



# TOWN OF BERGEN NEWSLETTER

## JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2021



Editor: Michele Smith

### ***Town News ... From the Desk of Town Supervisor Ernie Haywood***

The Town of Bergen Water District Bids were opened on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>. Low bidders were Morsch Pipeline for Contract A at \$4,470,941 and Fineline Pipeline for Contract B at \$3,788,985. Unfortunately, we are \$1.5 million dollars (approximately 17%) over budget. There are several causes for the increase: COVID-19 impacted the production of pipe and materials; natural disasters in southern states also impacted the production of pipe and materials; COVID-19 delayed agency reviews and approvals of our project; rising fuel prices; and the MCWA required some additional main and main size increases.

We went through a value engineering process with the Town Engineers to see if there were any items that could be eliminated or altered without effecting the integrity of the project. There were no changes that made a measurable difference.

I filed an Application for Federal Assistance and a Cost Overrun Request with USDA Rural Development on May 15 in order to fill the budget shortfall. The Town is hoping to receive additional grant funds (which do not have to be paid back by property owners in the district), but we also expect that some of the additional cost will have to be borne by a low-interest loan. Once a new package is offered from Rural Development, the Town may have to submit the loan portion to the State Comptroller for approval. It is likely that the cost per EDU will increase from the current estimate of \$557.

The Water District project will most likely be delayed by several months. The Town will continue to update property owners as soon as new information becomes available. Thank you for your patience during this very arduous process.

Many of you may know that local governments will be receiving federal stimulus money early this summer. We are still trying to understand the rules attached to the funding but basically, local governments will be allowed to use the funds to replace revenues that have been lost and to invest in certain types of infrastructure projects. We are not allowed to use the federal stimulus to reduce property taxes or to pay debt service.

Local municipalities will receive half of their allotment this summer, the other half one year later. We will keep you informed of what the Town of Bergen's share is and how we will use it according to the federal rules.

As more of us become vaccinated, some COVID-19 restrictions are being eased. If you are still in need of a vaccine, please visit [orleanscountynyny.org/covid-19-vaccination](http://orleanscountynyny.org/covid-19-vaccination) or call 585-815-7168. Vaccines are free and both the two-shot Pfizer and Moderna, and the one-shot Johnson & Johnson are readily available.

As we will celebrate Memorial Day on May 31<sup>st</sup>, let all of us pause and remember the sacrifices made by the men and women who have served or continue to serve our country. Wishing you a safe and enjoyable Summer ahead.

There will not be a Memorial Day Parade but there will be a service at the Hickory Park at 9:30 am.

**Dog Enumeration:** post cards will be mailed out to all residents (households and apartments) by July 1st if you have a dog that isn't licensed now it the time to do it. Please return the postage paid postcards by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Hunting Licenses** will be going on sale August 9<sup>th</sup>, DMP's are on a lottery first come first serve basis as in the past \$10 for 2. Fishing Licenses now run a year from the date of purchase and are available for \$25 or \$5 if 70+.

**Dog License News:** I hate to "hound" you, but if your dog's license renewal is due or past due, please take care of it so we don't have to send you a reminder notice or eventually a court appearance ticket. If new to the area please transfer your dog with the Town of Bergen. If there is a problem getting an appointment for a rabies vaccination, etc., please call me 494-1121 x 21; if after hours leave a message on my voicemail anytime day or night.

**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.



August 12<sup>th</sup> – Genesee Fairgrounds 5031 E. Main St., Batavia 4:00 – 7:00 pm

September 16<sup>th</sup> – Genesee Fairgrounds 5031 E. Main St., Batavia 4:00 – 7:00 pm

**Office Closing**

Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day Holiday

**Office Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

8:00 am – Noon & 1:00 – 4:00

Saturday 9:00 am - Noon

Closed on Thursdays



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## BBCA Bergen Park Mini Fest



June 12, 2021 Hickory Park

Chivetta's Chicken BBQ –

3:00pm – 7:00pm Drive Thru at Park \$12.00

(The Village Office will be handling presale tickets 494-1513)

6:30pm – 9:30pm Charlie Mitchell Band

9:30 pm Fireworks Display



## **Library is Open--- Hours -**

Sunday and Monday – Closed

Tuesday 10-1 and 2-7

Wednesday 10-1 and 2-7

Thursday 10-1 and 2-7

Friday 10-6

Saturday 10-1

## **Closed Saturdays July and August**



Open up new worlds- read new authors, try a new recipe book, or get lost in a movie! Check us out on the web at [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org). There are databases, Librarian 24/7, TumbleBook Library-e-books for Kids, NOVEL list-readers advisory, **Libby/Overdrive** –e-books, digital magazines and downloadable audio books and **Hoopla** for eBooks, audio books, video and music are available to you with a valid Library card! The Library also has a coupon exchange available to patrons! The Library has Wi-Fi available as well as three patron computers with printing for a small fee.

The Library is looking for responsible kids age 11 years old and older to help volunteer during the summer reading program. Stop by and pick up an application now before the end of the school year or email us at [byrbgn@nioga.org](mailto:byrbgn@nioga.org)! You can win prizes for volunteering and get a first look at all the new books and DVDs!!! Beat the heat in our air-conditioned Library and sign up with a friend to join the fun!

Summer is coming!! So is the summer reading program- “Tales and Tails” The kick-off will be Tuesday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Come any time between 5 – 6:30 pm to meet our special guest “Tracy the Triceratops” and take a picture with her. There will be games and crafts too! Sign up for the summer reading program and win prizes for reading this summer! All activities will be socially distance according to CDC guidelines.

Why should you join the reading program? The summer reading programs are set up for children 3 years old and up to read and win prizes! Having your child read throughout the summer will help keep up their reading skills for school in the fall. Reading to your preschool child will help them master the skills of language at an early age.

If you are not able to make the Kick-off event- stop in any time after June 22<sup>nd</sup> to sign up! Throughout the summer we will be having special story times, science fun, crafts, campfire stories and movie days. For a complete schedule of events check us out on the web at [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) or friend us on Facebook and stop by to pick up a schedule. Lots of fun activities you won't want to miss!

Is your child staying home alone while you are at work? The Library is offering a “Home Alone” safety workshop on June 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-12:30. This workshop will prepare your child for situations that can occur when they stay home alone. The cost is only \$20. Class size is limited so stop by soon to sign up no later than June 24<sup>th</sup>!

The Library has preschool story time at 10:30am starting and Friday July 9<sup>th</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be exploring fairy tale and animal tales! Join the fun this summer with your young children! There's magic in every book! Registration is required by calling the Library.

A Babysitting workshop will be offered on July 26<sup>h</sup> from 10-3. If you are interested, please call the Library to sign up by July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cost is \$25. You must be at least 11 years old to be certified.

Come check out our newest books the web at [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) to reserve your copy! We also have a great selection of adult and 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, Spectrum High Speed Internet, Wi-Fi and interlibrary loans from any Library in the NIOGA Library system. If you can't find it at our Library, please ask or check us out on the web at [byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org)! Stop in soon! For more information on our services or programs, please call the Library at 494-1120.



The weather has broken and we are well into 2021. It is evident that our economy and way of life pre-pandemic is starting to come back around. Our Covid numbers have stayed low and local commerce and businesses have rebounded. We continue to encourage our residents to get vaccinated as our health department continues to provide excellent coordination and service throughout the Community. We have moved away from the large clinics at GCC to an as-needed approach at the Health Department at County Building 2 for those getting vaccinated.

The need for a new County jail is still imminent. The existing facility is in need of extensive repair and the State continues to put pressure on our County to move forward with an up-to-date facility. We have re-engaged with our consultant SMRT to reassess our bed needs for Orleans and Genesee Counties and the impact of bail reform on the system. Orleans County may not be able to commit to something immediately, but we continue to plan the structure of the jail to have the ability to add additional pods as needed in the future. We hope to learn more over the next several months about sizing needs, updated cost and bonding figures. We are concerned about what construction costs have done over the past year. Phase 2 of the County's water infrastructure project continues to progress. As we continue to add users throughout the County, we continue to put more pressure on our needs to increase water capacity. We will be closely monitoring our well capacity for the City Water Plant as we will hit peak usage mid-Summer. We hope we do not need to put any water restrictions in place in the event of drought-like conditions.

We continue to monitor the rules and interpretations of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 stimulus package out of Washington DC. A significant need and purpose for a good portion of these funds can be used on our aging bridges, culverts and roads throughout the County. The County is excited to fill both the Youth Director and IT Director positions over the past month. As always, feel free to contact us anytime with any questions or concerns you may have. Enjoy the Summer.

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### **Historian News by** *Thomas Tiefel*

Well, it's hard to believe that we are almost at the half-way point for 2021. As we start to return to normal, we are looking forward to welcoming back our visitors to the Harford Livery Museum complex. In the meantime, we would like to update everyone on some important changes and improvements to the historian's office. First, I would like to welcome to the Town of Bergen Historian's Office Jodi L. Fisher as the new genealogist/archivist. Jodi comes with a master's degree in Geology from the University at Buffalo along with a professional business management certificate. Jodi has worked at places such as GO ART! (as the DEC Grant Coordinator) and most recently, the Holland Land Office Museum (as the Museum Marketing Manager). We welcome Jodi to our community and she is looking forward to meeting our residents who are in need of assistance. If you happen to see Jodi around town, give her that warm welcome that we "Bergenites" are known for.

Secondly, May is dedicated to National Preservation Month, also known as Historic Preservation Month. We at the Town of Bergen Historian's Office are celebrating preservation by the restoration of the large room at the office. We took down the peeling wallpaper to find the original paint and stencil and have been working hard on restoring that room as close to original as possible. We hope to be finished by the end of June so we can open the office back up to the public and we encourage you to pay us a visit. Those seeking research will also have Ancestry.com as a resource at our office. As always, the Historian's office is located at 15 S. Lake Ave and if you have any questions or need assistance in research, call me at 494-0080 and we will be happy to assist you.







# GLOW Shred-a-thon

When: Saturday, June 12, 2021  
Where: Town of Pavilion Highway/Office Facility  
One Woodrow Dr. (off Rt. 63 by rr tracks)  
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. ONLY\*

**Open to residents in Genesee, Livingston & Wyoming Counties**

## Acceptable Materials

Presorted personal documents-medical, bank, tax and other records containing acct. #s or private information

NO envelopes, magazines, newspaper clippings or folders

**Materials cannot include: metal bindings or metal clips**

Limit of 5 boxes (no bigger than 10"x12"x15" (bankers box size) to keep participants/staff safe from injuries

Note: GLOW's vendor, Genesee Data Mgmt. (Arcgo) will be securing docs. in locked 95 gal. totes on site and taking them to their Batavia facility for shredding & recycling

## TO CONTACT GLOW:

Call 585-344-2580 ext. 5463, 585/815-7906 or 800-836-1154 (for long distance callers) for more information or email: glow@co.genesee.ny.us or pgrayson@co.genesee.ny.us

[www.glowsolidwaste.org](http://www.glowsolidwaste.org)

Funded by: GLOW Region Solid Waste, a NYSDEC MWRR grant and Tompkins Bank of Castile





## Transfer Station Hours

Saturdays 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

The transfer station will be open July 3<sup>rd</sup> regular hours

**Due to budget constraints Wednesday Summer hours have been cancelled**

**THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 2<sup>nd</sup> – JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>. PLEASE PURCHASE BAGS OR TAGS FOR THE TRANSFER STATION ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, INDIVIDUAL BAGS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE TRANSFER STATION WITH EXACT CHANGE FOR \$5.00. SORRY FOR AN INCONVIENCE.**

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