

Berlin Community News

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Spring Events



Saturday, March 31–Spring Celebration, 10 am – 4 pm
Main Street

Themed games and crafts, moon bounce, face-painting, story time and more. All games and crafts are FREE. Easter Egg Hunt and Bonnet Parade during the festivities. Don't forget to make a reservation for the Pancake Breakfast with Peter Rabbit. Seatings at 8:30 am, 9:15 am and 10:30 am. For more information or to make reservations email chamberinfo@berlinchamber.org or call 410-641-4775.



Saturday, April 7–Little League Parade, 8-9 am
Main Street

Welcome Berlin's teams for opening day. Walk starts at Berlin Fire Company.

Saturday, April 14–Worcester CARES, 10 am-3 pm
Multipurpose Building
See page 4.

Saturday, April 21–Clean-Up Day, 9-11 am

Saturday, April 21 to Saturday, April 28 – Take Pride in Berlin Week
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Wednesday, April 18 & 25 – Bulk Waste Curbside Collection
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Wednesday, May 2 & 9–Yard Waste Curbside Collection

See page 3.

Saturday, May 5–Spring Just Walk Berlin, 9-11 am

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 8:30 am. Strollers and friendly, leashed dogs welcome. Sponsored by the Berlin Parks Commission and the Worcester County Health Department.

Saturday, May 5–ACT Native Plant Sale
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Saturday, May 5–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.

Friday, May 11–Reggae Play Day, 5–10 pm
Main Street

Live music, food and beer garden. Free admission. Sponsored by Ocean 98.1.

Thursday May 17 – 3rd Thursday Lunchtime Concert
Artisans Green
See page 4.

Saturday, May 19 – Spring Cruisers, 10 am-2 pm
Main Street

Classic cars on display. Sponsored by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.

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Citizen Information Initiatives

The Town of Berlin and the Berlin Police Department want to remind Berlin residents that there are two programs in effect for Town citizens that could be of great assistance to those with special needs: The Special Needs Alert Program (SNAP) and the CodeRED Emergency Notification System.

Sponsored by the Berlin Police Department, SNAP is intended to aid Law Enforcement Officers in contacting and locating those with special needs such as, but not limited to: Alzheimer's, Autism, Down Syndrome, Dementia and those with impaired mobility, hearing and vision, including the elderly.

Chief Arnold Downing noted,

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Clean-Up Day & Take Pride in Berlin Week

Show your pride for the National Championship Junior
Varsity Berlin Seahawks Pop Warner Football Team

This annual event is the kick-off for Take Pride in Berlin Week, which runs from April 21-28, 2018. 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 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., as well as Berlin Falls Park on Old Ocean City Blvd. Clean-up of Hudson Branch will also be needed; this activity is not for young children. Heavy clothes and boots are recommended. For general park clean-up, sign up at any of the parks starting at 8:30 am; Hudson Branch sign-up is at Henry Park. Some supplies will be available for use, but participants are encouraged to bring their own if possible; rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows are always needed.

Lunch is generously provided by SonRise church at no cost to volunteers.

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 or call 410-641-4314.

On Saturday, the 21st, we will also be celebrating the 2017 National Champion Pop Warner Football Team, Berlin's own Seahawks. Joining the coaches, players and their families at Henry Park will be Power 101.7 to provide music for the event.

RECYCLING GUIDELINES

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

- *GLASS-bottles and jars only. Rinse, remove lids, rings and metal attachments. Paper labels may be left on the jar or bottle. Not necessary to separate by color.
- *PLASTIC-any plastic container with the recycling symbol 1 thru 7. Rinse, remove caps, lids, rings or other attachments and crush to flatten. Paper labels may be left on the container.
- *ALUMINUM-drink cans and clean aluminum food containers or foil. Rinse.
- *FERROUS, TIN, OR BI-METAL-cans only (will stick to a magnet). Rinse.
- *PAPER-newspaper, magazines, "junk mail", office paper, etc.. Clean and dry, bundle with string or place in disposal bags in stacks of twelve (12) inches or less.
- *CARDBOARD-CORRUGATED ONLY. Same as paper

No special container is needed, however all items must be separated by type. Containers need to be sturdy enough to be handled and to identify contents. Bags can be used as long as sanitation workers can easily identify contents. Metal drums or containers larger than thirty (30) gallons are not allowed.

WHEN ARE COLLECTIONS SCHEDULED? General refuse (regular household garbage) will be collected once per week and recyclables once per week. If your trash day is Tuesday, then your recyclables will be collected on Monday, if your trash day is on Thursday, then your recyclables will be collected on Friday. In the event of a holiday, or other Town office closure, general refuse and/or recyclables will be collected on the next regularly scheduled day, unless otherwise scheduled. Any change in scheduling will be published in local newspapers, on the Public Access Channel (cable channel 4) and/or in the *Berlin Community News*. If you have any questions regarding the collection routes or the separation of recyclables from general refuse, please call Berlin Public Works at 410-641-4001.

Spring 2018 Special Waste Collections

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

If your <u>NORMAL TRASH DAY</u>	Then your <u>BULK WASTE PICKUP DAY</u>	And your <u>YARD WASTE PICKUP DAY</u>
Tuesday or Wednesday	Wednesday, April 18	Wednesday, May 2
Thursdays	Wednesday, April 25	Wednesday, May 9

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.

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.

For more information about acceptable items for either collection, please call the Public Works Department at 410-641-4001 or email Acting Public Works Superintendent Dave Wheaton at dwxheaton@berlinmd.gov.

What To Do With Items on the DON'T lists above

The Worcester County Solid Waste Division offers the following information:

Paints and chemicals (cleaning solvents, pesticide, etc.) - Chemicals and oil-based paints: Store until the county has a disposal event. Water-based paint: Fill container with sand or kitty litter and dispose of in the trash.

Electronics: With the exception of laptops and computers, dispose of in the trash. Laptops and Computers: Recycling is available at the Berlin transfer station.

For more information: www.co.worcester.md.us/departments/publicworks/waste; Phone: (410) 632-3177

Sunday, May 27—Memorial Day Service at Veterans Monument, 8–9 am

Main & West Streets

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

Monday, May 28—Old Fashioned Memorial Day & Parade, 8 am–5 pm

Dr. William Henry Park & the Multipurpose Building on 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. Festival begins at 11 am.



Sunday, June 10—Afternoon on the Lawn, 2–5 pm

Concert on the Lawn, 6–7:30 pm

Calvin B. Taylor House Museum

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

3rd Thursdays



Lunchtime Concerts in Berlin

5/17 Ted n Susie's Pickin n Grinnin Show
6/21 Smooth and Remy
7/19 The Bilenki Duo
8/16 Troy Mawyer
9/20 Three on the Tree



On Artisan's Green
Next to HOUSE by Salvaged & Go Organic Grocers

Grab n Go Lunch Specials!
Giant Chess, Checkers & Jenga Games!

For more info visit
BerlinMainStreet.com

SAVE THE DATE

WORCESTER CARES

COMMUNITY ACCESS TO RESOURCES EXPO

APRIL 14TH, 2018
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Multi-Purpose Building
130 Flower Street
Berlin, Maryland 21811

*Learn about what local resources may
be available to you and your family*

For More Information:
Call Kelsey @ 410.973.2289
or Debbie @ 410.641.4598



A Food Drive for the Worcester CARES Event is taking place now. Please drop non-perishable canned and boxed foods at Town Hall at 10 William Street by April 12th to help those in need. Hours: 8:30 am to 5 pm.

Mr. Jesse Turner's SHOE BOX lives on at the Berlin Welcome Center



To honor the legacy of Mr. Jesse Turner's SHOE BOX his Berlin Bathtub Racer was donated to the Berlin Welcome Center where we will use it to collect shoes for Diakonia. Please consider donating any unwanted shoes by bringing them to the welcome center Monday-Friday 10 am – 4 pm.

Information Initiatives (Continued from page 1)

"Law Enforcement agencies across the US have implemented this type of program with great success. SNAP is available for individuals who live and work in Berlin, as well as those who frequently visit."

By completing a short form, individuals and caregivers of those with special needs provide the Police Department with crucial information to assist in providing the best care during emergencies.

The Town of Berlin also offers residents and businesses the ability to stay informed about what's going on in the Town through the CodeRED Emergency Notification System. "The Mayor and Council recognized the need to be able to communicate with our citizens quickly and efficiently," Mayor Gee Williams explained.

"The use of a mass notification system that can deliver messages by phone, email or text all at once and to many people will help us keep our residents, businesses and even visitors informed," the mayor added. Participation in the CodeRED system keeps residents informed of incidents such as power outages, road closures and other items which may affect the entire Town or specific areas.

For information about the Special Needs Alert Program and CodeRED, please visit the Town's website at www.berlinmd.gov or call the Berlin Police Department at 410-641-1334, or Town Hall at 410-641-2770.

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 pm

Parks Commission - 1st Tuesdays at 5:30 pm

Historic District Commission - 1st Wednesdays at 5:30 pm

Board of Appeals - 1st Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (as needed)

Planning Commission - 2nd Wednesdays at 6 pm

Berlin Falls Park Advisory Committee - 3rd Thursdays at 6pm



Chairmen Carol Rose, Melissa Reid and Lisa Cook enjoy the weather at the 2017 Afternoon on the

Berlin Heritage Foundation To Host Afternoon on the Lawn

By Deborah Speier

Happy 150th Anniversary, Berlin! The Taylor House Museum will celebrate the incorporation of Berlin as a town at our 3rd Annual **Afternoon on the Lawn**.

Join us for a garden party celebration of all things Berlin under a tent at the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum on Sunday, June 10, from 2 to 5 pm. Enjoy Eastern Shore tastings while you stroll around our historic grounds to the sound of a ragtime band.

During the afternoon we will have vignettes highlighting some of the museum's artifacts accompanied by men and women in period dress. We are honored to recognize and exhibit that which has been so important in our Town's history.

Committee co-chairs Melissa Reid, Carol Rose and Lisa Cook are "thrilled to showcase some of the museums keepsakes/exhibits outside under the tent. Sharing these treasures with townspeople is a nice way to perpetuate the support of the town's history museum."

Tickets are \$50.00 per person and include food tastings and two glasses of wine or beer. A cash bar will be available. Contact the museum for tickets by June 5, at 410-641-1019, or email taylorhousemuseum@verizon.net.

Spring has finally arrived! 'Tis the Season for Property Maintenance

With the warming weather and longer daylight hours, we will all be out tending to our lawns, trees, and gardens. A few reminders for maintenance requirements from the Town Code:

- ◆ Please keep your grass cut less than 6 inches in height.
- ◆ Please remove all weeds and foreign growth from your property. This includes sidewalks, street stormwater gutters, along fences, and property lines.
- ◆ Trees with limbs overhanging neighboring properties should be trimmed.
- ◆ No clippings or yard waste are permitted to be blown or placed into the street or gutters.
- ◆ Please remove staining of the exterior surfaces of your home, including outbuildings and fences, caused by mold, mildew and algae.
- ◆ Exterior painted surfaces such as soffits, fascia, and trim, are to be kept free of peeling, cracking paint and wood rot. These surfaces and those on steps, porches, and decks are to be kept structurally sound.

Please take advantage of the upcoming Town's Bulk and Yard Waste Collection Days and follow the guidelines outlined on page 3 for dates and allowable items which may be picked up by Public Works.

With just a few extra steps, we can all enhance the resiliency, property values, and beauty of our Coolest Small Town!



ACT ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT SALE MAY 5



Spring is here, and Assateague Coastal Trust is preparing for their 19th annual Plant Sale! This year's Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 5th at the Assateague Coastal Trust office on Main Street in Berlin, MD. For 2018 there are many varieties of tomatoes, an eclectic mix of veggies and herbs, as well as native shade and sun plants. Popular packages, including the tomato sampler and the pollinator package are also available. Pre-orders now being accepted! To place an order, visit the website at www.ActForBays.org.

MARYLAND COASTAL BAYS PROGRAMS

Earth Day Clean-Up



Maryland Coastal Bays Club, the Town of Ocean City, the Ocean City Surf Club and the Ocean City Surfrider Chapter will be hosting their 10th Annual Earth Day

Clean-Up on Saturday, April 7. The event will begin 10 a.m. at the Ocean City Town Hall on 3rd Street for

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registration. Participants will be given gloves, trash bags and t-shirts (while supplies last) and clean up locations. For more information or advanced registration contact sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or 410-213-297 ext. 106.

MD Coastal Bays Discover Your Watershed Series



Discover Your Watershed is a series of free, public events created to get people outdoors, experience restoration sites in the area, learn about the nature that

surrounds us, and volunteer. Each event involves an educational and volunteer service activity and will be held from 10 am to 1 pm. Four events will occur in 2018, with two this spring, listed below. Lunch is provided. For more information about these events, RSVP to Addie at asnyder@mdcoastalbays.org or 410-213-2297 ext. 107.

- ◇ Bishopville Restoration Project, Bugs & Blooms Saturday, April 14
- ◇ Lizard Hill, Bishopville, MD, Flora & Fauna Saturday, May 12

Ocean Pines Bay Day

On Sunday, May 20 from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm, the Maryland Coastal Bays Program and the Ocean Pines Association will be hosting an environmental-themed day of fun and hands-on activities about how watershed residents can make a difference right in their own backyards! This day is sure to delight with over 30 environmental exhibitors, free bay boat rides, professional environmental speakers, kid's activities, live music, hands-on demonstrations, nature crafts, self-guided nature hikes, the Burley Oak Beer Truck, local food vendors, live animal exhibits, a recycling corner, a local student art showcase, and much more! This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please email MCBP Education Coordinator, Liz Vander

Clute, at lvanderclute@mdcoastalbays.org, or call 410-213-2297 ext. 110.

MD Coastal Bays Program Terrapin Survey

Join the Maryland Coastal Bays Program from May 29 to June 2 for this year's Terrapin Survey. Become a citizen scientist and help us survey for our state reptile, the Diamondback Terrapin. Trainings will take place on Thursday, May 17 and Wednesday, May 23 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the MCBP office located at 8219 Stephen Decatur Highway Berlin, Maryland.

To sign up or for more information, please contact Katherine Phillips at kphillips@mdcoastalbays.org or at 410-213-2297 ext. 109.

For more information about any of these events or the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, please visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/coastalbays.

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 30. Good Friday. There will be no recycling collection. Business trash collection on Thursday, March 29.

Monday, May 28. Memorial Day. Monday recycling will be collected on Tuesday along with regular Tuesday trash collection.

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

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