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Town of Berlin Updates 2020 Event Schedule

Oktoberfest, Tree Lighting, Christmas Parade, New Year's Eve Celebrations Changes due to Covid-19

(September 11, 2020) --- The Town of Berlin will modify several events and cancel the Berlin Christmas Parade & New Year's Eve celebrations for this year due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

Saturday, October 17th, 10am-5pm: *Oktoberfest* will be a 'Celebration of Oktoberfest in Berlin Day'. Many of the downtown eateries will feature outdoor tents with traditional Oktoberfest fare. There will also be local beer and cider. There will be no parking on Main and the side streets, but the roads downtown will remain open. Traditional Oktoberfest music will be offered by Ocean98 DJ Big Al Reno. The Berlin Fall Sidewalk Sale which is also held on October 17th will still take place.

Friday, November 27th, 5pm-8pm: *The Berlin Christmas Tree & Holiday Shopping Night*. There will be no formal tree lighting ceremony, but the Berlin Christmas Tree will be illuminated, and the shops will stay open late. Santa will be there offering carriage rides and local non-profits will have food and hot chocolate.

The Berlin Christmas Parade is cancelled this year.

New Year's Eve Ball Drop on Main Street has been cancelled this year. An alternative plan is currently being considered and a decision will be made in October.

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