



**May  
2022**

## **Mayor's Message**

Spring has finally arrived, nature never fails to provide us with new life, such a special time of year. Village residents walking, jogging and all the activity in the village park is truly a refreshing sight.

I commend the DPW crews for their work in the overall spring cleanup of the village, we appreciate your pride and dedication to the work you perform daily.

On behalf of the village residents, we want to thank Scotts Miracle Gro for once again donating potting soil and mulch that is used at numerous planting sites within the village.

Special thanks to the American Legion post 575, Bergen Triangle Club and Friends of Bergen for your assistance to the families of the eight new Hometown Heroes Banners. These banners will join the nine that will again be on display on South Lake Ave. The new banners will be displayed on North Lake Avenue and on Rochester Street per family request. We as a community are very proud of all our men and women who have served. Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day, a day of honoring and mourning the military personnel who died while serving in the U.S. armed forces. In keeping with tradition, the American Legion Post 575 of Bergen will once again organize the annual Memorial Day parade on Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. The parade will start on Buffalo Street and proceed up South Lake Ave. to the Veterans Memorial located in Hickory Park. The Legion Auxiliary will be canvassing with "Poppies" those little red paper flowers which are a symbol of lives lost to war. Donations benefit veteran's associations and fund many charities. I am sure they will appreciate your generosity.

The 32nd annual Bergen Park Festival is Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, come out and enjoy a fun filled day and night at Hickory Park. Events start at 11:00am with a parade at 12:00 honoring our military service members. Food, Vendors, Music, Fireworks and much more. Thanks to the Bergen Business and Civic Association, the many volunteers and all the sponsors of this event for making it possible. Brochures with the schedule of events are available at the village office. Hope to see you at the festival.

In closing I would like to welcome Vicky Truax as our new Village historian. Vicky will be picking up where Ray MacConnell left off as our last historian up to the time of his passing. Big shoes to fill but I know Vicky is up to the task. Thank you for your service.

Wishing you all the best, Joe C

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at [jchimino@villageofbergen.com](mailto:jchimino@villageofbergen.com) or (585)703-2875.

*Mayor Joseph M. Chimino*

## **From the Desk of the Village Historian, Vicky Truax**

Hi. My name is Vicky Truax and I would like to introduce myself. I am the new village historian. I have some pretty big shoes to fill succeeding Ray MacConnell. Please feel free to email ( [historian@villageofbergen.com](mailto:historian@villageofbergen.com)) or call the office. I will gladly meet with you. I am looking forward to keeping our Bergen history alive.



### Village Emergency Contact Numbers

Electric 353-0981  
Sewer 353-3659



# Village Meetings

All meetings are open to the public

### Five Easy Ways to Pay Your Electric or Sewer Bill:

- ◆ In Person at the Village Office, 11 North Lake Avenue 8am-4:30pm Monday through Friday
- ◆ By our secure drop box left of our front door
- ◆ By Mail to PO Box 100, Bergen, NY 14416
- ◆ Automatically with ACH Withdrawal from your checking account set up through the office
- ◆ FREE Secure Utility Payment Portal using your debit or credit card at [www.villageofbergen.com](http://www.villageofbergen.com)

### 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

## Save the Date

### Zoning Board of Appeals

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



### Memorial Day Parade

The American Legion is hosting a parade this year!

Monday, May 30th at 9am

It will begin at Buffalo Street and Lake Avenue and proceed south on Lake Avenue to Hickory Park where there will be a ceremony to honor our fallen servicemen and women.

Our 2022 Community Garden has a limited number of 4'x10' plots available. The cost is \$25 per plot. If you are interested, please contact the Village Office.



The office will be closed  
Monday, May 30th  
in honor of  
Memorial Day



### 2022 Summer Recreation Program



Hickory Park  
July 5th through August 12th  
Monday through Friday  
10am to 1pm

Registration forms are available on the Village website or at the Village Office.

### The 32nd Annual Bergen Park Festival June 11th

11:00am-3:00pm Doug Susat Car Cruise In  
Noon Parade-Ceremony after parade to honor our Vietnam Veterans

12:30pm-2:30pm Petting Zoo/Pony Rides

3:00pm Bergen's Got Talent

4:00-5:30pm Chicken Barbecue

4:30-5:30 Spotlight Dance Studio Demonstration

6:00-10pm Savage Cabbage LIVE

10:00pm Fireworks

Available all day: Food and Craft Vendors, bounce house, rock wall, games, book sale

Chicken Barbecue tickets are \$12 each. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased at the Village and Town Offices and at the Byron-Bergen Public Library as well as at the Main Tent on Festival day.



Refuse Service will be delayed one day. Pickup will be on Wednesday, June 1st due to the Memorial Day Holiday.



### Brush Pickup

Began April 4th. Brush and bagged leaves will be picked up each Monday, weather permitting.

You can find our brush policy on our website or we have hard copies in the office.