

# Berlin Community News

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*Mayor & Council of Berlin, MD*

## Spring Events in Berlin

### April

**Saturday, April 9**

#### **Berlin Little League Parade**

**8 a.m. – 9 a.m.**

Main Street

Enjoy opening day as our Berlin's Little League baseball teams parade down Main Street to the Worcester County ball fields. Walk begins at the Berlin Fire Company. Sponsored by Berlin Little League.

#### **Spring Celebration**

**10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

Downtown Main Street

This year, Berlin is going back to "Wonderland" for our Annual Spring Celebration. This year's celebration will be filled with games, crafts, a kids "tea" party, screening of the movie in our Visitor's Center, characters from the book, a Mad Hatter hat contest, musician Ray Owens, a moon bounce, story time and more. Free admission and parking. Sponsored by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, [berlinchamber.org](http://berlinchamber.org) or 410-641-4775

**Saturday, April 16**

#### **Berlin Clean-Up Day**

**8:30 a.m. - Noon**

See article, this page.

**April 16 – 23**

#### **Take Pride in Berlin Week**

See article, this page.

**Saturday, April 23**

#### **Business Open House**

See Article, this page.

### May

**Saturday, May 7**

#### **Spring Just Walk, Berlin!**

**8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

Worcester Youth and Family

Free fun-walk beginning at Worcester Youth and Family, 124 N. Main Street. Sponsored by the Worcester County Health Department and Berlin Parks Commission.

#### **Native Plant Sales**

See article, page 4.

#### **Touch A Truck Day**

**10:00 a.m. – Noon**

Stephen Decatur Park

Demonstrations of the use of many vehicles from the Electric, Water Resources, Public Works, Police and Fire departments. Exhibitions by all departments and K-9. Great fun for all ages, educational and free.

**Friday, May 13**

#### **May Day Play Day**

**5 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

Downtown Main Street

Ocean 98.1 sponsors the 6<sup>th</sup> annual MayDay PlayDay featuring live music from 5 national recording artists. This event coincides with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Art Stroll where you will find a variety of artists along the streets and in the shops, and our

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## Clean-Up Berlin Day & Take Pride in Berlin Week

Berlin's Annual Clean-Up Day will be Saturday, April 16th and will be the official start of Take Pride in Berlin Week, running from Saturday the 16th to Saturday, April 23rd.

For more than a decade volunteers have dedicated a few hours on an April Saturday to help give Berlin's parks, downtown and neighborhoods a spring cleaning with individuals and teams helping with planting, weeding, raking, mulching and

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## Berlin Police Department

Enjoy the Warm Weather - Safely!

With the onset of the warmer spring and summer seasons, offenders often use this time as an opportunity to commit confidence crimes and burglaries for financial gain. The Berlin Police Department would like the residents of Berlin to remember a few things throughout spring and summer:

Remember when going away on vacation, or even just a few hours, to lock the doors and windows of your house. And always lock your vehicle doors.

When you go out of town, always know that you can come into the Berlin Police Department and fill out a residential security check form so your residence can be checked by the police while you are away.

Keep exterior windows clear of obstructions such as shrubs and trees to ensure a clear view of the front of your residence.

Confidence crime offenders attempt to gain entry into residences using scams such as offering to check water or clean gutters or rooftops. Do not let anyone into your residence if you have not requested them to be there. You can always contact the police at 410-641-1333 to report suspicious activity in your neighborhood.



### SUMMER CAMP

Week 1: Monday, June 20 to Thursday, June 23 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Week 2: Monday, June 27 to Thursday, June 30 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 PM

Age: 5 to 10 years

- Learn about bay ecology, colonial history, edible wild plants and much more!
- Go kayaking, canoeing and boating
- Nature art projects
- Lots of fun at eight beautiful places across Delmarva



Izzy Huber and Vanesska Hall crabbing at last summer's camp.

Costs: \$150 per week (\$10 discount for early registration before 4/15/2016)

For more information go to:

[www.actforbays.org/coastkids](http://www.actforbays.org/coastkids)

Or contact: 410.629.1538 or [coastkids@actforbays.org](mailto:coastkids@actforbays.org)

## Town Holidays and Refuse Collection Schedule

Because Town offices will be closed on the following holidays, trash/recycling pickup will be re-scheduled as follows:

**Monday, May 30.** Memorial Day. There will be no recycling collection.

REMINDER: Trash/recycling must be at the curb by 6 a.m.; items placed later may not be collected. It is acceptable to place items the night before.

### SPRING 2016 SPECIAL WASTE COLLECTIONS

**Residential only. Items must be at the curb by 6:00 a.m..**

| If your<br><b><u>NORMAL TRASH DAY</u></b> | Then your<br><b><u>YARD WASTE PICKUP DAY</u></b> | And your<br><b><u>BULK WASTE PICKUP DAY</u></b> |
|---|--|---|
| Tuesday or Wednesday                      | Wednesday, April 20                              | Wednesday, May 4                                |
| Thursdays                                 | Wednesday, April 27                              | Wednesday, May 11                               |

#### **GUIDELINES:**

##### **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 bundle no larger than 18 inches in diameter.

#### **DON'T:**

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

##### **BULK WASTE COLLECTION**

#### **DO:**

Furniture, large & small appliances, carpet & rugs, computer components. Place smaller items in a container.

#### **DON'T:**

Chemicals, paint, yard waste, tires.

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](mailto:wpurnell@berlinmd.gov).



## Local Organizations to Host Native Plant Sales on May 7th.

Two local organizations - Assateague Coastal Trust and the Lower Shore Land Trust - will host Native Plant Sales on May 7, 2016...Just in time for Mother's Day!

All plants are chosen because of their natural ability to adapt to local gardening conditions. Native plant gardens require less herbicide, less pesticide and less fertilizer than exotic varieties, which is good for the environment and encourages habitat creation for native wildlife.



### NATIVE PLANT AND HEIRLOOM TOMATO FESTIVAL

Assateague Coastal Trust will hold its 17th Annual Native Plant and Heirloom Tomato Festival on Saturday, May 7th. Find a selection of native flowering perennials, heirloom tomatoes, peppers and herbs available for purchase at ACT's office at 9931 Old Ocean City Blvd. from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"It is always a good idea, however, to place plant orders in advance," says Steve Farr, ACT's Development Director. "That guarantees that gardeners (and moms) will get the best of the plants that come from our growers."

Secure advance orders can be placed on the ACT website with a credit card, at [www.actforbays.org](http://www.actforbays.org) or by calling (410) 629-1538. All orders can be picked up on May 7th from 8:00a.m. to 1:00pm. Once you've placed an order, yours will be pre-packaged and ready to go on pickup day.

Volunteers are also needed on May 7th to assist with plant sales. If you need information or want to participate, please contact us at 410-629-1538.



### NATIVE PLANT SALE AND MORE!

The Lower Shore Land Trust will be hosting its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Native Plant Sale at the Ward Museum in Salisbury on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Over 65 varieties of native shrubs, perennials, grasses and trees will be offered as well as advice from local master gardeners, children's' crafts and bee-keeping demonstration.

Pre-orders are encouraged and will be accepted until April 29<sup>th</sup> by visiting [www.lowershorelandtrust.org](http://www.lowershorelandtrust.org).

## Coming Summer 2016!



The Berlin Parks Commission and Arts & Entertainment Committee is thrilled to announce an Outdoor Movie Series this summer. Bring your own chair or blanket to these free, family-friendly movies every other Saturday from June 18th to August 27th:

- June 18 - "Tuck Everlasting" - Jefferson & Main Streets
- July 2 - "Wizard of Oz" - Stephen Decatur Park
- July 16 - "Finding Nemo" - William Henry Park
- July 30 - "Princess Bride" - Stephen Decatur Park
- August 13 - "The Goonies" - William Henry Park
- August 27 - "Runaway Bride" - Jefferson & Main Streets

## BERLIN ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### New Berlin Businesses

Look for a few new businesses to open in downtown Berlin this Spring including: Gilbert's Provisions, a new charcuterie shop opening behind Bruder Hill. Toby Gilbert will feature cured meats, cheeses and variety of other food items. Also, look for The Berlin Butcher Shop to open next to the Beez Kneez.

### Façade Improvement Grants

If you are a business or property owner in the downtown district (Main and surrounding streets) please look into this wonderful grant opportunity. For commercial properties only. Visit [www.berlinmd.gov](http://www.berlinmd.gov), click Economic Development and look for the Berlin Façade Grant. For more information, contact Ivy Wells at 410-629-1722.

## Tree Mulching - What you need to know:

Spring is a time when many new trees are planted, but, unfortunately, often improperly mulched. See below for the right way to mulch a tree.

- ◆ Add mulch to the base of your tree by removing any grass within a 3 to 10 foot area depending on the size of your tree.
- ◆ Pour natural mulch such as wood chips or bark pieces 2 to 4 inches deep within the circle.
- ◆ Keep the mulch from touching the trunk of the tree.

Source: [www.arboday.org](http://www.arboday.org)



*Clean-Up Day/Take Pride in Berlin (Continued from page 1)*

whatever else needs attention.

New this year will be sprucing up the front of the building at the Town's new facility, Berlin Falls Park (former Tyson property), located on Old Ocean City Boulevard.

Sign-up on April 16th begins at 8:30 a.m. in Stephen Decatur, Henry and Berlin Falls Parks and Clean-Up goes until noon, followed by lunch in Henry Park for all volunteers. Some supplies, such as rakes, shovels and gardening tools, will be available for use, but participants are encouraged to bring their own if possible.

Adult volunteers are also needed for the annual Hudson Branch Clean-Up; heavy-lifting and wet conditions are involved, so appropriate attire is strongly suggested. Please contact Steve Farr at 410-629-1538 or [development@actforbays.org](mailto:development@actforbays.org) if you wish to help at Hudson Branch.

During Take Pride in Berlin Week, residents and businesses are encouraged to show their Berlin Pride in whatever way is most meaningful to them. Share your "Berlin Pride" on Facebook at ["Take Pride in Berlin Week"](#).

On Saturday, April 23rd, join Berlin businesses in showing their Berlin Pride during the Business Open House.

Berlin Public Works will have spring special collection days for yard waste and bulk items in April and May (see page 3 for a full schedule). For more information about Clean-Up Day or Take Pride in Berlin Week, please call 410-641-4314 or visit the Town's webpage at [www.berlinmd.gov](http://www.berlinmd.gov). You can also find it on Facebook at ["Take Pride in Berlin Week"](#).

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celebration of being voted 2014 Coolest Small Town in America. Street and food vendors, Beer Garden. Admission and parking is free.

Sponsored by Ocean 98.1

***Saturday, May 21***

***Spring Cruisers***

***10 a.m. – 2 p.m.***

Downtown Main Street

Stroll Main Street while viewing hundreds of classic cars and cruisers from the 50's, 60's and 70's.

Registration costs \$15.00 with trophies awarded at 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.

***Monday, May 30, 2016***

***Old-Fashioned Memorial Day***

***8 a.m. – 5 p.m.***

William Henry Park

Parade along Flower Street begins at 8 a.m. from Stephen Decatur Middle School to Henry Park and features bands, cars, dance teams and music. The day continues at Henry Park with music, food, vendors and games. Admission and parking is free.

Sponsored by the Berlin Community Improvement Association

**June**

***Saturday, June 4, 2016***

***Berlin Jazz & Blues Bash***

***12 p.m. – 6 p.m.***

Downtown Main Street

Join us for a day of non-stop Jazz and Blues music featuring artwork and crafts for sale by local artists, food, and Burley Oak Beer to add to the enjoyment of the festival atmosphere. Scenic horse and carriage rides will be available. Admission and parking is free.

Sponsored by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.

***Sunday, June 12, 2016***

***Berlin Concert on the Lawn***

***6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.***

Calvin B. Taylor House Museum

Music featuring sounds of bluegrass, gospel or country.

Sponsored by the Berlin Heritage Foundation

### Subscribe to the Berlin Community News

The Berlin *Community News* is available online, via email, or postal mail. If you would like to have the newsletter delivered directly to you, either in paper or electronic form, please let us know! Call 410-641-4314, or email [info@berlinmd.gov](mailto:info@berlinmd.gov).

You do not have to be a Berlin resident to subscribe.

### Town Meetings Schedule

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

Meeting schedule subject to change.

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

Parks Commission - 1st Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

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

Board of Appeals - 1st Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (as needed)

Planning Commission - 2nd Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Board of Elections Supervisors - Schedule varies. Check website.

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**Privacy** Your contact information remains private and will only be used for community notifications.

**Need assistance?** Please call Town Hall at 410-641-2770 and we will be glad to help you get signed up.

