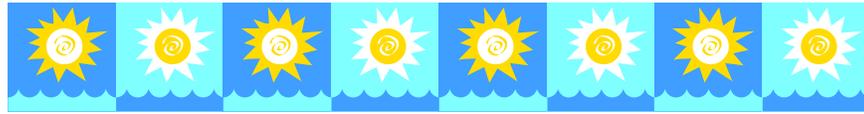




TOWN OF BERGEN NEWSLETTER

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2012



From the Desk of Town Supervisor **Donald Cunningham**

With an early start on lawn & garden care, plans being finalized for the annual Park Festival, and Memorial Day behind us there's no doubt summer is coming fast. With some of the good spring weather this year we have been able to tackle some buildings & grounds projects, including replacement of the front windows in the Library along with new siding. This long overdue project was spearheaded by our buildings committee of Brian Stone, Anne Sapienza, & Barry Miller who worked together with Councilman Joe Nenni, resident Bill Forrest & myself to complete the work with minimal disruption to Library operations. Great job crew! We also appreciate the cooperation of Library Director Nancy Bailey & her staff that day while we made more noise than what they generally experience.



Some other activity during the month of May included our participation in the United Way Day of Caring. Each year I sign up the town for this county wide event. We are able to make good use of volunteers on this day for spring cleanup work to include planting, weeding and mulching. This year the effort was concentrated on the Library & Historians building at 13 & 15 So. Lake Ave. along with preparation of flower beds at the town hall. The Day of Caring is an outreach event available to any municipality or non-profit organization and anyone may volunteer to participate. I know our own Gillam Grant Community Center also had work done as part of this event. Anyone interested in participating, or knowing of a project for a non-profit organization should contact the Genesee County United Way to get on the schedule for next year.



My thanks go out to the volunteer crew from Liberty Pumps, Councilman Joe Nenni, and John Murray for helping us accomplish a lot in a short period of time. Further thanks to the Highway Department for their assistance throughout the day!

Water Update

The Peachey Road water district has gone through two rounds of bidding. In the first round, bids exceeded the estimated amounts due to price increases in materials, fuel, and general operating expenses (labor, insurance, etc.) and therefore all bids were rejected. To counter this condition the project was then revised and prepared for a second bid. The second round of bidding revealed the possibility of completing the project with the use of PVC main lines which requires approval of Monroe County Water Authority as the water provider. The board has made formal request of the Water Authority to approve PVC mains and will be taking a closer look at the project and bids upon receipt of a reply.

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Buildings & Grounds

In other activity for town buildings; we expect to be removing the structure at 17 South Lake sometime in June or early July.

This property was acquired by the town with the intent to secure the land around the Library, Harford Barn, and what is now the historian building. Though the building provided some temporary shelter for offices and storage it is now vacated and has been utilized by the fire department for training. Unlike the property, the building is of no further use to the town and as stated in previous newsletters the intent will be to provide more parking and green space to make the Library, Historian center, and Harford Barn a welcoming public complex in the downtown area.

Bergen Park Festival

Coming up June 9th is the Bergen Park Festival... **Don't miss it!** (Festival schedule page 6)

From the Desk of the Genesee County Clerk **Don M. Read**

Attention Veterans and County Merchants in the Town of Bergen



We are proud to announce that we are sponsoring the “RETURN THE F.A.V.O.R” Discount Program that honors our Genesee County Veterans as well as many of our local merchants. Veterans that file or have filed their DD214s at the Genesee County Clerk’s Office will be issued a Genesee County Veteran ID card. This program is a way for our county to recognize the service and sacrifices made by our returning veterans. Under the “RETURN THE F.A.V.O.R.” Program, eligible veterans will receive a photo I.D. card, identifying them as an Honorable Discharged Veteran. Participating County Merchants will agree to honor the card by providing holders with a discount on purchases or services. Involvement in the program is beneficial to businesses that will undoubtedly realize increased traffic and sales. Each merchant’s name, address and discount particulars will be on the Genesee County website and posted on our bulletin board in the clerk’s office.

Interested Merchants will file a Merchant’s Discount Application with the County Clerk’s Office indicating their discount offered to Participating Veterans and will receive a participation poster for display at their place of business. I look forward to your participation in this worthwhile program.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (585) 344-2550 extension 2244, if I can be of assistance either to any of our veterans or merchants that would like to participate in this worthwhile program.

From the Trustees of the Byron-Bergen Public Library

Attention all Byron and Bergen residents:



There two vacant seats on the Library board, each have a three year term. Just send a letter of interest to P.O. Box 430, Bergen, NY 14416 by the end of June. Or call 585-494-1120 to inquire more about what the task requirements may be!

We would like to invite the community to our annual event to benefit the Library. Save the Date – August 11th from 1-4pm- **Red-White and Read!** Wine tastings! Live auction at 3pm by Harris Wilcox Auctioneers! \$25/donation per person.

The Library is looking to update their image and we are having a Logo contest open to everyone in the community! Get your thinking caps on and be creative! Please submit your idea to the Library by the 20th of September.

For more information call 494-1120.



From the Desk of County Legislator **Robert Bausch**

As part of the county legislature's annual calendar, four meetings per year are held off site. Legislators look forward to these "outreach meetings" as they are moved around the county introducing legislators to various areas of the county, other than Main St., Batavia.

On Wednesday, April 25th, as part of the outreach program, the legislature met in the Village of Bergen's conference room. The entire legislature was impressed with the facility and the success the village had in renovating an old building. Anne Marie Barclay, Village Trustee, and one of the driving forces behind the project, provided background information and discussed the issues that were faced. Afterwards, she gave a tour of the new record retention area.

My fellow legislators were also impressed by the turnout of village and town officials, as well as the number of interested private citizens. It was by far the best outreach session in the 2 years plus that I have been on the legislature. So, "Thank You" to everyone who attended the meeting and showed that Bergen residents are interested in county government and to village officials for hosting the meeting.

While I am on the topic of Bergen residents, I want to thank Dave Henry who served with me on the screening committee for the new Genesee County Veteran Service Officer. Dave represented the veteran services organizations in the county and he was truly interested in finding the best candidate. The committee recommended three candidates to the legislature and Bill Joyce, from Pembroke, was the final selection. Bill is an excellent choice and the local veterans will be well served by him.

Recently, the County Clerk, Don Reed, authorized the placement of a motor vehicle drop box in front of the village office. This is another project that village officials have been pushing for a number of years that finally came to fruition. I would encourage everyone to use the drop box as it: a.) saves you postage; b.) allows the county to retain a portion of the fee as opposed to it all going to the state; and c.) results in a rapid turnaround. Recently, I dropped a registration in the box on a Sunday afternoon and received my registration renewal on Wednesday morning in my mailbox in Bergen. So, please take advantage of this new service.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I did not say "Thank You" to Frank Ciaccia, Assistant County Manager for the past 20 years, on his recent retirement. Frank lives in the Village of Bergen with his wife, Carol. He is well respected by all those that dealt with him at the county and was always there if I needed him. Enjoy your retirement, Frank.

Library News *by Nancy Bailey*

Welcome to the Byron-Bergen Public Library Check us out on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org! Don't forget we have--Downloadable E-Books from Overdrive!! Download to your portable reader or computer from the comfort of your own home! Just go to the www.byron-bergenpublibrary.org and click on "download audio & e-books".

Book discussion group will be meeting on June 14th at 7pm. We enjoy lively conversation about the book and refreshments too! Stop by the library to reserve your copy of our current book Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer or reserve your copy by going on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org.

Friends of the Library book sale will be at the Bergen Park Festival on June 9th! There are audio books, movies, children's books and many bestselling authors!!! Help support the Friends of the Library!!! Join today!!



The Library will be hosting "Fun in the Sun Magic Show" with Bill Gormont at the Bergen Park Festival on June 9th. Join us at 12:30 right after the Parade! Stop by and enjoy illusions, lots of action, and the mystery of magic. The Library will be closed June 9th so you can enjoy the Festival!!! See you there!

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We are looking for responsible kids age 11 years old and older to help volunteer during the summer reading program. Stop by, pick up an application, and have it to us by June 19th!!! You can win prizes for volunteering and get a first look at all the new books and DVDs!!! You may volunteer by yourself or with a friend. This year we will be having a kick-off party for our volunteers on June 23rd at 6:30! So stop by the Library ASAP to join the fun!

Library hours:

Tuesday 10-12 & 2-8

Wednesday 10-12 & 2-8

Thursday 10-12 & 2-8

Friday 10-6

Saturday 10-1



Remember the Library is open 24/7 by using our website to renew materials or order new books online at www.byronbergenpubliclibrary.org.

Friends of the Library are pleased to announce the 4th Annual Claus Memorial Award for summer readers completing grades 4th, 5th, and 6th. After you join the summer reading program, write a paragraph or two on one of the books that you have read and enjoyed. Submit to the Library with the official form by August 17th for a chance to win!! First prize, \$50 cash and your name on a plaque in the Library and two honorable mentions will be awarded cash prizes of \$25 each. Stop by the Library to pick up a form! Look at our website www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org for more information and examples of past essay winners.

This summer our reading program is **DREAM BIG @ YOUR LIBRARY!** So with that theme we are hoping that all your dreams do come true just by stopping in to borrow a book, a good movie, or an audio book! **Our Kick off program will be June 19th at 2pm with Buffalo and Brandy's musical-magical-interactive family fun program-"Dream Big"!** *This free program is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York Legislature.* The summer reading program is set up for children (3 years old and up) to read and win prizes! Having your children read in the summer will help keep up their reading skills for school in the fall. You can sign up anytime during the summer reading program but the earlier you sign up the more prizes you win! Don't miss out on the summer fun:

June 28th –Fairy Tales stories and fun at 7pm

July 5th- Craft 2go Day- regular Library hours

July 10th- Campfire Stories with Mr. Merritt at 7pm

July 12th –Princesses and Knights –stories and crafts at 7pm

July 13th –Nighttime animals- stories and crafts at 10:30am

July 18th- Teddy Bear Sleepover –drop off your favorite stuffed animal for a fun sleepover time at the Library-
Registration 6-8pm

July 25th – Sweet Dream stories and crafts at 7pm

July 27-Nickle City Reptiles at 4pm

August 1st – Rockets in the Park with Mr. Merritt at 4pm

August 7th – Movie Night- *The Lorax*- will be showing at 6pm on the big screen

August 9th- Teen Lock-in from 8-12pm

August 14th – Seneca Park Zoomobile at 7pm- Ending program and prizes!



For more information on all programs call or stop by the Library!



Summer session for preschool story time starts Friday July 6th at 10:30am. Come for stories, crafts and snacks too! Registration is recommended by calling or stopping by the Library. Join the fun this summer with your young children!!! There's magic in every book

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The American Red Cross Babysitting class will be offered at the Library on July 16th from 10-3. You must be at least 11 years old to attend. Call or stop by before July 12th to register. The cost is \$40. Bring a drink and snack. A pizza lunch will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Sign up soon- Space is limited.

Join us at the Byron Heritage Fest on July 28th for music and fun! The Library will be hosting along with Byron Park Committee the band Buffalo Road Show at 4:30pm. *This program is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York Legislature.* This country rock band will kick off dancing fun at the Festival!! There will be Fireworks too!

Our ending summer reading program will be Seneca Park Zoomobile on August 14th at 7pm. Come celebrate your reading success- enjoy a the fun animals and claim your Dream Dollars too! No registration required to join the fun!!

Is your child staying home alone while you are at work? The Library is offering a Home Alone Safety workshop on August 16th from 6pm-8pm. This National Safety Council workshop will prepare your child for situations that can happen when they stay home alone. The cost is only \$18. Class size is limited so stop by soon to sign up no later than August 11th!

Come check out our newest books Calico Joe by John Grisham, The Innocent by David Baldacci, Lots of Candles and Plenty of Cake by Anna Quindlen, The Witness by Nora Roberts and many more!! If they are not on the shelf, check us out on the web at www.byron-ergenpubliclibrary.org to reserve your copy! We have been adding to our books on CD and MP3 CD collection with Lone Wolf by Jodi Picoult, 77 Shadow Street by Dean Koontz, and Phantom by Ted Bell. We have portable audio players called Playaways available too with many new titles. We also have a great selection of children's audio books that are great to listen to while you are driving to your vacation destination!!

The Library has copy /fax service for a small cost, Roadrunner Internet on 3 computers, and interlibrary loans from any Library in the NIOGA Library system. Check us out on the web at www.byronbergenpubliclibrary.org or stop in and we will assist you! For more information on our services or programs, please call the library at 494-1120.

Bergen Historical Society Theresa Alexander Pengelly, President



Future plans regarding Stone Church Museum to an original school house. We are asking for help from our community for donations of pictures, names of the former students still alive and anything pertaining to this building, when it was a school house. We also want to emphasize, any donations given to Stone Church with the condition, they stay in Stone Church, will be respected and honored to that purpose. Thanks in advance. Please contact Theresa Alexander Pengelly 293-1421 and Tracy Miller, Vice President 494-1418.

The Bergen Historical Society is sponsoring a scholarship to a deserving student attending Byron-Bergen School, which will be an annual sponsorship.



In the last newsletter three questions were asked regarding the local American Legion Post #575:

1. Who are the three men that the local American Legion Post was named after? *Answer: The Sackett-Merrill-White Post #575 was named after Dewey Sackett from Bergen, Chester Merrill from Byron and Walter White from Stafford.*
2. What branch of service were they in? *Answer: All Army veterans of World War I*
3. What year was the post founded? *Answer: January 22, 1921 with 14 members the Post #575 was chartered.*

Our society wants to thank David Henry for his informative letter to us regarding this history of our American Legion in Bergen.

THE 23rd ANNUAL BERGEN PARK FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2012

EVENTS SCHEDULE

The is day is sponsored by the **Bergen Business and Civic Association** Our sincerest thank you to all of the volunteers that make it so special!

“Celebrating Local Businesses”

11:00 am **Car Cruise In** – Enjoy the cars until 3:00pm

Craft Vendors
Book Sale---Byron-Bergen Public Library
Food Vendors – all day and evening
Bounce House
Pony Rides
Blinko

The Bergen Park Festival continues as an event to bring our community together with any profits going back to Village and Town Parks.

BOSSY BINGO IS BACK!!!! Sponsored by the **Bergen Grange**

12:00 noon **Parade** down Lake Ave.

Featuring: Sackett-Merrill-White American Legion #575 Color Guard

The Byron-Bergen HS Marching Band

Vietnam Veteran’s Chapter #193 - LeRoy

Gillam-Grant Youth Sports Program Participants

Bergen Fire Department

Boys Scouts & Girl Scouts

Genesee County Sheriff’s Department

Clarkson Horseman’s Assoc.

York HS Marching Band

Hesperus Masonic Lodge

Village of Bergen Dept. of Public Works

12:30pm East Pavilion Dedication to the Bergen Fire Department

Our DJ for the day is
Tim Ruffin

Please do your animals and the other guests a favor, and leave your pets home. Thank you.

12.45pm- Flexible **Bill Gormont’s World of Magic – BB Library** This program is made possible by the NYS Council on the Arts with the support of Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the NY Legislature

1:00PM **3- on- 3 Basketball Tourney** Sponsored by Ralph & Rosie’s Deli & Pizzeria

3:00pm ***Bergen Idol Contest***

4:00pm- Mason’s Chicken B’BQ—Featuring Chef Dick Sands and Friends \$8.50 Serving 4pm – 5:30pm
Presale tickets on sale at the Town Hall & Village office

6:00pm – 10:00pm **Trilogy** wants everyone to dance, sing along and have a good time!



FIREWORKS AT 10PM

Schedule is subject to change.



Dog License News: A dog census will be conducted this summer by postcard; all residents must fill out and return the information to the Town Clerk’s office even if your dog is already licensed.

ANTI-RABIES CLINICS: Dog, Cat and Ferret Vaccinations are free to Genesee County residents. A \$5.00 voluntary donation per dog, cat or ferret, is requested to offset expenses. Non-County residents must pay a mandatory \$5.00 fee for each dog, cat and ferret immunized. Each animal must be accompanied by someone who can control it.

June 9th – Centennial Park Ellicott & Park Avenue, Batavia 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

August 16th – Genesee County Fairgrounds 5031 E. Main St., Batavia 4:00 – 7:00 pm



Office Closing

June 9th – Park Festival

July 4th – Independence Day



Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

8:00 am – Noon & 1:00 – 4:00

Saturday 9:00 am - noon

Closed on Thursday

Historian News by *Thomas Tiefel*

It's hard to believe we are at the half way point of 2012! They say “time flies when you're having fun” and as your town historian, it certainly is the truth! I have spent the first half of the year reorganizing, filing, researching, and rebuilding. I wish to give special thanks to Mr. Martin Dilcher and his crew for the fantastic looking set of steps at 15 S Lake St. (the historian's office building) for which he donated his services. They were in desperate need of repair, and between Bergen's Building Committee and Mr. Dilcher, the long needed replacement has been accomplished. I thank you!

I also wish to thank all of the students and staff of the Byron-Bergen 4th grade elementary school class for their annual Harford Livery Museum Tour. The students and staff were greeted by a new face in the museum (and I'm not talking about me lol). A new exhibit has just been completed marking the beginning of the museum's transformation and the new exhibit features the W.J. Davey Carriage Works. The exhibit depicts Mr. Davey hard at work conducting what would have been the daily duties of his job as Bergen's horse-drawn vehicle builder. This exhibit generated many questions from both students and staff regarding the life and times of “Willie” J! It certainly brings to life the artifacts, the WJ Davey carriage, and sheds light on the life and times of Bergen's bygone era. If you get a chance during the Bergen Park Festival to visit the museum, this exhibit is a must see! 5 more exhibits are to follow within the next year so stay tuned! The museum will be open from 10am-1pm during the Park Festival.

As always, the historian’s office is located at 15 S. Lake Ave in the village of Bergen. If you would like to contact me for any reason, feel free to call 585-494-0080 and I will be happy to assist you!





Summer Transfer Station Hours:

Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 pm July 11th- August 29th



The Mill Seat Open House & Information Fair is scheduled for Thursday, July 26, 2012 from 3 – 7 PM

2011 – 2012 Bergen Directory

The Bergen Business & Civic Association 2011 – 2012. It is available for \$5 at: Bergen Town Hall, Village of Bergen Office, Sullivan Agency, Gillam-Grant Community Center, Ralph & Rosie's, Carol's Coiffures & Park Festival

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