

Mayor's Message

As the summer winds down, we turn to Labor Day which has become the unofficial end of summer. Observed the first Monday in September Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The first Labor Day celebration was the Labor Day Parade in NYC on September 5th 1892. When I think of Labor Day, I cannot help but think of our village work force. All too often we take for granted what goes on behind the scenes. It is a pleasure to work together as a team on our village's behalf. You are all to be commended for the many jobs you perform daily.

It has been a busy construction season in the village with catch basins for stormwater being brought up near grade on village streets, road repairs, micro paving of LeRoy, Spring, Church, Appletree and Merriman are complete. Some sidewalk replacement and grinding of uneven walks is scheduled for this fall along with the main bridge and walking trail at Hartland Park being reworked to make it more resident friendly. Hickory Park bathroom renovation is scheduled to begin in October.

On behalf of the village, I would like to thank the Bergen summer recreation program. Thanks to Evaleena Rodriguez, Trustee Emily Marble, Debra Catalino, Rachel Hanel, Anna McLaughlin, the Byron-Bergen lunch crew Carol, Julie, Melanie, Jeff and any other volunteers who made this possible. I am sure the parents and children are very appreciative for the experience.

On September 3rd from 11:00am- 4:00pm the American Legion Post 575 will be hosting an event at Hickory Park in the village. Food, music, and activities. Antique Show -preview sale. For more info on this event please contact Lew Cunningham at 585-494-2524

Until next month be safe, be healthy!!!

Mayor Joseph M. Chimino

From the Desk of the Village Historian, Vicky Truax



I thought with football season coming up this article from the Daily News in 1915 was appropriate.

BERGEN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LOST SIX \$8 sweaters – Stolen from Bergen field during football game.

During the course, of the football game between Batavia and Bergen high schools at Bergen on Saturday afternoon, six sweater coats, valued at \$8 each, were stolen from Bergen players.

These coats were left on the sidelines, where there was a large crowd of spectators from Bergen and nearby towns. The Bergen players missed their sweaters after the game, and a search among the automobiles failed to reveal the stolen property.

It was said that the matter would be reported to District Attorney Coon by the Bergen High School authorities, but no report has yet been made.

It's funny how this was deemed newsworthy more than 100 years ago. Thanks to Jerry Menzie for finding this gem.

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