

Berlin Community News

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Mayor & Council of Berlin, MD

Spring Events



Saturday, April 15 – Spring Celebration
10 am – 5 pm
Main Street

Celebrate Spring with an 'Alice in Wonderland' themed festival. Events will include kids games, crafts and activities, music and food. Take part in the Easter Bonnet parade and the Easter egg hunt.

Saturday, April 22 – Clean-Up Day
8:30 am - 12 pm
See article this page.

Saturday, April 22 – Earth Day Blessing of the Wheels
12 pm – 3 pm
Stephen Decatur Park
Non-denominational blessing of bikes, strollers, skateboards and wheelchairs. Includes kids games and nature walks.

Saturday, April 22 to Saturday, April 29 – Take Pride in Berlin Week
See article this page.



Saturday, May 6 – Spring Just Walk Berlin
Stephen Decatur Park
Free fun walk with 1, 2 and 3-mile routes in the park and surrounding area. All walkers entered into a free raffle for a FitBit. Registration starts at

9:00 am. Strollers and friendly, leashed dogs welcome. Sponsored by the Berlin Parks Commission and the Worcester County Health Department.

Saturday, May 6 – Touch-A-Truck Day
10 am – 12 noon

Stephen Decatur Park
Demos and exhibits from our Town's Electric, Water Resources, Public Works, Fire and Police departments. Trucks and equipment will be available for kids to explore. Police K-9 demonstrations from the Berlin Police Department. Fun and educational for all ages.

Saturday, May 6 – Berlin Jazz and Blues Bash
10 am – 6 pm
Main Street

Jazz and blues musicians perform on each end of Main Street. Food, beer and wine, and artisans.

Thursday May 18th – 3rd Thursday Lunchtime Concerts in Berlin

"Artisans Green"
Enjoy live music from The Bilenkis from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Picnic tables will be set up on the lawn between Go Organic Grocer and the new shop House by Salvaged. Restaurants will offer special lunches to go.

Friday, May 19 – MayDay PlayDay
5 pm – 10 pm
Main Street

Ocean 98.1 sponsors the 7th annual MayDay PlayDay featuring live music,

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Clean-Up Day & Take Pride in Berlin Week

Celebrate Earth Day by joining the Town of Berlin in a 10-year tradition - Clean-Up Day. This annual event, scheduled on Saturday, April 22nd is the kick-off for Take Pride in Berlin Week. For more than a decade volunteers have dedicated a few hours on an April Saturday to help give Berlin's Parks and neighborhoods a spring cleaning. Individuals and teams are needed to help with planting, weeding, raking, mulching and

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Help Berlin Win!



America's Best Main Street

You can vote once every 24 hours through April 24th to get Berlin into the semi-finals to win \$25,000. To vote visit: www.ILoveBerlinmd.com Winner announced June 5th.

Keep up to date on what's happening downtown by following us on Facebook: Town of Berlin or at www.BerlinMainStreet.com.

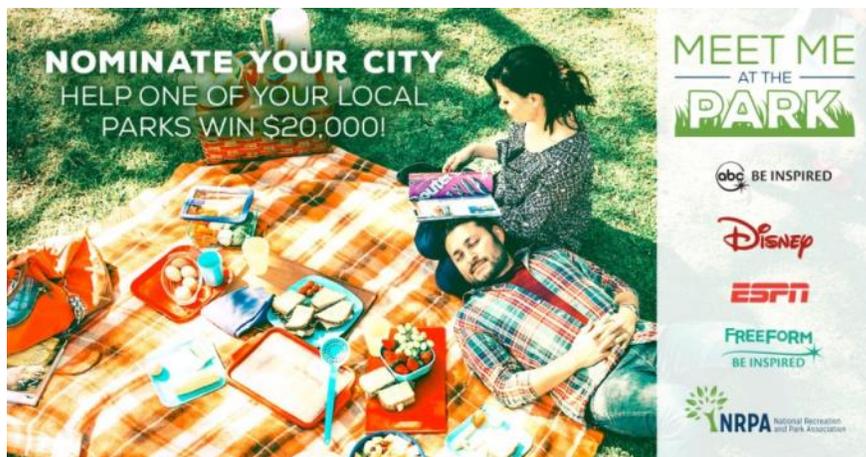
Meet Me at the Park

Help Berlin get nominated for the Meet Me at the Park initiative, which runs until April 30. If we win, one of our parks will receive a \$20K grant for improvements. Meet

Me at the Park was created by The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and The Walt Disney Company, including Disney Citizenship, Disney|ABC Television Group and ESPN, to help revitalize parks across the country.

You could win, too. When you nominate our city, you'll be entered into a contest to win a tablet outfitted for the outdoors. The city with the most nominations at the end of April will receive the funding.

Parks help make our lives better. They inspire healthy living, help protect the environment and bring people together. Support our local parks this Earth Month by visiting them and nominating our city to improve a lucky park! www.nrpa.org/beinspired.



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Spring 2017 Special Waste Collections

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

If your <u>NORMAL TRASH DAY</u> is	Then your <u>YARD WASTE PICKUP DAY</u> will be	And your <u>BULK WASTE PICKUP DAY</u> will be
Tuesday or Wednesday	Wednesday, April 19	Wednesday, May 10
Thursdays	Wednesday, April 26	Wednesday, May 24

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 lumber, 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:

Construction materials, lumber, 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.

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:

Friday, April 14. Good Friday. There will be no recycling collection. Business trash collection as usual.

Monday, May 29. Memorial Day. There will be no recycling collection. Business trash collection as usual.

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.



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food and fun. Free admission.

Saturday, May 20 – Spring Cruisers

10 am - 2 pm

Main Street

Classic cars on display including a judged competition.

Sunday, May 28 – Memorial Day Service at Veteran’s Monument

8 am – 9 am

A service across from Stevenson United Methodist Church to honor our veterans and fallen soldiers.

Sunday, May 28 – Songs for a New World

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Intersection of Pitts and Main Street

A musical from the Brown Box Theatre Group. Audience is encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

Monday, May 29 – Old Fashioned Memorial Day & Parade

8 am – 5 pm

William Henry Park and Flower Street

Enjoy a day of music, food and kids activities as our community honors our veterans. Parade begins at 8 am from Stephen Decatur Middle School to Henry Park.



Saturday, June 23 – Farm to Table Dinner Benefit for Habitat for Humanity \$

5 pm – 8 pm

Jefferson Street

Fundraiser for the Jefferson Street project featuring a seated dinner, beer, wine, live music and art on display. Rain date – Sunday, June 24th. Advanced tickets available. Visit www.habitatworcester.org.

Sunday, June 4 – Afternoon on the Lawn \$

3 pm – 6 pm

Calvin B. Taylor House Museum

Fundraiser for the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum. This event features music by Earl Beardsley, food and drink. Tickets are \$50 per person. For more information, contact Carol Rose at 410-430-7540.

Saturday, June 17 – Outdoor Movie Night

8:30 pm

Downtown at Jefferson Street

Outdoor movie nights start with “Tuck Everlasting” downtown at Jefferson Street. Movies are held every other Saturday through the summer (last showing August 26th) and alternate between downtown, Stephen Decatur Park and Henry Park. More information coming in the Summer *Berlin Community News* and other local sources.

All events are free to attend unless otherwise noted. Please remember that NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL is permitted at our town events.

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

whatever else needs attention. This is a great opportunity for students to earn service hours.

The main clean-up areas are Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli St. and Henry Park on Flower St., with sign-up in either park starting at 8:30 am. Some supplies will be available for use, but participants are encouraged to bring their own if possible; rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows are always needed.

There will be a free children’s activity at 11:00 am in both parks and students from Salisbury University will be on hand with information about green initiatives.

Volunteers can also choose to spend their time anywhere they feel needs attention. Trash pickup will be available; items for pickup will need to be placed in one location at the clean-up area and the Town must be contacted so that crews are aware of the need. To register a location or to notify the Town of a pickup location, email [Mary Bohlen at mbohlen@berlinmd.gov](mailto:mbohlen@berlinmd.gov) or call 410-641-4314.



Berlin Economic and Community Development News

By Ivy Wells, Director

Welcome to our New Businesses

Burn Wood Fired Pizza located inside of Urban Nectar

Wooden Octopus

Fathom

The Brooklyn Baking Brothers famous Honey Whiskey Cakes can now be found at Sisters Gift Store.

Coming Soon to Downtown Berlin

Island Creamery

House by Salvaged opening April 1st

Nail Salon (Prior location of Berlin Shoe Box)

World of Toys will be moving to a larger location across the street.

Berlin’s Ambassador Program

Berlin’s Ambassador Program begins May 30th and runs through the middle of September. We are always looking for friendly faces to help our visitors with any questions they may have, hand out information about the town and our events and guide our guests towards shops or restaurants they may be looking for. Two hours shifts are available any Monday through Friday, 11 am – 1 pm and 1 – 3 pm. Volunteer Ambassadors receive an official Berlin Ambassador shirt, a “Thank You” celebration at the end of the season and the opportunity to meet new people and experience Berlin from a new perspective. To sign up or learn more, contact Sharon Timmons at 410-629-1716 or stimmons@berlinmd.gov.

Heritage Foundation News

By Debbie Speier

What’s on the Schedule for the Upcoming Summer Season?

Although the Calvin B. Taylor House officially opens for the season on Memorial Day weekend, there’s a lot going on behind the scenes at your historic house museum. We’ve been busy preparing for our opening and planning events for the summer season and beyond. We hope you can join us for some of the following.

For our local business owners / Chamber of Commerce members, the Museum will open for a preview tour for the Chamber’s After Hours on April 27th, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. We know many of you are working when our Museum is regularly open, so we invite you to come see our historic house and displays at this special time.

International Museums Day on May 18th is celebrated each year by our Worcester County Museums. This is a great day to visit the Taylor House since we will be open for **free** from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Stop by to get reacquainted with our house and exhibits so you can bring all of your summer guests by to show them the history of our “coolest small town.”

This year’s new, featured exhibit will focus on World War I. If you can provide us with any information on local involvement during this war, please contact the Museum. Pictures of servicemen, (uniformed preferred), from WWI are requested for our presentation. Small items, such as medals or postcards, are also welcome. We plan on having the new display ready when we open the Museum at the end of May.

Mark your calendars now for our annual Afternoon on the Lawn event on Sunday, June 4th, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Last year’s premiere event was so well received we are making this an annual fundraising event for the Museum and we hope you can join us. More information on this event will follow.

The Museum will also continue to sponsor our summer Concert on the Lawn series. Concerts are scheduled on the second Sunday of each month, June through September, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Just bring

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Town Employees Recognized for Years of Service



Each spring, the Town of Berlin recognizes the employees who have hit a milestone anniversary for their employment. In increments of five years, this year's recipients were:

5 Years of Service

- Meredith Moore
- Brian Hirshman
- David Gaskill
- Jessica Collins

10 Years of Service

- Claude Holland
- Carolyn Duffy
- Jennifer Kosko
- James Latchum
- Michelle Townsend
- JoAnn Unger
- Shirley White
- Sam Corbin

15 Years of Service

- Michael O'Connor
- Bill Taylor

20 Years of Service

- Merle Bragg
- Mike Campbell

25 Years of Service

- Mary Bohlen
- Arnold Downing
- Jane Kreiter
- David Evans

30 Years of Service

- Barry Daniels

35 Years of Service

- Bernita Downing

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.



The New Berlin Branch Library



By Jennifer Ranck, Director
Worcester County Library



Jeff Schoellkopf, AIA / The Design Group

After several years of planning, Worcester County Library is pleased to announce that the new Berlin branch has received approval from the Worcester County Commissioners to proceed with construction. Located on Harrison Avenue, the new facility will be a two-story structure, approximately 12,000 SF. The design will complement the historic architecture of the town of Berlin. Groundbreaking will take place this spring and we hope to open the new library during the summer of 2018.

The new building will include a local history room; expanded stack and program areas for the children's and young adult collections; a gallery space; and a large community room which can be used for educational, cultural, or civic functions.

The Worcester County Library Foundation and Friends of the Berlin Library continue to fundraise for the project and have launched a "Bricks-to-Books" campaign. A personal message, favorite quote, or name of a loved one can be engraved on a brick to create a lasting part of a community treasure – your new Berlin Library. Order forms are available at the library branch or www.WorcesterLibrary.org/foundation.

The library is very grateful for all of the support we have received for new building and we look forward to expanding our services and fostering an environment of learning, creativity, and collaboration. Please don't hesitate to contact Worcester County Library Director Jennifer Ranck with questions about the project, janck@worcesterlibrary.org or (410) 632-2600.



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a chair and a picnic to enjoy these free concerts on the Museum lawn. No alcohol please.

Our annual Peach Festival will be held on August 5th, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm., with a rain date of Sunday, August 6th. We look forward to this fun-filled family event on the Museum lawn.

Sponsorships are available for each of these Museum events. If you enjoyed a previous year's event and would like to help us continue it this year, please consider becoming a sponsor. All donations are greatly appreciated and all sponsors will be recognized and publicized.

New Hours for Taylor House Museum!

The Museum has new hours this year, so please spread the word! Starting on Memorial Day weekend and through the end of October, the Museum will open for guided tours on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from **11:00 am to 3:00 pm.** With these extra hours we need extra docents. If you would like to learn more about your town's history and help tell others about it, or if you have local history to share, please call

the Museum and volunteer. Docents usually work only one day a month, but you are welcome to sign up as often as you would like. New docents are paired with returning docents so you are never on your own. All the information is provided. It's a great way to meet new people and show off our town's house and history.

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