



FALL, 2024

BOROUGH OF BERLIN

CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RICK MILLER



Dear Residents,

As summer nights shorten into cool autumn air, I am happy to bring back a quarterly newsletter. This newsletter has been updated to assist in staying connected to our great community. Hard copies of the newsletter will be available in Borough Hall at the Tax and Clerk Offices and Marie Fleche Memorial Library. We will also have an electronic copy available on our website and social media page. If you would like future copies mailed to your home, please call 856-767-7777 ext. 311.

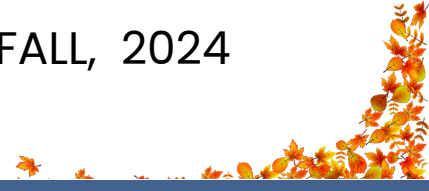
Council Members



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BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Message from Police Chief Mike Scheer

The Berlin Police Department would like to thank the residents of the Borough, Mayor Miller and Council for their continued support. The police department was involved with various community outreach events over the summer months which included the weeklong Junior Police Academy, annual Independence Day Parade, National Night Out and K-9 Car Show.

All of these events were a great success which would not be possible without the tremendous support we receive from our residents and the partnerships we have developed with our business owners and sponsors.

The Police Department conducted multiple traffic safety campaigns targeting aggressive driving on the White Horse Pike, to include "Distracted Driving," "Click it or Ticket" and "Strategic Enforcement" all of which have been sponsored by the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in an effort to reduce motor vehicle crashes on the White Horse Pike.



We are excited to announce the hiring of School Resource Officer, Brian Mazziotta who recently retired from Laurel Springs PD as Chief of Police after 25 years of service. SRO Mazziotta will be a great asset to our team where he will join Officer(s) Murray, Massi, and Wilson to keep our schools, students, and staff safe.

Please remain safe and remember the 9pm routine of securing your vehicles and homes. We look forward to the conclusion of the summer and start of the fall season!

BERLIN BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE

HELLO BERLIN BOROUGH RESIDENTS



ELECTION INFORMATION

THE GENERAL ELECTION IS TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2024

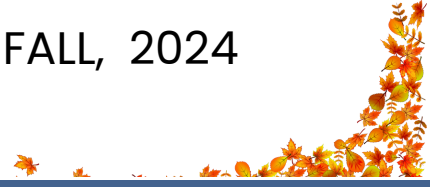
Voting registration is permanent UNLESS you have moved out of the county or state. If you have moved within the county remember to file a change of address.

If you are not registered to vote, you have 21 days prior to the election to register.

October 15th is the Voter Registration Deadline for the 2024 General Election.

Forms are in the Clerk's office or online at www.berlinnj.org

October 29th is the deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot for the 2024 General Election (not less than 7 days prior to election).



BERLIN BOROUGH TAX OFFICE

Tax Due Dates

- Feb 1st
- May 1st
- Aug 1st
- Nov 1st



***** All quarters have a 10-day grace period. If the 10th falls on a holiday or weekend, grace period gets extended to the next business day*****

Convenient Ways to Pay

- Drop box outside of the Borough Hall
- Mail your payment
- In person at the Tax Office
- Bill Pay thru your bank
- Online at the Borough website
- Sign up for direct withdrawal

BERLIN BOROUGH CONSTRUCTION/PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE

Construction, Planning and Zoning are collectively responsible for reviewing applications, planning for code compliance and construction permit issuance to ensure public safety.

Zoning approval is needed for specific projects.

Permits are necessary for decks, fences, patios, air conditioning, heaters, additions, sunrooms, etc. as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.14(a) of the Uniform Construction Code.



Important tips when selling your Home

A Certificate of Continued Occupancy is needed when selling your home.

- The CCO inspection checklist and CCO application for house inspection is found on Berlin Borough website, under forms, Construction/Planning/Zoning.
- A House & Fire inspection is also needed. The Fire application is found on Berlin Borough's website, under forms, Uniform fire/fire

BERLIN BOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTER



Residents and Non-Residents can rent the Berlin Borough Community Center

To Check for Availability

E-mail

community-center@berlinnj.org

Phone

856-726-2116



BERLIN BOROUGH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Quick Reminders

ORDINANCE 2024-06

All mattress and box springs must be placed in a separate plastic bag.
AKA -Mattress Bag or Mattress Moving and Storage Bags

LEAF COLLECTION

BEGINS NOVEMBER 1ST



BULK TRASH

IS THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF THE MONTH

Berlin Borough’s **Mobile311** citizen website allows borough residents to communicate electronically with the Department of Public Works regarding non-emergency requests and concerns. Citizens can access the site from a computer, smartphone, or tablet at <http://berlin.mobile311.com>. Initial setup only takes a few minutes. Citizens accessing the site from a smartphone or tablet can save the site as an icon, essentially making it an app.

Stormwater Management

The Borough of Berlin has a stormwater management plan and a stormwater pollution prevention plan to help reduce flood damage and soil erosion, and to minimize pollution runoff into our water supply, as mandated by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Stormwater management is the effort to reduce runoff of rainwater or melted snow into streets, lawns, and other sites and the improvement of water quality, according to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP).

Stormwater runoff is water that overflows from lawns, streets, parking lots, etc. The water along the way picks up trash, toxins, and other pollutants as it travels to catch basins and storm drainpipes and ditches. This water is usually not treated and can easily flow into local waterbodies.

Polluted storm water can destroy natural habitats and harm the wildlife, as well as contaminate drinking water sources. Stormwater pollution is largely affected by human activity. Here are practices you can follow to help prevent pollution of our water through the storm drain system:

- Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides***
- Properly use and dispose of hazardous products***
- Keep pollution out of storm drains***
- Clean up after your pet***
- Don't feed wildlife***
- Don't litter***
- Dispose of yard waste properly***

You may view Berlin's Stormwater Management Plan and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan on our website at <https://www.berlinnj.org/stormwater-management/>

Should you have any questions about our Stormwater Management Plan, please contact the Public Works Department at (856) 767-0056.

Protecting our water ways from polluted storm water is vital to maintaining clean water. Your help and cooperation are needed!

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



BERLIN BOROUGH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Message from Fire Chief Kernan

As the kids go back to school and we approach the start of the holidays, we cannot forget about the dangers of fire and practicing fire safety. Many fires in the home are caused by a single moment of carelessness that could have been easily prevented. It is important to be aware of possible fire hazards around the home and to take steps to protect you and your family. Please consider the following safety tips listed below this coming fall season.

ELIMINATE HAZARDS

- Keep space heaters away from anything that can burn
- Don't let trash accumulate in your attic, basement or garage
- Don't run extension cords behind rugs or curtains
- Don't overload extension cords or circuits
- Use fuses, circuit breakers and appliances with UL seal only



DEVELOP ESCAPE PLAN

- Develop and memorize an escape route
- Choose a meeting place outside of your home
- Hold frequent fire drills
- Know two ways out
- Test every door before opening to be sure there's no fire on the other side

DURING A FIRE

- Leave personal belongings behind
- Don't go back for any reason
- Get out and stay out

FIRE PREVENTION

- Keep operational fire extinguishers handy
- Install and maintain smoke detectors. All battery-operated smoke detectors must be of the 10-year sealed battery type. They should be installed in each bedroom, in hallways near sleeping areas and on each floor of the structure. (crawlspaces and unoccupied attic spaces are optional)
- Carbon Monoxide detectors should be installed within 10 feet of all sleeping areas.

The Volunteers of the Berlin Fire Company THANK YOU for all your support and hope that you find these tips helpful. Have a Happy and Safe Fall season!

If you are interested in helping your community and would like to become a volunteer firefighter or junior firefighter (ages 15-17) please contact us through our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/BerlinFireCompany/>



BERLIN EMS



Message from Captain Lou DeMarco

Berlin EMS has been providing 9-1-1 Ambulance services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to both Berlin Borough and Berlin Township since 1972. By sharing the service, we are able to save the residents money. We currently employ 3 full time and 28 part time EMT's. We also have an EMS Junior Program for students that are interested in becoming an EMT.

We are always looking for EMT's that are interested in working.

In 2023 the Department was dispatched to a total of 3,284 emergency calls. There were 1,468 in Berlin Borough, 1101 in Berlin Township and an additional 715 calls for mutual assistance to the surrounding communities. Our department takes part in many community functions and offers Station Tours and CPR Classes for our Residents, Businesses and Youth Groups.

As we move into the end of the year, we wish everyone a happy and safe year!

Anyone with questions regarding our service are asked to contact us at (856) 753-0808

MARIE FLECHE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Library Book and Bake Sale

The Friends of the Marie Fleche Memorial Library, of Berlin Borough, will be holding their annual **BOOK** and **BAKE** Sale.

This event takes place at the library, 49 S. White Horse Pike, Saturday, **September 28th** from **8 AM to 2 PM**, rain or shine.

If you are interested in donating homemade baked goods for the sale, they may be dropped off at the library that morning, Saturday, September 28th, as early as 7:30 AM.



NOTE: The library facility will be closing early on Friday, September 27th at 1 PM and all-day Saturday for normal library business. It will only be open on Saturday for the Book and Bake Sale. Additional information can be found on their website: <https://berlinborolibrary.org/>

The Friends of the Marie Fleche Memorial Library are selling raffle tickets and the theme is Some of the Best of Berlin. A variety of gift cards and items from various Berlin Businesses are currently on sale. Stop by the library during our normal business hours to purchase tickets. The drawing will be held during the GBBPA Berlin Fall Festival October 12th. Proceeds from these tickets help support the library.



COMMUNITY



DILL HOUSE

BCS Summer Pops Band concluded their practice sessions at the historic Dill House for the month of July. The fourteen-member band practiced Monday through Wednesday 12:30 to 3:30 and on July 31st held an outdoor concert on the Dill House Porch.



BERLIN/LONG-A-COMING TRAIN STATION

Jonathan Bilella from Boy Scouts Troop 48 chose the Berlin/Long-Coming Train Station as his Eagle Scout Project. Johathan's passion for trains and his fond memories of watching the train from the platform inspired him. Jonathan noticed the boards on the platform were beginning to deteriorate so he worked to remove and replace the old platform restoring it to the original condition.



BERLIN PLAYGROUNDS

Borough playgrounds have been in need of an update. Mayor and Council worked together and received a grant to assist with updating Borough Parks. Bel-Air Park has been completed. Berlin Woods Park and Centennial Park are next to receive improvements.



FALL FESTIVAL

The Greater Berlin Business and Professional Association will be hosting its annual Berlin Fall Festival on **October 12, 2024**. The event will begin at **10am** and conclude at **4pm**.

The day will be filled with entertainment for all ages. Broad Ave. will be utilized for event sponsors, crafters, food vendors and a beer garden. The stage will be located at the Berlin Borough County Park and will have musical entertainment throughout the day. The day will also include a car show, children's activities, pumpkin painting, dog costume parade-mutt strut and some new exciting ideas.



BERLIN HOTEL

Mayor and Council were notified that the Berlin Hotel will be considered for nomination to the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places by the NJ State Review Board for Historic Sites. The NJ State Review Board will hold a virtual meeting on November 14, 2024. Stay tuned for updates.



COMMUNITY

RAILROAD CROSSINGS

In accordance with 2013 New Jersey Revised Statutes TITLE 48 – PUBLIC UTILITIES Section 48:12-76 et al, "N.J.S.A § 48:12-76 (2013)", Closing, Abandoning or Combining Crossings

Washington Ave. and McClellan Ave. Railroad Crossings

The project involves updating the NJ Transit crossing.

The work will include full 24-hr closures of the track while the crossings are being updated to pre-cast concrete crossing panel.

Both crossings will be closed for construction on **Friday October 11, 2024, at 9:00AM** and **reopen** in the morning at **7:00AM on Friday October 18, 2024**, weather permitting.

Harker Ave. Railroad Crossing

Harker Ave will be closed for removal on Monday October 21, 2024, at 9:00AM.

The Harker Ave. crossing will be closed to traffic.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 28, 2024

Marie Fleche Memorial Library Book and Bake Sale

8:00 am- 2:00 pm

49 S. White Horse Pike



October 1, 2024

Berlin Fire Company Annual Fire Prevention Night

6 pm to 8:30 pm

Berlin Community Center

250 S. Franklin Ave.



October 10, 2024

Workshop and Council Meeting

Workshop begins at 6:30 pm-Regular Meeting immediately following

October 12, 2024

GBBPA Berlin Boro Annual Fall Festival

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Park Drive and Broad Ave.



October 14, 2024

Columbus Day-Closed

October 31, 2024

Happy Halloween



Trick or Treating 4pm to 8pm

November 2, 2024

Shredding Event

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Borough Parking Lot

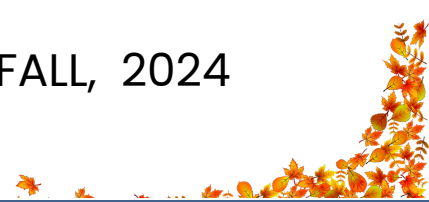


November 5, 2024

Election Day

Polls Open 6am to 8pm





UPCOMING EVENTS



November 11, 2024

Veterans Day-Closed

November 14, 2024

Workshop and Council Meeting

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November 28, 2024

Thanksgiving -Closed

November 29, 2024

Closed-Reminder Thursday trash schedule is picked up on Wednesday

December 7, 2024

Rotary Club
Tree Lighting & Parade
6pm



Municipal Hall

December 7, 2024

Marie Fleche Memorial Library Annual Open House
5:30 pm-7:30 pm

Berlin Community School's Jazz Band will be providing entertainment in the Children's Room at 6:30. Light Refreshments will be provided

December 12, 2024

Workshop and Council Meeting

Workshop begins at 6:30 pm-Regular Meeting immediately following



December 25, 2024

Christmas-Closed



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