



**November
2021**

Mayor's Message

The season, falling leaves, chilly weather, and celebrations are upon us! Our staff is picking up bagged leaves, setting the village for Christmas, and preparing equipment for winter.

At the conclusion of a final public hearing during the November 10th board meeting, the Village of Bergen Zoning Law, a significant piece of legislation, was passed by the board. The Zoning Board of Appeals attended an informational meeting, where Rene Vurraro, Zoning Law Committee Chairperson, reviewed the document.

The Clarification Amendment to the Animal Control Law was also passed at the November 10th board meeting after a public hearing was held.

Replacement of the screen and repairs to the Hickory Park fence pipes will be completed before winter, the cost is completely covered by village insurance.

The process of mapping the location and elevation of the village stormwater catch basins has been completed. The next step is locating and repairing any damage to the system infrastructure. This project is being funded through the American Rescue Plan Act. Further work proposed to the board through this funding include securing parts inventory for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and new bathroom facilities at Hickory Park. The board is working to ensure the funds are used in the most efficient and effective way to complete necessary work in the village without impacting village budgets.

Back by popular request, the Christmas Tree Lighting Parade will take place November 29th beginning at the firehall at 6:30pm and concluding at Hickory Park. We will pass through as many village streets as possible. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will ride on the village truck, decorated fire trucks will escort them, bags of treats will be distributed by elves, trees will be lit as we pass Ward Park, and we will end at Hickory Park with a quiet and respectful remembrance at the Veterans Memorial. Please stay on the sidewalks or on your front lawns for safety!

The Annual Community Holiday Luncheon will return on December 12th at the Sage Pavilion. Please call me at the office for further details.

November is the time to be thankful, a time to remember those who have served, and to embrace those who enrich our lives. I'm thankful for a lot of things, but I'm most thankful for you!

On behalf of the Village Board and staff I would like to extend our sincerest wishes for a **Happy Thanksgiving** with family and friends, good health, and feasting!

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow. -Melody Beattie



Village Emergency Contact Numbers

Electric 353-0981
Sewer 353-3659



Village Meetings

All meetings are open to the public

Department of Public Works

Please remember that there is no parking on Village streets between 2:00 am and 7:00 am and no parking across the sidewalks. Your assistance will help our crews in their efforts to keep our roads clean and safe during the winter months. We will do our best to keep streets and sidewalks safe during snow and ice conditions. If you believe you have an unsafe situation, please contact the office at 494-1513 and we will do our best to resolve the problem as quickly as possible. Property owners and snow removal contractors should be aware that shoveling or plowing snow from private property onto or across public roads is illegal because it can present a serious traffic hazard to motorists.



Board of Trustees

Second Wednesday of the month
6:30pm

Planning Board

Third Wednesday of the month
7pm
Agenda items must be submitted no later than ten days prior to the meeting

Thermal Infrared Imaging

Thermal infrared imaging has become a valuable tool in performing energy audits in residential and commercial applications. We are again offering a **free infrared assessment on your home**. The assessment, complete with color photos and helpful information show areas of heat loss. If you are interested please **contact the Village Office**.

Save the Date



Bergen Community Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 4th, 2021
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.

Family friendly, bring all your little ones!

Cookies, milk, and cocoa to follow.
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

Office Closings

Thursday and Friday,
November 25th and 26th
In celebration of Thanksgiving

Friday and Monday,
December 24th and 27th
In celebration of Christmas

Thursday and Friday,
December 30th and 31st
In celebration of New Year's

Village Tree Lighting

Monday, November 29th



Santa's Fire Truck Parade will start at the Fire Hall at 6:30pm traveling through the Village. His elves will pass out gift bags along the way.

There will be a brief stop at Ward Park to light the trees. They will end at Hickory Park with a brief ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial.