

## Mayor's Message

In last month's newsletter, I commented how I was so looking forward to the return of the downtown flower boxes filled with beautiful flowers, American flags gently blowing in the wind and the hanging of our Hometown Heroes military banners lining the village streets and just like that a month has passed and all these mentioned are now visible and have transformed our village with new life as we enter into the summer season after a long cold winter.

The annual Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. The parade route starts at Buffalo Street and proceeds down South Lake Ave to Hickory Park where a memorial service is held to honor all veterans. Thanks to the American Legion for organizing this annual event.

Another date to place on your calendars is the BBCA annual Park Day being held on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at Hickory Park. The day is full of activities with a parade at noon, food vendors, music, a chicken barbecue to name a few, and ending the evening with a superb fireworks display at 10:00pm. I'm sure a good time will be had by all, so bring out the family and enjoy.

I am very proud to announce that the Town and Village were named partners of the year by the Genesee County Economic Development Center for our hand in the development of the Appletree Acres Business Park. The presentation of the award was made by Senator George Borrello and Assemblyman Steve Hawley to Ernest Haywood, Town Supervisor, and me on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Batavia Downs during their annual banquet. Again, I was so proud to receive this award on behalf of the village.

In about two weeks, the village will be going door to door delivering a bag to each household. This bag will contain an item from the Bergen Energy Efficiency Program along with information outlining the many events that are scheduled for the upcoming summer and fall season. Hopefully you will display this flyer on your refrigerator and take advantage of the many planned activities. A lot of time and energy goes into organizing the many activities and having a large attendance surely makes it all worthwhile. Our village staff is a team working on your behalf to organize these events, your attendance is the best way of saying Thank You.

In closing, I would like to wish all the dads Happy Father's Day. Enjoy your special day, I know I will.

Until next month be safe, be healthy!

## Mayor Joseph M. Chimino

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.

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

## The 35th Annual Bergen Park Festival

Saturday, June 14th

Come out and enjoy the day in Hickory Park!

Parade at Noon! Fireworks at 10pm!

Basketball Tournament, Car Show, Parade, Magician, Live Music, Food Trucks, Craft Vendors, Mobile Bars, Kid Zone, Dunk Tank, Art Show, and more! 4:00-6:00pm Chicken Barbecue

Chicken Barbecue tickets are \$15 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.

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