



# TOWN OF BERGEN NEWSLETTER

## JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2022



Editor: Michele Smith

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

We have made tremendous progress on our water line installation since our last newsletter in March. Both Morsch Pipeline and Fineline Pipeline, the two contractors on the job, are working on schedule with no delays reported. We are working with CSX Railroad to schedule the water pipe crossing on Jerico Road. That crossing is probably the most complex part of the project.

The Monroe County Water Authority has mailed every property owner in the district a packet of information regarding signing up for water service. The last in-person sign up session will be held on Tuesday, June 14 from 3- 7 pm at the Bergen Town Hall, 10 Hunter Street. That sign-up session is specifically for residents of Evans Road, North Lake Road, Peachy Road, Clinton Street Road and Buffalo Road.

If you did not attend your scheduled sign-up session, please contact Virginia Smith at the Water Authority as soon as possible. Her contact information is [virginia.smith@mcwa.com](mailto:virginia.smith@mcwa.com), 585-442-2001 x 229. If you have other water line questions, please contact Town Engineer Scott Mattison at [scott.mattison@mrbgroupp.com](mailto:scott.mattison@mrbgroupp.com) or 585-381-9250.

The Town Board will be holding a public hearing on June 14 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall to hear all comments regarding the application of Mar-Lu-Estates for rezoning of approximately five-acre property at 7762 Clinton Street Road. The application was referred from the Town Planning Board to the Town Board. The property is currently a mobile home park and the owner would like to replace the mobile homes with permanent single-family housing which is not permitted in the current MHO (Mobile Home Overlay) zoning. The owner is requesting that the zoning be changed to Planned Unit Development zoning. The purpose of Planned Unit Development is to permit greater flexibility while promoting more economical and efficient use of land, buildings, circulation systems and utilities.

With summer upon us, we have the opportunity to enjoy many more outdoor recreational activities. Robbins Brook Park is a valuable asset to our community and we are seeking grant funds to enable us to improve it, particularly at the entrance now that the transfer station has been removed. Some of the amenities we are seeking in the grant include bocce ball courts, restroom, improved parking, lighting and benches/picnic tables. It may be some months before we learn whether or not we will receive funding from the state or federal government for these improvements. We are also seeking state funds do some much-needed building repairs at the Museum and in our cemeteries.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and active summer!



**Hunting Licenses** will be going on sale August 8<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 11<sup>th</sup> – Genesee Fairgrounds 5031 E. Main St., Batavia 4:00 – 7:00 pm

September 15<sup>th</sup> – Genesee Fairgrounds 5031 E. Main St., Batavia 4:00 – 7:00 pm

### Office Closing

Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> - Independence Day Holiday

Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day

### Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

8:00 am – Noon & 1:00 – 5:00

Friday 8:00 am – Noon & 1:00 – 4:00

Closed on Thursdays & Saturdays





## 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

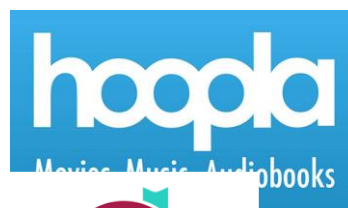
Friday 10-6

Saturday 10-1\*

**\*Closed: Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> for Bergen Park Festival**

**\*Closed Saturdays July & August**

**\*Closed Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> for Labor Day**



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, TumbleBook Library-activities for Kids, NOVEL list-readers advisory, Libby (Overdrive) –E-books, downloadable audio books and magazines and Hoopla for eBooks, audio books, video and music are available to you 24/7 with a valid Library card. The Library has Wi-Fi available as well as three patron computers with printing and fax capabilities for a small fee.

The Library is more than just books- we have many family games and puzzles to lend as well as several outdoor games like ring toss, yard Yahtzee—(Yardzee), Go Find It -Scavenger hunt game and our newest addition Pickleball set to play at the local courts. All you need is a Library card!

Did you ever want to go to a NY State Park for free? The Library has two passes to use this year! Remember us before you make your trip-stop in to lend the pass. If you love history – we have a family pass to visit Genesee Country Museum and Nature Center located in Mumford, NY. Remember – all passes are available as a weekly loan only and are not renewable. All you need is a Library card! Call for more information.

The Library has Hot Spots to loan-through a Nioga Library System grant. There are 2 mobile Hot Spots available until the end of the year! You can check them out for 2-week at a time - no holds or renewals. All you need is a Library card!

**Library book sale will be at the Bergen Park Festival on June 11<sup>th</sup>.** There are audio books, movies, children's books and many bestselling authors. The Library will be closed on June 11<sup>th</sup> so stop by the tent at the Bergen Park Festival! Stop by before June 10<sup>th</sup> during regular Library hours to purchase your ticket for the BBQ that day- Cost is \$12 – get your dinner ticket before they sell out!

The Library will be hosting the Mark Time Marchers Marching Band at the Bergen Park Festival. The parade starts at 12 o'clock noon. This program is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by GO ART!



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! 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! You can sign up with a friend to join the fun!

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Summer is coming!! So is the summer reading program- "Ocean of Possibilities". **The kick-off will be Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm with a Pirate Party!** Come enjoy a fun party with a mermaid visit, games, stories, and crafts! And sign-up for the summer reading program and discover Oceans of Possibilities in reading fun! No registration necessary to attend. This program is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by GO ART!



Why should join the reading program? The summer reading is set up for children 3 years old and up to read and wins 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 23<sup>rd</sup> to sign up! Throughout the summer we will be having special story times, science fun, crafts, workshops, movie days and more. For a complete schedule of events check us out on the web at [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org) and friend us on Facebook and Twitter or stop by to pick up a schedule. Lots of fun activities you won't want to miss!

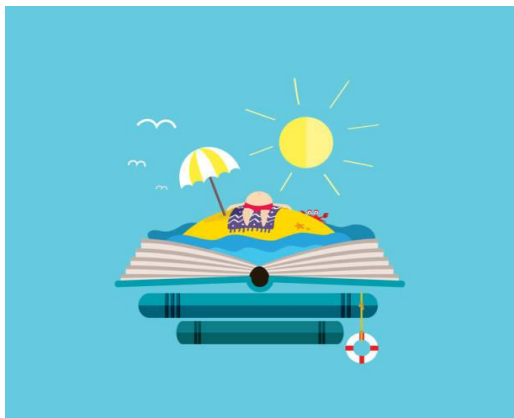
The Library has preschool story time at 10:30am starting Friday July 8<sup>th</sup> to August 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be exploring Oceans of color and animals! Join the fun this summer with your young children! There's magic in every book!

A Babysitting workshop will be offered on Monday July 11<sup>th</sup> from 10-3pm for ages 11 years and older. If you are interested, please call the Library to sign up -cost for workshop is \$28 – booklet included. Please register with payment by July 7<sup>th</sup>. Space is Limited.

Is your child staying home alone while you are at work? The Library is offering a "Home Alone" safety workshop on August 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm. This National Safety Council 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 August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Look what is happening at the Library by visiting our events page at [www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org)! The Library has 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) and click on catalog search from our home page. You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter! For more information on our services or programs, please call the Library at 494-1120.

Happy Reading--  
Nancy Bailey





# BERGEN PARK FESTIVAL

## CRUISE- IN

# *Classic, Antique, and Vintage* CAR SHOW

Saturday JUNE 11, 2022

11:00- 3:00\*

\*Cars must be out of the park by 4 pm  
or stay for evening entertainment and  
Fireworks



**At the Village Park on Route 19, Bergen, NY**

Please enter from Parkview Drive only

*FREE FOOD VOUCHERS FOR THE FIRST 50 CARS TO REGISTER  
LIMIT 1 PER CAR*

For Information Contact: Kim Donley 585-329-7848

Please arrive prior to 11 so we can have  
everyone ready by 11



The 32nd Annual

# BERGEN PARK FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY JUNE 11TH, 2022**

11:00 CAR CRUISE IN

12:00 PARADE

CEREMONY AFTER PARADE TO HONOR OUR  
VIETNAM VETERANS

3:00 BERGEN GOT TALENT CONTEST

4:00-5:30 CHICKEN BBQ

6-10 SAVAGE CABBAGE LIVE

FIREWORKS

GAMES AND FUN FOR ALL

FOOD VENDORS PETTING ZOO PONY RIDES

CRAFTS GAMES

BOUNCE HOUSE ROCK WALL

## COMING HOME

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR  
SERVICE MEMBERS AT A SPECIAL  
CEREMONY FOLLOWING THE  
PARADE

WE KINDLY REQUEST THAT ALL DOGS ( PETS) REMAIN AT HOME.





We have broken ground on the new County Jail facility. Earth moving commenced on May 9<sup>th</sup> and the project is well underway. This 22-month construction project is expected to be completed in the late Winter/ early Spring of 2024. This is certainly the largest and most expensive construction project that the County has ever undertaken, but it is well overdue. We are very confident in the background work that has gone into this project as well as our construction manager Pike Construction that has built several of these throughout the State and Country. The financing and main construction components have all been secured. All involved are confident we will remain on budget with this project.

Progress continues with phase 2 of the water infrastructure project. We should be completing Phase 2 projects by the end of 2022. Our work with our lobbyist group Carpi Clay has already paid dividends for us as we were awarded 2 grants for some water infrastructure upgrades at the City water plant in the amount of \$3.4 million combined. The most recent estimates show that phase 3 total costs will exceed \$120 million. Costs over the past 2 years have escalated tremendously due to all the inflationary pressures we are all hearing about including material, labor and availability issues. We have several grant applications that either already been submitted or are in the pipeline to do so. Our staff has been very busy with these. We are determined to secure as much outside/grant funding as possible to continue to provide adequate water for all the residents needs as well as our hopeful future growth in the County.

Another focus of the County is looking into how to improve and potentially get every resident Broadband access. We had an RFP go out and have received 2 proposals back. Review of those is happening now and we hope to award one in the coming 30-60 days. With the awarding of this bid, construction could potentially start as soon as this Summer. The Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council have been tremendous partners in this review and continue to provide guidance and direction. The County has \$5 million set aside to address this very important issue for our residents.

Enjoy Summer and the warm weather! As always, feel free to contact us anytime with any questions or concerns you may have.

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

It's sure been a both productive and busy time at the office. Restoration work is completed in the front reception area of the office building. We now have our Ancestry.com kiosk available for on site research by appointment. We encourage you to stop by and pay us a visit! This year, Park Fest is June 11, and the museum opens for the season. Merchandise at the Historian's Office is also now available to benefit the Bergen Historical Society.

We have some additional BIG NEWS! Starting July 8th, we will be hosting a month long program called, "The Silent Film Series". During the month of July, every Friday evening from 7:30pm-9pm, the Bergen Historical Society will be hosting a silent film screening projected on the exterior North wall of the museum. Admission is free, and we invite you to come check out these time lines classics in their original format: July 8th will be the 1911 film, "A Tale of Two Cities". July 15th is "The Count of Monte Cristo" (1913). July 22nd is "The Birth of A Nation" (1915). July 29th is "The Coward" (1915). Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the show! We will be having other exciting events throughout the year, so stay tuned!

As always, the historian's office is located at 15 S. Lake Ave in the village of Bergen. If you would like to contact us for any reason, feel free to call 585-494-0080 and we will be happy to assist you! If you wish to schedule a tour or visit outside of scheduled hours, please call 585-297-5598. Also, find us on Facebook at Harford Livery Museum." Thank you so much and have a wonderful day!



**NYS GOVERNOR PRIMARIES: DEMOCRATIC FOR GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR AND REPUBLICAN FOR GOVERNOR JUNE 28, 2022**

**Polling Site: Bergen Town Hall poles will be open 6:00 am – 9:00 pm**

**Early Voting ARC Community Center 38 Woodrow Rd. Batavia:**



**Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**  
**Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm**  
**Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm**  
**Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**  
**Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**  
**Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**



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