caterpillars defoliate trees, leaving trees vulnerable to diseases and other pests and can eventually kill the tree. The egg cases should be scraped off the tree and submerged in soapy water. Please email us if you observe these moths so we can submit a report to the DEC.