



**November
2022**

Mayor's Message

I would like to start off this newsletter by wishing you all a happy Thanksgiving Day. May it be a time to share with family and friends and to reflect on all that we are thankful for. In last month's newsletter I noted that I would be attending a NYMPA meeting in Syracuse to gain information on winter electric rates and how our village would be impacted. A letter explaining the Public Service Commission projections for electric rates this winter season will be included in the December electric bill mailing.

With winter upon us please be aware of parking on streets during snow events. Parked vehicles on streets greatly reduces our ability to clear the roads. On a safety note, if you must walk on the road, please walk against traffic to be more aware of oncoming traffic. This is highly recommended by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

I would like to thank the BBCA and all the volunteers, vendors, business owners and you, the residents for bringing the children out for the Ghost Tour/Trunk or Treat held in October. A great time was had by all. I so look forward to seeing this event grow in years to come. Well Done!!! While on the topic of events we have the Village Christmas Tree lighting Ceremony starting at Hickory Park at 6:30 pm on December 5. Bring the kids out for some caroling, crafts and pictures with Santa. Another event scheduled is the American Legion Christmas Dinner and basket raffle on December 10 for more info contact Louise Hilbert @ 303-7612.

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

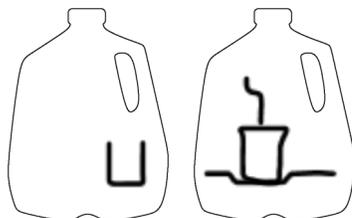
Mayor Joseph M. Chimino

Bergen Community Christmas Eve Luminaries

Let's start the tradition of luminaries at Christmas in the Bergen Community Luminaries represented lighting the way for Christ's birth and illumination of the spirit. The modern tradition has evolved into Christmas luminaries **decorating sidewalks, driveways, rooftops, and windows as a way to guide travelers to their holiday destinations.**

Materials – Gallon milk jug, sand, votive (battery or candle), scissors

1. Remove cap and label. Clean jug, allow to dry
2. Cut U - shaped flap about 2 inches from bottom on back of jug, fold flap up
3. Put 2 inches of sand in bottom of jug
4. Set a battery powered or wax candle votive centered in top of sand.
5. Place luminaries (flap side to the back) on the house side of sidewalk or 5 feet back from road if no sidewalk. Luminaries should be spaced 5 feet apart. Light luminaries at sunset 4:30 pm.





Village Emergency Contact Numbers

Electric 353-0981
Sewer 353-3659



Village Meetings

All meetings are open to the public

Hometown Heroes Banner Program 2023



The Bergen Triangle Club, Ladies Auxiliary of the Sackett-Merrill-White American Legion, and the Friends of Bergen are proud to be a part of the Hometown Heroes Banner Program. The program serves as a tribute to recognize service men and women from Bergen who are currently serving our country in a branch of the military. Updated information and applications are available for Hometown Hero Banners at the village office, Legion Hall, and at

amb0330@rochester.rr.com. The deadline date for orders has been changed to **December 10, 2022** in order to insure the current fee (\$200.00). Please call 820-8594 or 548-7380 with any questions.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

Fourth Thursday 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



Village Tree Lighting

Monday, December 5th

6:30pm - Caroling Around the Village
(meet at Hickory Park)

7:00pm - Village Tree Lighting
Hickory Park

- 5&6th Grade Band
- Singing Silhouettes
- Santa and Mrs. Claus
- Hot Chocolate & Cookies
- Cookie Decorating
- Holiday Crafts

Office Closings

Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th
in celebration of Thanksgiving.

Friday and Monday, December 23rd and 26th
in celebration of the Christmas Holiday.

Refuse Service **will not** be delayed for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, or New Year's Day

Pickups will be on Tuesday, November 22nd, Tuesday, December 27th, and Tuesday, January 3rd as usual.

