



TOWN OF BERGEN

Newsletter



From the Desk of Town Supervisor,
Ernie Haywood....

June, July, & August 2025

The Town of Bergen and the Village of Bergen have received the Genesee County Economic Development Center’s Partner of the Year Award for 2025. I accepted the award on behalf of the Town at the Development Center’s April 25 luncheon. We received the award because industrial and commercial development have boomed at the Apple Tree Acres Business Park during the past year. This includes the expansions of Oxbo, Liberty Pumps, AppleTree Acres and Craft Cannery. I believe the Town and Village have done a great job encouraging businesses to locate here by providing appropriate zoning, tax incentives and infrastructure. At the same time, we are trying to make sure that these businesses are a good fit for their residential and agricultural neighbors. Thank you to Board Members Belinda Grant and Mark Swanson, Town Clerk Teresa Robinson and Planning Board Chair Gary Fink for attending the event.

We have several public works projects in the planning or implementation phase. The first is to install a restroom at Robins Brook

Park. This project will feature a partnership with the BOCES building trades program. The Town will provide all the materials while the students will construct the building. Some specialty areas (like pouring concrete foundations) will be contracted out. The accessible restrooms will be located near the current playing fields. Site work will begin this summer with construction taking place this fall.

Our next project is a 1,994 square foot addition to the town hall. Consolidating town offices by moving the assessor and code enforcement offices from their current location at 13 South Lake Ave. to the town hall at 10 Hunter Street will eliminate confusion for residents and the need for residents and staff to go back and forth between two locations to conduct business. The addition will provide space for the assessor and code enforcement officer, as well as secure records storage space for both the town clerk and court. Additionally, a new second small meeting room will allow for more than one meeting/session to occur at the same time.

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The second phase of this project is moving the historian’s office from the current location at 15 South Lake Ave, to 13 Lake Ave. This move will provide an accessible office and bathrooms for the historian’s office and will allow us to convert a large storage room into climate-controlled storage space for the historian. The Town will then sell 15 South Lake Avenue and use the proceeds for renovations to the Hartford Livery Museum, including installation of a fire alarm system, new roof, insulation, and heating.

Overall, the project will reduce the number of buildings and operating expenses for the town, return a property to the tax rolls, make the museum more accessible and useful and make normal town business transactions more convenient and efficient. At the June 10 Town Board meeting, the Board will consider the adoption of a bond resolution allowing the Town to borrow funds up to \$990,000 for the renovations and addition to 10 Hunter Street, and renovations to 13 South Lake Ave.

From the Desk of County Legislator
Christian Yunker.....

Spring is over and Summer is about to be here. We survived the Winter, but it was a tough one on our roads. Our highway department along with all the Towns and Villages are up to the challenge to repair and maintain. They continue to keep our roads and bridges in good working order. Construction and repair season is upon us so be patient when you see them out and about.

The Legislature and the management team continue to monitor what is happening in Albany and Washington DC. Over all the NY State budget isn’t terrible for Counties at this point. CHIPS funding for roadways and bridges is up slightly. The State is looking to close 3 more Prisons, this will continue to put more pressure on our County Jail system. The

Currently, it is estimated that the additional costs to the owner of a 150,000 home to be about \$8/year for 15 years. It is anticipated that the project will be bid out in December/January so that construction can begin late winter or early spring. The court will remain unaffected by the construction, the town clerk will be temporarily moved to an office at the highway garage.

As we have just marked Memorial Day, I would like to thank everyone who helped make sure our fallen service members were honored, particularly our Veterans who participated in services. Don’t forget the Park Festival and Parade on June 14, thank you BBCA for coordinating this community event every year!

Ernie Haywood, Supervisor

Town Board Meetings
June 10, 2025
7:00 pm
July 8, 2025
7:00 pm
August 13, 2025
7:00 pm



Corrections Officer shortage will continue to be a problem across the State. The Governor’s budget gives her “emergency” powers to make unilateral changes to the budget if there are changes of \$2 billion or greater to the State budget. This is a very likely scenario and we are concerned what may happen that will have a trickle-down effect on the County. NYSAC has identified up to \$6 billion so far in Federal Medicaid cuts that NY State could partially and likely will pass down to Counties. This is something we are monitoring closely and hoping it will not have significant impacts on our local funding.


We are happy to report that the broadband project is over 50% complete and is expected to be

Continued....

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Town Board Meeting 7 pm	11	12	13	14 
15	16	17	18	19	20 1st day of Summer	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8 Town Board Meeting 7 pm	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Town Board Meeting 7 pm	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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June

- 10th —Town Board Meeting
- 14th—Park Festival
- 15th—Father’s Day
- 19th—Town Hall Closed
- 20th—1st Day of Summer
- 25th—Free Summer Concert
- 26th—Food Link

July

- 4th—Town Hall Closed
- 8th—Town Board Metting
- 16th—Free Summer Concert
- 30th—Free Summer Concert
- Every Tuesday—Farmer’s Market

August

- 7th—2025 Rabies Immunization Clinic
- 12th—Town Board Meeting
- 20th—Free Summer Concert
- Every Tuesday—Farmer’s Market

Mark your Calanders—Bergen Events...

Genesee County Health Dept.— 2025 Rabies Immunization Clinic, August 7, 2025 Genesee County Fairgrounds 5056 East Main St., Batavia



Free Food Distribution, Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church, June 26 at 4:00pm

Summer Events at Hickory Park, Bergen on Rt. 19

Bergen Harvest Market

Tuesday 3:00 – 6:00 pm
July – September



Our new farmers’ market will promote locally produced quality fresh vegetables, fruits, baked goods, meats, eggs, flowers, maple syrup, honey, jam, spices and more, offering our local community farm to table and healthy options. NYS Farmers Market Nutritional Program Accepted (FMNP coupons). Follow us on Facebook or Instagram for market updates.

Free Summer Concert Series at Hickory Park

6:30 – 8:30 pm

6/25 – Atlas (9-piece Ensemble who are one of the most sought-after dance/party bands in the northeast)

7/16 – Something Else (Cover band providing a fun experience at every show featuring Byron Bergen alumni Johnny Cummings)

7/30 – Blue Sky (Pop, Rock and Country Cover Band)

8/20 – Cummings Family & Friends (12-piece local band that plays all your favorites)

done near the end of Summer/ Fall time. Every home in the County should have an opportunity to hook up to high- speed internet. Our water infrastructure project continues to move forward as we wrap up Phase 2 this Summer. The Summer season always seems to emphasize the need for more water and the infrastructure to support it as last year we were fortunate to not have a water advisory. Some of the rainy weather this Spring has replenished the aquifer to the highest levels in 3 years. The design work is well underway with our new Engineer Arcadis. They have done tremendous work already for us. We look forward to the continued hard work on this \$160+ million project. Always more updates on this front to follow.

Batavia Downs and its lobbying efforts paid off with this budget as we were pleased they received a tax rate decrease of 5%. This reduction is worth \$25 million dollars over 5 years. This is significant as the corporation shares its profits with its 17 municipal members. Please feel free to contact us anytime if you have any concerns, needs or ideas.

Christian Yunker

Town of Bergen Road Work

June 16th and 17th milling work will begin on Connelly Road. Patching will take place on Peachey Road at the stop sign. Local traffic only.

June 24th on Bovee Road and chip sealing on Cook Road.

July 7th chip sealing Maple Rd and Conelly Road. Sealing of cracks in multi Roads will take place in June and July as weather permits.

Swamp Road culvert pipe between Jerico and Pocock Road will be replaced in July; also on Sackett Road. When this takes place the road will be closed to all traffic. The closing will be posted prior.

Please use caution when you encounter a work zone.

If you have any questions, Please reach out to me at (585) 494-1121 ext. 300.

Have a safe summer!

Joel Pocock, Highway Superintendent



In recognition of the success of Apple Tree Acres, the Village and Town of Bergen received Partnership of the year award from the Genesee County Economic Development Center.

Congratulations to the Village and Town of Bergen!

From the Desk of Highway Superintendent, Joel Pocock.....

Once again the Town Participated in the United Way Day of Caring on May 15. Our focus this year with the volunteers was at Robins Brook Park. We planted 30 trees, placed mulch in the flowers beds, completed some spring cleaning on the pavilion, and planted flowers. Nice job by all!



From the Desk of Town Clerk, Teresa Robinson....

Another successful year participating in United Way’s Day of Caring! The 20+ Volunteers planted 30 trees at Robins Brook Park, cleaned the pavilion and players benches, placed mulch, planted flowers and painted the dugout. If you haven’t had a chance to stop at the park, it’s definitely worth it! The Park looks beautiful!

I would like to thank all of the Volunteers from Liberty Pumps, IAA, Carestream Health, Supervisor Haywood, Councilperson Ely, Highway Superintendent Pocock, and

Wegmans for their donation towards our delicious lunch. Thank you all and I look forward to next year!



DOG LICENSES

All dogs 4 months or older need to be licensed with the Town Clerk . Please bring your updated rabies vaccine and spay/neutered records.



Town Clerk Hours:

Monday – Thursday
8 am – 4:30 pm
Closed from 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm
Friday 8 am–11 am
Evening hours available by appointment
494-1121 ext. 120

The Clerks’ office will be closed for the following Holidays:

Thursday, June 19th
Friday, July 4th
Monday, September 1st

The Town of Bergen’s new website has been completed! If you have a moment, check it out at www.bergenny.gov. All of the town forms are now available on

From the Bergen Fire Department.....

The Bergen Volunteer Fire Department is pleased to announce that we will soon be offering **smoke alarms to qualifying town and village residents**. More details will be shared shortly—please keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates.

Our Monday evenings are dedicated to enhancing the safety and preparedness of our department and community. These evenings include regular meetings, on-site safety visits to local businesses, and active training sessions. So far in 2025, our dedicated members have completed training in:

- Water supply operations
- Primary search and fire attack
- CPR and downed fire-fighter CPR tactics
- Radio communications
- Forcible entry techniques



4TH Annual Steele Truax 3x3

“STEELE” THE COURT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

JUNE 14TH @ HICKORY PARK

2025 Bergen Park Fest

- Register at 8am day of
- Teams of 4 (3players 1 sub) team colors are recommended
- \$20 per team
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd

All proceeds and Donations contributed to the Steele Truax Scholarship at Byron Bergen High School

Sponsored By Genesee Excavating

\$15 Chicken BBQ

Pre-Sale Tickets Available

- Bergen Village Office
- Bergen Town Office
- Byron Bergen Public Library

Pre-Sale sold through Day of Event

Pick up or Eat In 4:00-5:30

35th Bergen Park Fest

June 14, 2025

- Parade @ 12pm
- Flag Day Ceremony and Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the United States Army (following parade)
- Bounce Houses and Games
- Car Show 11am-3pm
- Craft Vendors & Book Sale 11-4pm
- Food Vendors & Mobile Bars 11am-9pm
- Magic Show @ 2:00 pm
- Live Music:
 - Music Maker Band 3pm-5pm
 - Rebel's Posse 6pm-10pm
- Local Celebrity Dunk Tank Stay tuned for the line up! Begins at 2:00



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WHERE BERGEN GROWS COMMUNITY



We've also conducted site visits at **Scott's Miracle-Gro** and the **Byron-Bergen School District** to ensure preparedness and safety coordination.

This year, we were once again honored to participate in the **Memorial Day Parade**, a meaningful tradition for our department and our community.

Interested in joining the Bergen Fire Department? We are always looking for new members who are ready to serve. For more information, call us at **585-494-2100**.

Thank you for your continued support!

— The Bergen Volunteer Fire Department



From the Desk of Town Historian,
Tom Tiefel....

Well, it's hard to believe that we are almost at the half way point for 2025. Park Festival is right around the corner, and the Harford Barn & Livery is open for the summer season.

We're preparing for the Byron Bergen 4th grade classes with their upcoming visit. Both students and teachers alike are always very excited to make the annual field trip to see exhibits depicting Fisher's Pharmacy, Davy Carriage Works, Edgerton General Store, Housel Savings & Loan and our exhibit depicting pioneer school days. The "wow factor" amongst the students continues to make it all worth it! We look forward to a visit from you and share the same appreciation and enthusiasm!

Speaking of exhibits, it's with great conflicted feelings and sadness that we are announcing the close of the "T.H. Gilbert Blacksmith Shop" exhibit. This was a difficult decision to make, however we felt it was necessary to make way for new and exciting micro-exhibits. The museum has limited space, and it's always a challenge to keep the flow inside the muse-

um smooth and "uncluttered". We want our visitors to enjoy their experiences and to accommodate larger audiences at times. The good news is, Mr. Gilbert's contributions to our by-gone era community aren't going away. We have created a micro exhibit of the blacksmith shop that will continue to educate the public for years to come. He will be in good company with new and never seen before Bergen history!

The museum will be open 10am-3pm Saturday June 14th Park Festival. If you have an organization or group that would like a private tour, don't hesitate to contact me directly to schedule an appointment. 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 or find us on Facebook at Harford Livery Museum and I will be happy to assist you.

Tom Tiefel
Town of Bergen Historian



Library hours

Sunday and
Monday – Closed
Tues. 10-1 and 2-7
Weds. 10-1 and 2-7
Thurs. 10-1 and 2-7
Friday 10-6
Saturday 10-1

The Library has copy /fax / scanning service for a small cost, Spectrum Internet on three computers, Wi-Fi and interlibrary loans from any Library in the NIOGA Library system. You can follow us on Facebook. If you would like to get on our e-mail list – just call us or e-mail your information to byrbgn@nioga.org For more information on our services or programs, please call the Library at 494-1120.

Closed: Saturday June 14th for Bergen Park Festival and Friday July 4th for Independence Day

Library is more than just books!


We have Empire passes, Genesee County Museum pass, Rochester Museum and Science Center passes to lend today! We will have Rochester Memorial Art Gallery, Corning Glass and Aquarium at Niagara passes soon! All passes are on a first come first serve basis (no holds) and are signed out for one week with a valid Library card. Feel free to contact us with any questions. at 585-494-1120.

We also have a Seed Library! Not too late to start a garden or just plant a few flowers! Stop in today and check it out!


New to the Library is access to Ancestry.com on-site! Come in during our open hours to check out a computer and explore your family history with Ancestry.com.

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.

 Libby app has eBooks, audio books and magazines

 Hoopla app for eBooks, audio

books, movies, TV series and music

 Our new Kanopy app has movies and TV series.

If you use Audible or any streaming service – check out what the Library has to offer for Free with a valid Library card or stop in and get a Library card!

The Library Book Sale will be at the Bergen Park Fest Saturday, June 14th! We have a lot of children and adult books available- many best sellers as well as cook books, biographies, DVDs and audio books to choose from!

The Library will be closed on June 14th so stop by the tent at the Park Fest! We will be sponsoring Magical Mayhem Show and The Music Makers Band. Come join the fun!

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! Beat the heat in our air-conditioned Library and sign up with a friend to join the fun! If interested please sign up ASAP- Stop in or email us at byrbgn@nioga.org to get an application.


Summer is coming!! So is the summer reading program- “Color Our World!” kick off will be held Thursday June 19th at 2:00pm with an African Drumming Experience! Mayukwa’s African Drums

is interactive and educational showcasing the beauty of African Culture while we enjoy music and movement together. Make sure you sign up for Summer Reading–recommended ages 3 and up!! No registration necessary just come enjoy a fun afternoon of activities at your Library!

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 you join the reading program June 23rd to Aug. 8th? Having your child read throughout the summer will help keep up their reading skills for school in the fall. The reading program is set up for children 3 years old and up to read and wins prizes! Reading to your 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 19th to sign up!

 We have a new app to log your reading minutes this summer. Sign up with Reader Zone app (free from your app store) and use code f935e any time after June 14th to log your child’s reading journey. Then stop in once a week to win prizes by spinning the wheel!

Throughout the summer we will be having special story times, science fun, crafts, animal visits, movie days and more. For a complete schedule of events check us out on the web at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org Follow us on Facebook

and Instagram or stop by to pick up a schedule. We will have lots of fun activities that you won’t want to miss!

The Library has preschool story time at 10:30am

starting Friday July 11th to August 8th. We will be exploring color! Special Sensory Story times will be July 11th and August 8th – after the story the children will have a lot of hands on ways to explore and learn. Join the fun this summer with your young children! There’s magic in every book!

A Babysitting workshop will be offered on Monday August 11th from 10:30-2:30pm. The workshop is recommended for ages 11 and up to take to become a certified babysitter! There will be a break for lunch, pizza will be provided, or bring your own lunch. Make sure you bring a drink, and a Self-Addressed Stamped

Envelope. Please sign up by Wednesday Aug. 6th and the cost per student will be \$35.00.

Check out our newest books online at www.byron-bergenpubliclibrary.org and click on [catalog](#) 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!



Happy Reading--
Nancy Bailey

