

Berlin Community News

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Mayor & Council of Berlin, MD

Autumn Events

September

September 16 Walk with Elected Officials

First of a series of four walks with Berlin Councilmembers. Join Councilmember Lisa Hall at 7:00 PM at Buckingham Elementary School. See article, page 6.

September 17-20 Annual Paint Berlin Plein Air

Worcester County Arts Council presents the 6th Annual Paint Berlin, plein air event. Artists grace our streets, sidewalks and green spaces to create original paintings of our scenic views and historic locations. For more information, contact the Worcester County Arts Council at 410-641-0809 or www.WorcesterCountyArtsCouncil.org.

September 18-20 Berlin Fiddler's Convention.

See article, page 7.

September 26 Berlin Library BLOC Party

Berlin Library, Our Community party to celebrate the future location of the Berlin branch library. See page 2 for more.

September 26 Museum Day Live!

Taylor House Museum joins the Smithsonian Institute's Annual Initiative. See article, page 3.

October

October 5 Walk with Elected Officials

Join Councilmember Dean Burrell at 7:15 AM at Henry Park. See article, page 6.

October 7 Walk with Elected Officials

Join Councilmember Troy Purnell at 6:00 PM at the Berlin Fire Hall. See article, page 6.

October 17 Oktoberfest 12 PM – 6 PM

The celebration of the fall season begins featuring Oktoberfest. Stroll for bargains at our Fall Sidewalk Sale while enjoying all of the fun activities planned for the day. Be a part of or just watch the Born to Be Wild Hobby Horse Steeplechase Race held at 1 PM. Listen to the live music of Vintage Hi Fi, enjoy brats from the Atlantic Hotel, pastrami, turkey and Reuben sandwiches by Rosenfeld's Deli, burgers and dogs from the Berlin Lion's Club or a beer from the Burley Oak Brewing Company. Finish off with a sweet treat from Baked Desserts Café. A corn hole tournament will be held at Burley Inn Tavern beginning at 3 PM. Kids are

invited to have their faces painted, learn how to juggle from Cascading Carlos or make a scarecrow. Pumpkin painting, a pirate slide and other games will also be available. A fun day for all ages not to be missed.

October 20 Walk with Elected Officials

Join Councilmember Elroy Brittingham at 6:30 PM at the Multi-purpose Building. See article, page 6.

October 24 Dr. William Henry Monument Dedication - 11 AM

The Berlin Parks Commission will host the formal dedication of the memorial to Dr. William Henry in Henry Park at 11 AM.

November

November 13 2ND Friday Art Stroll 5PM – 8 PM

Come stroll the streets and businesses of downtown Berlin from 5-8 PM check out our featured artists and musicians.

November 14 Just Walk, Berlin! 9 AM

NEW, EXPANDED EVENT! Join the Berlin Parks Commission and Worcester County Health Department for the 4th Annual Just Walk, Berlin! event in Stephen Decatur Park. * Route extended to 2 miles * Every walker automatically entered to win raffle prizes * Health Screenings * and much more!

Look for the Winter Edition of the Berlin Community News for everything Christmas in Berlin! Coming out mid-November.

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Learn more about the new Berlin branch library by attending our BLOC Party (Berlin Library, Our Community) on Saturday, September 26 from 2 - 6 pm. Free admission with music by the "WWIIunes" and a special appearance by "Perpetual Commotion." Pony rides, moon bounce, face painting, raffle, and games for kids!

(Rain Date: Sunday, September 27)

Town Meetings

All meetings are held at Town Hall, 10 William Street.

Meeting schedule subject to change.

Council Meetings- 2nd & 4th Mondays at 7 PM.

Parks Commission-1st Tuesdays at 5:30 PM.

Historic District Commission-1st Wednesdays at 5:30 PM.

Board of Appeals -1st Wednesdays at 7 PM (as needed)

Planning Commission-2nd Wednesdays at 6 PM.

Town Holidays and Refuse Collection Schedule

Please see page 7 for Fall Special Collections. Because Town offices will be closed on the following holidays, trash/recycling pickup will be re-scheduled as follows:

Monday, October 12. Columbus Day. There will be no recycling collection.

Wednesday, November 11. Veterans Day. Wednesday trash collection will be on Tuesday, November 10.

2015 SPECIAL BULK AND YARD WASTE COLLECTIONS SCHEDULE

These collections are for occupied residential properties only.

	If your Normal Trash Day is	Then your Special Collection Date is
Fall Bulk Trash collection	Tuesdays or Wednesdays	Wednesday, November 4
	Thursdays	Wednesday, November 18
Fall Yard Waste Collection	Tuesdays or Wednesdays	Wednesday, December 2
	Thursdays	Wednesday, December 16

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS – What you need to know.

Regular household garbage is not part of these collections. Collection is for residential properties only; commercial and industrial properties are not included. Vacant lots are also not included. Items must be at the curb by 6:00 AM; materials placed for pickup at any other time may not be collected.

BULK ITEM COLLECTION

DO:

Include items such as: Furniture - Toilets and Sinks – Carpet – Mattresses - Tables and Chairs – Refrigerators - Washers & Dryers - Small appliances – Televisions – Microwaves – Computer Components

Small items must be placed in a container at the curb and weigh no more than 100 lbs.

DON'T:

Include items such as: Hazardous Waste - Construction materials – Paint - Yard waste/brush - Propane tanks – Tires – Chemicals - Insecticides

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

DO:

Place leaves, grass clippings, pine needles and cones, and garden waste in a paper bag, plastic bag, or (maximum) 30 gallon container.

Cut brush into 4 ft. lengths and bundles no larger than 18 inches in diameter.

DON'T:

Mix in stones, rocks, metal, other inorganic matter, dirt, sod or other materials.

For more information about acceptable items for either collection, please call the Public Works Department at 410-641-4001 or email Public Works Superintendent Wendell Purnell at wpurnell@berlinmd.gov.



Sign-up to receive important notifications from the Town for residents and businesses. Please register at www.berlinmd.gov and click on the CodeRED logo in the upper corner. Or, call Town Hall at 410-641-2770 and we will be glad to help you get signed up.

Heritage Foundation News

by Debora Spieier

It Takes a Village to Make a Great Peach Festival.

The Berlin Heritage Foundation's Peach Festival Committee extends heartfelt thanks to all those who made our 7th annual festival a great success. We are grateful to all those who donated funds, prizes or in-kind services, volunteered, performed, demonstrated and sold crafts and art, shared educational information, provided delicious food and beverages, judged pies, dared to join in a pie-eating contest or sport a peach tattoo. We also thank the more than 3000 people who attended.

Our downtown merchants made Peach Day so much fun! Special thanks go to our major sponsors -- Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and Main Street Berlin -- as well as to Mayor Gee Williams, the Council and all the departments working for the Town of Berlin who helped to make this another great community event.



Crowds eagerly await the announcement of the winners from the Pie-Baking Contest at 2015's 7th annual Berlin Peach Festival.

What a festive day in Berlin!

Calvin B. Taylor House Museum Joins *Smithsonian Magazine's* 11th Annual Museum Day Live!

The Calvin B. Taylor House Museum will open its doors free of charge on Saturday, September 26, 2015, as part of *Smithsonian Magazine's* 11th annual Museum Day Live! On this day only, participating museums across the United States open their doors for free to those who download a Museum Day Live! Ticket. In this way, they emulate the spirit of the Smithsonian Institute's Washington, DC-based facilities, which offer free admission every day.

Inclusive by design, the event represents Smithsonian's commitment to make learning and the spread of knowledge accessible to everyone. Last year's event drew over 400,000 participants, and this year's event is expected to attract more museum goers than ever before.



Winners and Runners-Up in the 2015 Little Mr. and Miss Peach Contest: 1-to-r Runner up: Beckett Green, Mr Peach: Will Rayne, Mayor Gee Williams, Miss Peach: Brooke Cathell ,Runner up: Abby Bunting

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According to Curator Susan Taylor, “It is important for Berlin’s Taylor House to participate in Museum Day Live! because our mission mirrors that of the Smithsonian. Our aim is to educate about life in the Town of Berlin and its surrounding area with an emphasis on cultural history and historic preservation.”

The Calvin B. Taylor House was built by Isaac Covington in 1832. The main areas of the house are portrayed as it was shortly after its construction with furnishings that as are historically accurate as possible. The museum also contains gallery space featuring items from prominent local businessman Calvin B. Taylor who lived in the home from 1890 until 1932, exhibits featuring life in Northern Worcester County in the first half of the 20th century, and a room dedicated to the Harrison Family and its once nationally renowned nursery business. The museum is open from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from Memorial Day through the end of October. Special tours are always available upon request. Requested donation for entry is \$5.00 per person.

The Museum Day Live! ticket will be available for download beginning in August at Smithsonian.com/museumday. Visitors who present the Museum Day Live! ticket will gain free entrance for two at participating venues for one day only. One ticket, per household, per email address is permitted. For more information about Museum Day Live! 2015 and a full list of participating museums and cultural institutions, please visit Smithsonian.com/museumday.

For additional information about the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, go to taylorhousemuseum@verizon.net or call Susan Taylor at 410.641.1019.

ATTENTION: BERLIN UTILITY CUSTOMERS

Water/Sewer Customers:

Certain Residential users may be exempt from paying the Bay Restoration Fund fee (often referred to as the “flush tax”). Included in the mailing of your latest utility bill was a form to request exemption due to financial hardship. If you think you may qualify, please be sure to complete and return the form, which is also available on our website at berlinmd.gov/town-department-services/town-forms-permit-applications/. For more information, please call 410-641-2770.

All Utility Customers:

Berlin will soon be implementing a change in the way customers are notified of pending utility termination for non-payment. For many years customers who were delinquent in paying their Electric and/or Water/Sewer bills received final notice via a yellow door-hanger, informing them of the amount owed and the date that service would be terminated for non-payment. We’ve received some complaints that the door hangers were damaged by the rain or blown off by the wind. We’re changing the process to ensure those customers with overdue bills receive their final notice. Starting January 1st, customers facing termination will begin receiving these notices by mail in a yellow envelope; door-hangers will no longer be delivered.

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Walks With Elected Officials



Community Invited To Join In and Share Their Concerns

The Town of Berlin is initiating a series of walks with Elected Officials as a follow up to the Strategic Plan adopted earlier this year, Mayor Gee Williams announced.

“We heard the community interest in increased recreation facilities and activities. These walks are one of the ways we’re responding to that concern,” said Mayor Williams. “Berlin has always been innovative. As a Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) community we’re looking for new ways to connect healthy activities with the way we do business,” he added.

“The walks are an opportunity for our community members to get a little exercise and share their thoughts about what’s going well and what we can do a bit better directly with their district Council Member and myself,” stated Town Administrator Laura Allen.

Participants are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather. Heavy rain or storms will cancel the walk and a new date will be announced. The best way to keep informed of changes in Town activities is to sign up for CoderED alerts at www.berlinmd.gov.

The walk schedule is as follows:

Council Member	District	Date	Time	Start Location
Lisa Hall	2	9/16/15	7:00 pm	Buckingham Elementary 100 Buckingham Rd.
Dean Burrell	4	10/5/15	7:15 am	Dr. William Henry Park Flower St.
Troy Purnell	1	10/7/15	6:00 pm	Berlin Fire Company 214 North Main
Elroy Brittingham	3	10/20/15	6:30 pm	Multi-purpose building 130 Flower St.



2015 Fiddlers Convention

The 23rd Annual Berlin Fiddlers Convention is pleased to welcome Bob Perilla and Big Hillbilly Bluegrass to the concert stage on Friday, September 18th and to the judges' table for the competition on Saturday, September 19, 2015.



Bob Perilla and Big Hillbilly Bluegrass will be perform and judge at the 2015 Berlin Fiddler's Convention

Bob Perilla has been a pillar of the Mid-Atlantic bluegrass scene for over 20 years. Currently joined by Kevin Church on banjo, Norman Wright on mandolin, Mary Naden on bass, and Jon Glik on fiddle, collectively the ensemble boasts over 125 years of combined musical experience. An exciting blend of hard-driving, traditional bluegrass along with country, folk and original material will please even the most discriminating listeners and make easy converts of those unfamiliar with bluegrass music, a unique American art form.

They will be joined by last year's band competition victors, Such Fools (pictured below). Comprised of Mickey Justice, Todd Smith, and Dick Morris, they're bound together on a quest for a meaningful musical experience. Amid the vast cultural microcosm known simply as "Delmarva", they are as diverse as

their backgrounds.

Join us **September 18th-20th, 2015** in the streets of beautiful, historic Berlin, MD for 3 days of fantastic, free, family bluegrass fun...

And please stay tuned as more event info is released!

The submission forms for Vendors is listed in the event calendar under Fiddler's Convention! Register to play the Fiddler's Convention here at <http://berlinchamber.org/fiddlers-convention-online-registration-form/>



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