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## TAKE PRIDE IN BERLIN WEEK 'SPRINGS BACK' APRIL 17-23

## Community pitches in for annual spring cleaning of parks and neighborhoods

(March 30, 2022) – The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Take Pride in Berlin Week will be April 17-23, 2022 and will end with Clean-Up Berlin Day on Saturday, April 23rd.

Beginning Sunday, April 17th, explore Berlin with the "Berlin History Hunt" scavenger hunt and visit downtown Berlin businesses for locals only specials and discounts. For a full list of participating merchants check out the "Take Pride in Berlin" Facebook event, or at the Welcome Center or Berlin Town Hall.

Then, on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> end Take Pride in Berlin Week by participating in Berlin Clean-Up Day from 8:30 AM to noon. Sponsored by the Berlin Parks Commission for more than 20 years, volunteers have dedicated a few hours on an April Saturday to celebrate Earth Day by giving Berlin's Parks and neighborhoods a spring cleaning. Individuals and teams are needed to help with low maintenance 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 Street, Henry Park on Flower Street, Heron Park on Old Ocean City Boulevard, and the downtown commercial district. Some supplies will be available for use, but participants are encouraged to bring their own. Rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows are always needed.

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.

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.

For more information on Clean Up Day, please contact Mary Bohlen at 410-641-4314 or <a href="mbohlen@berlinmd.gov">mbohlen@berlinmd.gov</a>. For information about Take Pride in Berlin Week, contact Ivy Wells, 410-629-1722 or <a href="mailto:iwells@berlinmd.gov">iwells@berlinmd.gov</a> Information can also be found on Facebook at "Take Pride in Berlin Week."