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***CORRECTION: STEPHEN DECATUR PARK WALKING PATH
RIBBON-CUTTING Wednesday, October 5, 2022
In celebration of Walk-Maryland Day***

Berlin, MD – In conjunction with Walk Maryland Day & Scavenger Hunt events being held at several parks in Worcester County, Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall will hold a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 4:30 PM to officially re-open the Stephen Decatur Park Walking Path. The Mayor and Council allocated funding to remove the aging rubberized surface and replace the pathway with a newly paved surface.

The recycled tire pathway was installed in Stephen Decatur Park in 2008 and fully funded by the Maryland Department of the Environment. The project was the first of its kind in the state. “Unfortunately, the material used was found to be unsuitable this far north, as we are subject to the ground freezing and thawing during the winter months,” Town Administrator Mary Bohlen explained. “The path would buckle and retract during freezing events which caused considerable damage over the years.” Despite efforts to repair and patch the areas with the worst damage, the Town finally determined that the rubberized surface was no longer manageable and decided to remove it and replace it with asphalt to ensure a safer and more maintainable walking path.

To celebrate the re-opening of the path, there will be a ribbon-cutting at 4:30 PM on October 5th, in conjunction with Walk Maryland Day. During Walk Maryland Day, the Worcester County Health Department Just Walk program will be sponsoring a scavenger hunt in Stephen Decatur Park from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Walks and scavenger hunts will also be held in Cypress Park in Pocomoke and Byrd Park in Snow Hill.

For more information about the Just Walk program, visit JustWalkWorcester.org or call 410-632-1100, ext. 1108.

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