



**January
2023**

Mayor's Message

I would like to start this newsletter wishing you all a happy and healthy new year. With the start of a new year our administrator and the village board are busy preparing the general, sewer, and electric budgets for the ensuing 2023-2024 fiscal year which runs June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024. Continued upgrades to our infrastructure are addressed in these budgets. Residents will be notified prior to any projects that may impact them.

In next month's newsletter I will discuss the Village of Bergen electric infrastructure and what is going to be needed to maintain reliable power delivery to our residents and businesses for the decades to come. I would like to welcome the newest members of the Bergen Fire Dept./EMS. Stephen Friday, Brett Whalin, Tyler Holland, Amanda Streeter, Jessica Best and Olivia Best. A sincere thanks to you and all the members for your hard work and dedication you all provide protecting and serving our community. Until next month take care be healthy and enjoy St. Valentine's Day Tuesday February 14th with someone you love.

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

From the Desk of the Village Historian, Vicky Truax



It seemed fitting to write a story on the blizzard of '66. Fifty-seven years ago in January, Bergen got slammed with snow. The snow came so fast that traffic couldn't move. Many vehicles were stranded on 490. Barb Sackett Bates tells of her dad, "Skip Sackett," that ran the gas station where H & K is now. State police met Skip on 490 to check on stranded cars. In one of those cars was a man that had died. The police asked Skip to transport the body to a funeral home in Leroy. Skip replied that he could not do that. The solution was that the dead man's body would be stored at the gas station. It certainly was cold enough to preserve the body. As the story goes, there were at least three bodies stored there on the floor. Skip picked up the

priest at the Catholic Church in Bergen, (Patrick J. O' Donovan) and read the men their last rites.

Two Greyhound or Trailways buses, along with several cars were stranded at the four corners here in the village. These people went to the firehall (now the library) where it was warm. Word spread through the village and people were sent to area families, willing to house the "out of town" guests. Robin Charcolla remembers his family taking in 24 people. They lived directly across the street from the firehall, so it was within close vicinity. My family took in 7 cold and hungry travelers. Many snow forts were made with our new friends. I can remember firemen or some volunteers coming to our home asking if we needed anything such as milk. It was so wonderful that everyone came together and helped one another.



Village Emergency Contact Numbers

Electric 353-0981
Sewer 353-3659



Village Meetings

All meetings are open to the public

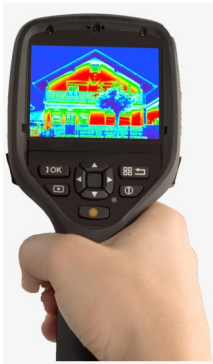
Save the Date

Office Closings



We will be closed Monday, February 20th for President's Day

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**.

Village Elections

A special election for one Village Board member seat for a one year term will be held on Tuesday, March 21st from 12pm - 9pm.

Individuals interested in running can receive information at www.elections.ny.gov. Please be advised that the Village Office is not responsible to answer questions, give advice or documents to candidates.

Applications for absentee ballots may be requested from the Village Administrator by phone, email to vob@villageofbergen.com, or at the Village Office



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

Residential Refuse Collection Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day pickup will be Wednesday, May 31st

Labor Day pickup will be Wednesday, September 6th

Christmas Day pickup will be

Wednesday, December 27th

New Year's Day pickup will be

Wednesday, January 3rd

Any holidays not listed above do not affect the regular collection schedule and garbage will be picked up on Tuesday.

