





Mayor's Message

I hope all the residents are enjoying the dog days of summer in your own special way. Graduation parties, weddings, and vacations to name a few can sure fill up a summer calendar. One date Saturday August 13th is the Bergen 5K/Jenny Kuzma memorial race. It is put on by Young Life of Genesee County and portions of the proceeds are donated to the Jenny Kuzma memorial scholarship and Young Life of Genesee County. The race /walk starts and finishes at Hickory Park located at 51 South Lake Ave. at 8:30 am. This is a fun run/walk race for all fitness levels. Come out and join me at the start line and show your support of this great community event. For more info go on the web at Young Life Bergen 5K.

Speeding of Motor vehicles in the village continues to be of major concern. Extra sheriff presence is being utilized in an effort to address the issue. Please be mindful of the 30-mph speed limit in the village.

I have been seeing many trucks delivering appliances in the village. I would like to remind all of our Bergen electric customers to take advantage of the many rebates that are offered through the Bergen Energy Efficiency Program (BEEP). The numerous rebate forms can be obtained in the front lobby of the village office or downloaded from the village web site. For additional information call the village office at 494-1513.

Wishing you all a safe, healthy, and most enjoyable summer season.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at <u>jchimino@villageofbergen.com</u> or (585)703-2875.

Mayor Joseph M. Chimino

From the Desk of the Village Historian, Vicky Truax



I spoke with Dennis McCartney and would like to share his story of their family business, McCartney's IGA. The store was located in front of the current post office on Rochester Street. His Dad Hugh McCartney) bought the business from Mr. Buell in the late 1940's. Hugh used the money he received from the army, to purchase the business. He was a private in the Army ,but was captured and spent most of the war in a POW camp.

The store had fresh meat, produce and paper products. It was not unusual to see a side of beef hanging on a hook, in the meat area. People traveled a distance to buy the fresh meat. Friday was delivery day, when groceries were delivered to area homes . A panel truck was replaced by the station wagon in later years.

I remember as child (10-12 years old), my mother would send me to McCartney's grocery store, with a note. We grew up on Buffalo Street, so it was just a short walk. The note said to please give

Vicky two packs of Chesterfield's and two packs of Lucky Strikes. They were my parent's favorite brands of cigarettes. There was never a raised eyebrow, and I would take the cigarettes home.

The McCartney's owned the store until spring of 1970. It was bought by the Conti family who were from Rochester.

