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CHRISTMAS DREAMS COME TRUE IN BERLIN

NOVEMBER 25TH – TREE LIGHTING AND HOLIDAY ARTS NIGHT 5 PM – 9 PM

Begin the holiday season by attending the annual Berlin Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Atlantic Hotel at 6:00 PM. Check out this year's ice sculpture and then stroll the streets for Holiday Arts Night where stores will stay open until 9:00 PM to offer savings on your purchases.

DECEMBER 1ST – BERLIN CHRISTMAS PARADE 7 PM

Berlin's 46th annual Christmas Parade will be held Thursday, December 1st at 7:00 PM. The rain date is December 8th. The parade kicks off numerous Christmas events and is themed "Christmas Dreams". The parade is sponsored

by the Berlin Main Street program in cooperation with the merchants of the town. A shuttle donated by Ocean Downs will be available for those parking at Berlin Intermediate School beginning at 5:45 PM and will run until 9:30 PM. For more information, please contact Sharon Timmons at 410-629-1716 or stimmons@berlinmd.gov.

Please note that Harrison Avenue is closed to all traffic.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Drop off your letter to Santa at his special direct to the North Pole mailbox located inside the Berlin Welcome Center at 14 S. Main Street and he will write you back!!! Check for the



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Economic and Community Development News

By Ivy Wells, Director

Economic and Community Development News

Welcome to our newest business additions to downtown Berlin!

Fins Ale House and Raw Bar Berlin Butcher Shop Wooden Octopus

And soon to open: Island Creamery (where Cupcakes in Bloom was located)

We would like to wish all the best to the Peggy Hagy on her upcoming retirement. We will miss the Berlin Coffee House and appreciate all that Peggy has done for the Town of Berlin. She will be missed. A new venture will be taking over in that location; stay tuned to social media and our website www.BerlinMainStreet.com for upcoming news and please sign up for our email updates while you're there.

Berlin Façade Grant Program Success

Thank you to the many property and business owners who have applied for the Berlin Façade Grants over the last quarter. Look for fresh coats of paint, awnings and more at many of our downtown buildings. For more information Call Ivy Wells 410-629-1722 or email iwells@berlinmd.gov



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Town Holidays and Refuse Collection Schedule

Town offices will be closed on the following holidays. Trash/recycling pickup will be re-scheduled as follows:

<u>Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25.</u> Thanksgiving. If your normal trash day would be Thursday, November 26 or Friday, November 27, your trash will be collected on Wednesday, November 23. There will be no recycling collection on Friday, November 25.

<u>Friday & Monday, December 23 & 26.</u> Christmas. Town offices close at noon on Friday, December 23 and are closed on Monday, December 26. Trash and recycling will be collected as scheduled on Friday. Recycling collection for Monday, December 26 will be on Friday, December 30.

<u>Friday & Monday, December 30 & January 2.</u> New Year's. Town offices close at noon on Friday, December 30 and are closed on Monday, January 2. Trash and recycling will be collected as scheduled on Friday. Recycling collection for Monday, January 2 will be on Friday, December 30.

<u>Curbside Live-cut Christmas Tree Collection.</u> Wednesdays, January 4 & 11. Trees must be at the curb by 7:00 AM and free of ALL decorations.

<u>Monday, January 16 & Monday, February 20.</u> Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and President's Day. There will be no recycling collection.

REMINDER: Trash/recycling must be at the curb by 6:00 AM; items placed later may not be collected. It is acceptable to place items the night before.

Please see page 3 for information about Fall Yard Waste Collection.

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special surprise inside. Letters will be accepted until December 20th. Please make sure to include your return address.

VISIT WITH SANTA

Santa will be making a special visit to Berlin on Saturday, December 10^{th} from 11:00 AM -2:00 PM. Stop by the Berlin Welcome Center at 14 S. Main Street to tell him your Christmas wishes. Please make sure to bring your camera to photograph this special event.

FREE HORSE AND CARRIAGE RIDES

The first three weekends in December offer free horse and carriage rides throughout Berlin from 11-3. Sponsored by Berlin Main Street and located at the Berlin Welcome Center.

CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH HOLIDAY SHOPPING IN DOWNTOWN BERLIN & BEYOND

Unique shops, local art, made in Berlin gifts, dining, museum tours and more. Check the website and our Facebook pages for more information. www.BerlinMainStreet.com Facebook: Town of Berlin & Berlin Main Street & More

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION & BALL DROP- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 10 PM - 1 AM

Join your friends and neighbors as the Town of Berlin rings in 2017. Music, food and fun for all ages.

FALL 2016 YARD WASTE COLLECTIONS

If your	Then your
NORMAL TRASH DAY	YARD WASTE PICKUP DAY
is	will be
Tuesdays or Wednesdays	Wednesday, December 2
Thursdays	Wednesday, December 16

Please see below for information about what will be collected and what dates apply to your neighborhood.

Collection is for occupied residential properties only; commercial and industrial properties are not included. Regular household garbage is not part of these collections. Items should be at the curb by 6:00 AM; materials placed for pickup at any other time may not be collected.



DO:

Leaves, grass clippings, pine needles and cones, and garden waste MUST BE BAGGED in a paper or plastic bag, or placed in a (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 collection, please call the Public Works Department at 410-641-4001 or email Public Works Superintendent Wendell Purnell at wpurnell@berlinmd.gov.



Sign-up to receive important notifications from the Town for residents and businesses. Please register at 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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Town Meetings Schedule

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

Meeting schedule subject to change.

Council Meetings- 2nd & 4th Mondays at 7:00 PM.

Parks Commission—1st Tuesdays at 5:30 PM

<u>Historic District Commission</u> – 1st Wednesdays at 5:30 PM

<u>Board of Zoning Appeals</u> – 1st Wednesdays at 6:30 PM (as needed)

Planning Commission – 2nd Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

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