

# Berlin Community News

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*Mayor & Council of Berlin, MD*

## Autumn Events



### **September 22-24 Annual Paint Berlin, Plein Air**

Worcester County Arts Council presents the 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.WorcesterCountyArtsCouncil.org).

### **September 23-25 Berlin Fiddlers Convention.**

See page 2.



### **October 1 Berlin Main Street's Crab Feast Fundraiser**

**12 PM – 5 PM**

Berlin Main Street and the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council are sponsoring an All-You-Can-Eat Crabs and Corn fundraiser on Saturday, October 1st from Noon - 5 pm on Main Street. Beer is available for sale by Fin City and Burley Oak Brewery. Music by Funk Shue' and hosted by Ocean 98. Advance ticket sale prices are \$30 for adults and \$25 for children under 12. Prices are \$38 the day of the

event. Tickets can be purchased at the Berlin Visitor Center or [www.BerlinMainStreet.com](http://www.BerlinMainStreet.com).

### **October 15 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. Listen to the live polka and german music of Alte Kumpel, enjoy brats, crabby pretzels, sandwiches, burgers and dogs from the Berlin Lion's Club, fresh cut fries, brick oven pizza, sweet treats and a great selection of beer from Burley Oak Brewery. A Cornhole Tournament will be held on the street outside of Burley Inn Tavern beginning at 4 PM. Kids are invited to have their faces painted & learn how to juggle from Cascading Carlos. Check out the "Scales and Tails" display or the Fishmobile. Pumpkin painting, a bounce slide and other games will also be available. A fun

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24th  
annual

**BERLIN**

**Fiddlers**

CONVENTION

Berlin, Maryland, USA

SEPTEMBER  
23rd 24th 25th

 2016 

performances from...

Charm City Junction ★ Blind Wind  
Audie Blaylock ★ The Country Grass

CONTESTANT REGISTRATION & INFO  
[BERLINFIDDLERS.COM](http://BERLINFIDDLERS.COM)



**FALL 2016 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 16
	Thursdays	Wednesday, November 30
Fall Yard Waste Collection	Tuesdays or Wednesdays	Wednesday, December 7
	Thursdays	Wednesday, December 14

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS – What you need to know.**

Regular household garbage is not part of these collections. Collection is for residential properties only; vacant lots, commercial, and industrial properties are 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 or 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](mailto:wpurnell@berlinmd.gov).

## 2016 Municipal Election Schedule

The Berlin Board of Supervisors of Elections has announced the following schedule for the upcoming 2016 Municipal Election for Mayor and Council seats in Districts 2 and 3.

Please note: For all filing deadlines listed below items must be received by the date/time indicated. Postmark will not be accepted.

Absentee Voting: Applications to vote absentee are available at Town Hall, 10 William Street or by contacting Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen at 410-641-4314 or [mbohlen@berlinmd.gov](mailto:mbohlen@berlinmd.gov). The following are the deadlines to apply:

- To apply by mail: Deadline is Tuesday, September 27, 2016.
- To apply in person at Town Hall: Deadline is 5:00 PM, Friday, September 30, 2016

Absentee Ballots will be accepted up to 7:00 PM on Election Day.

Write-In Candidate Filing: (name will not appear on ballot) 5:00 PM, Tuesday, September 27, 2016.

Election Day: Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 7:00 AM-7:00 PM.

### Polling Places:

Districts 1 & 2 Voters: Buckingham Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Main Street.

Districts 3 & 4 Voters: Multi-Purpose Building, 130 Flower Street.

The Board of Elections Supervisors will meet on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 5:30 PM in the 2nd floor conference room at Town Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

Anyone with any questions regarding Berlin's 2016 Election should contact Administrative Services Director, Mary Bohlen at 410-641-4314 or [mbohlen@berlinmd.gov](mailto:mbohlen@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:

**Monday, October 10.** Columbus Day. There will be no recycling collection.

**Friday, November 11.** Veterans Day. Friday trash collection will be on Monday, November 14.

Please see page 3 for Fall Special Collections.

## 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.

# Autumn Health and Safety Tips

Follow these tips to help you and your family stay safe and healthy this autumn!

## Keep your kids safe and healthy.

Get involved with your kids' activities at home and at school to help ensure they are safe and healthy.

## Take steps to prevent the flu.

The single best way to protect against the flu is to get vaccinated each year in the fall. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Wash your hands often. Stay home if you get sick.

## Get smart about antibiotics.

Antibiotics can cure bacterial infections, but not viral infections. The common cold and the flu are viral infections, so avoid using antibiotics if you have one of these. Using antibiotics when they are not needed causes some bacteria to become resistant to the antibiotic, and therefore stronger and harder to kill. See your doctor or nurse to find out if your illness is bacterial or viral.

## Have a safe and healthy Halloween.

Make Halloween festivities fun, safe, and healthy for trick-or-treaters and party guests.

## Test and replace batteries.

Check or replace carbon monoxide batteries twice a year when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall. Replace smoke alarm alkaline batteries at least once a year. Test alarms every month to ensure they work properly.

## Keep food safe.

Food is center stage during the holidays. Be sure to keep it safe by following basic food safety steps. Clean hands and surfaces often. Separate foods to avoid cross-contamination. Cook to proper temperatures. Chill promptly.

## Learn your family history.

National Family History Day is observed on Thanksgiving Day. Over the holiday or at another family gathering, talk about and write down the health conditions that run in your family. Learning about your family's health history can help you take steps to ensure a longer, healthier future together.

## Be prepared for cold weather.

Exposure to cold temperatures can cause serious health problems. Infants and the elderly are

particularly at risk, but anyone can be affected. Know how to prevent health problems and what to do if a cold-weather emergency arises. Remember that using space heaters and fireplaces can increase the risk of household fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.

## Don't drink and drive.

Alcohol use impairs skills needed to drive a car safely. It slows reaction time and impairs judgment and coordination. Alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes kill someone every 31 minutes and non-fatally injure someone every two minutes. Don't drink and drive, and don't let others drink and drive.



## Wash your hands.

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps you can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. It's best to wash your hands with soap and clean running water for 20 seconds. If that's not possible, use alcohol-based hand rubs.

## For more information, visit:

[www.cdc.gov/family/autumn/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/family/autumn/index.htm)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Office of Women's Health

# BERLIN ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

By Ivy Wells, Economic & Community Development Director

## Welcome to All of our New Businesses

Please join the Mayor and Council in welcoming all of the newly and soon-to-be opened businesses in Berlin!

### Recently Opened:

- Patty Jeans Boutique on Broad Street (clothing and accessories)
- Berlin Farm Supply on Broad Street (Local foods, farm supplies, etc.)
- Brooklyn Baking Barons on Main Street (Behind the Visitor's Center) (Retail bakery)
- Gilbert's Provisions (Behind Bruder Hill) (charcuterie, cheese, fermenting, more)
- SWELL (Located inside Urban Nectar) – (coffee, dining, vintage LPs & clothing)
- Dharma Seeds (Located inside Zenna Wellness) (Yoga clothing & accessories)

### Soon to Open:

- The Berlin Butcher Shop (Next to The Beez Kneez Boutique on William Street)
- Fins Alehouse and Raw Bar (on Main Street next to Sisters)

## New Farmers Market

A new Farmers Market will be held on Sundays from noon to 3 pm in and outside of Urban Nectar (across the street from Burley Oak). The market will feature local art, local produce and more.

Also looking forward to having a new business open in the former Cupcakes in Bloom location – stay tuned

for more information...you're going to love what's coming!

## Berlin Façade Grant Program

For all downtown business and property owners: Please check out the Façade Improvement Grant for businesses located in the downtown Main Street District. This program offers a 50/50 matching grant to help improve building façades. Applications can be found under Economic Development on the Town's website [www.berlinmd.gov](http://www.berlinmd.gov) or call Ivy Wells at 410-629-1722.

## 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.

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day for all ages!

West and Main Street to Jefferson and Main Street, Pitts and William Street to Commerce and Broad Street, Main and Broad Street to Broad and Gay Streets will be closed from 9 AM to 7:30 PM.

### ***October 31 Halloween***

#### ***5-7 PM***

One of Berlin's favorite days! Join your friends and neighbors trick-or-treating on Monday, October 31st from 5-7 PM. Please make safety a priority whether you are participating in the fun or just driving through; remember that children often get swept up in the excitement of the evening and forget to be safe when crossing streets. If a household chooses not to participate, please leave outside lights off.

The Berlin Police Department will have a candy checking station at Town Hall, 10 William Street.



### ***November 12 Fall, Just Walk, Berlin!***

#### ***9 AM***

NEW, EXPANDED EVENT! Join the Berlin Parks Commission and Worcester County Health Department for the 5th Annual Fall Just Walk, Berlin! event in Stephen Decatur Park. 1, 2, or 3-mile routes, every walker automatically entered to win raffle prizes, health screenings, and much more! Registration begins at 8:30 AM in the main parking area of Stephen Decatur Park and the walk begins at 9 AM. Raffle drawings start at 10:30 - you do not need to be present to win.



### ***December 1 46th Annual Christmas Parade 7 PM – 9 PM***

Entries now being accepted for the 46th Annual Berlin Christmas Parade scheduled for December 1st. This year's theme is Christmas Dreams. The parade is limited to 80 entries on a first come, first served basis. Applications will be mailed out on September 21st or contact Sharon Timmons at 410-629-1716 for more information.

Look for more information in the winter *Berlin Community News* Issue.

### ***WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TOWN?***

Keep up with Town Projects on our new Town Projects page on the website:

[berlinmd.gov/maryland-government/town-projects/](http://berlinmd.gov/maryland-government/town-projects/)

Descriptions of current projects, progress pictures and updates on how these projects might affect traffic and other factors.

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**Sign-up** to receive important notifications from the Town for residents and businesses. Please register at [www.berlinmd.gov](http://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.

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