

# Berlin Township Newsletter

Continuing Generations

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## Mayor's Message

As Mayor of this great town, myself and the rest of Council are proud of all that has been accomplished over the last several years. In considering accomplishments in the Township, most residents think about the beautiful parks, ball fields or exceptional service received from our Public Works, Police Department and other Administrative Offices. However, there are many more accomplishments that are not normally mentioned. Such as when it comes to taxes, we are one of the most affordable communities in Camden County. We are also considered a "leader" in shared services. Our tax collection rate is outstanding. Our audits have been without comment or recommendation for several years. Our budgets have always been presented responsibly on time, using realistic budget estimates. And finally, as mentioned in the previous newsletter, we have always been aggressive in our pursuit of grants to benefit our residents.

Yes, it's true that Berlin Township is one of the most affordable communities in Camden County. According to the State of New Jersey, Division of Local Government website, Berlin Township ranks as the 10<sup>th</sup> lowest in total average taxes out of 37 municipalities in Camden County. That's not to say that taxes haven't increased. Unfortunately they have. However the increases in recent years have been much less than in previous years. Most of the increases can be traced to our second major source of revenue which is "State Aid". Instead of increasing by inflationary adjustments, as required by State statute, over the last decade our total State Aid has decreased by over \$500,000 from approximately \$2.1 million to \$1.6 million. In addition to a decrease in revenue from the State, we are also constantly faced with unfunded State mandated expenditures. While the intentions of most mandates, such as the recent one relating to storm water are favorable, it is still difficult for us to absorb the new expenditures without State funding. State mandates and revenue shortfalls, combined with the pressures of maintaining the existing level of services to you, our residents, leaves us where we are today, still one of the most affordable communities to live in South Jersey.

The Township is proud of our leadership in shared services. Our Public Works Department, Police Department, and I are in constant communication with neighboring communities and the County searching for ways to save money. We have over 30 formal and informal shared service agreements currently in existence. A highlight of some of the agreements include: Animal Shelter Services with the Camden County Animal Shelter Consortium, Dispatch Services with Camden County, Ambulance Services with Berlin Borough, Vehicle Repairs with the Ambulance Association and Berlin Township Fire District #1, the Prison Work Release Program with Camden County, Domestic Violence Response Team with Voorhees Township and the Berlin Borough, Police Tactical Team with Berlin Borough, Chesilhurst Borough, Pine Hill Borough and Waterford Township, Office Supplies with Camden County, July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration with Berlin Borough, Gasoline with Berlin Township Board of Education, Berlin Township Fire District #1 and the Ambulance Association, Municipal Court Facilities with Lindenwold Borough and Meeting Room for Public Meetings with Berlin Township Board of Education. We are extremely proud of our agreements, and as we move into our new facility next year, we will continue to make shared services a priority.

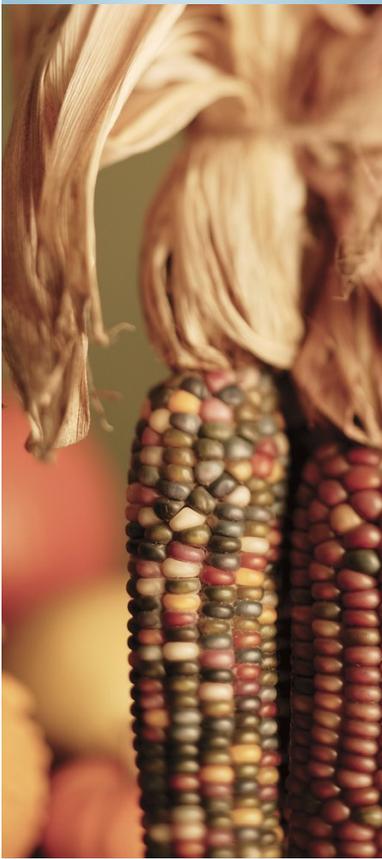
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### Special points of interest

- **School is back! Reminder to stay cautious.**
- **Ways to stay safe this Halloween.**
- **A Worthwhile Deployment**
- **Are your sewer caps visible? How and why to make sure.**
- **How can shoveling your snow into the street hurt your car just as bad as a pothole?**
- **Don't miss your scheduled leaf collection dates! View when yours will be....**
- **Photos of new building**
- **Free Rabies Shots!**





## Mayor's Message Cont.

The Township is proud of its tax collection rate, as well as its audits and pursuit of grants. As recommended, but not mandated by the State, we conduct an accelerated tax sale each year. As a result, our tax collection rate for the year that just ended on June 30<sup>th</sup> was 99.95%. This favorable collection rate enables the Township to budget a minimal amount in a reserve for uncollectible taxes, which keeps taxes for all residents down. Also, annually an audit is conducted by an independent auditing firm, as required by State law. We are proud to say that because of our efficient and dedicated staff that we haven't had any comments or recommendations in well over a decade. We are also proud of our aggressive pursuit of grants over the last several years. We do our best to apply for all grants that we become aware of. From SFY 2004 through 2009, I am pleased to inform you that Berlin Township has received over \$3.1 million in State, Federal and County grants for you, our residents.

Some of you who were present at our last Mayor and Council meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup> are aware that we have introduced our "tentative budget" for SFY 2010. The reason I refer to this budget as tentative is due to the fact that we are in the process of applying for Extraordinary Aid in the amount of \$364,000 to offset the projected tax increase. The budget is in no way final and changes will be made to it depending upon our award. We have been fortunate over the last 15 years to receive an award except for last year. Unfortunately, the notification came from the State less than 3 months before our fiscal year was to end. As a result, last year more Surplus, than we would have liked, had to be used to balance the budget. We also suffered, as you all have with the downturn of the economy. Our revenues from fees, permits and interest came in below our projections. Reductions were made to all departments to present an introduced budget with appropriations (or expenses) that are well below the maximum amount permitted by law. In keeping in line with other sectors of government and private industry, we are planning to keep salaries stable for 2010. The introduced budget includes no raises for any department for 2010.

It is an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Mayor. Council and I pride ourselves on doing an outstanding job for you, our residents. Besides our beautiful parks, ball fields, and unmatched services provided by our Public Works, Police and Administrative Staff, we have a lot to be proud of. As a resident of this great town for over 50 years, I'm proud to call Berlin Township home.

## Excellent Police Work

I would like to recognize the following Officers for going above and beyond while performing their duties.

Squad A, consisting of Ptl. Silvestro, Ptl. Davis and Ptl. Pumphrey did an outstanding job with solving numerous car and home burglaries, all while being undermanned. Detective Sergeant Check assisted with the investigation and was able to obtain confessions, and recover a large amount of the stolen property, which led to the solving of crimes in Berlin Twp., Winslow Twp. and Gloucester Twp.

Squad B, Consisting of Sgt. Siderio, Ptl Steen and Ptl. Lex , also assisted by Detective Sergeant Check, were able to make arrests for numerous vehicle burglaries. Again numerous pieces of stolen property were recovered and returned to their rightful owners.

The great work on part of the squads and DSG. Check, makes Berlin Twp. a better and safer place to live and work.

### Halloween Safety Tips

- By using a flashlight, trick or treater's can see and be seen by others.
- Stay in a group, walk slowly and communicate where you are going.
- Remain on well lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
- Never enter a strangers home.
- Remove any mask or item that will limit eyesight before crossing a street.
- No treats should be eaten until they are thoroughly checked by an adult at home.
- The Berlin Township Police should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

## School Is Back

Just a reminder to all that school will reopen on Tuesday, September 8, 2009. Please take extra caution and be mindful of all students, teachers and parents in the area of the schools.

Also a reminder to utilize the proper drop off and pick up sites at the schools. Obeying these requests only helps make a safer and more organized pick up and drop off for the children.

Speed enforcement will be in effect on Franklin Avenue, especially during the school year.

## Halloween

All Residents Please be careful while trick or treating activities are ongoing. Watch for the little ones while they have their fun.

### School Tips

- Be sure to do your homework everyday.
- Allow ample time before a test to properly study your subject.
- Take advantage of all extra credit assignments.
- Participating in class not only adds to your grade but also helps when it comes time to take that test!

*“The rapidly expanding precipitation monitoring program now has more than 10,000 active volunteer observers in 46 states and well over 100 in NJ. “*

## Looking For Volunteers to Measure New Jersey Rain and Snow in Our Area

The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) is looking for volunteer weather observers in Berlin, New Jersey. CoCoRaHS, a nationwide volunteer precipitation-observing network, welcomed New Jersey into the program in early 2008. The rapidly expanding precipitation monitoring program now has more than 10,000 active volunteer observers in 46 states and well over 100 in NJ. Based out of the Office of the New Jersey State Climatologist at Rutgers University, NJ CoCoRaHS is looking to enlist volunteers from Berlin to take a few minutes to report the amount of rain or snow that has fallen in their backyards each day. All that is required to participate is a 4" diameter plastic rain gage, a ruler to measure snow, an internet-connected computer, and most importantly, the desire to watch and report weather conditions.

Observations from CoCoRaHS volunteers are widely used by scientists and agencies whose decisions depend on timely and high-quality precipitation data. For example, hydrologists and meteorologist use the data to warn

about the potential impacts of flood and drought.

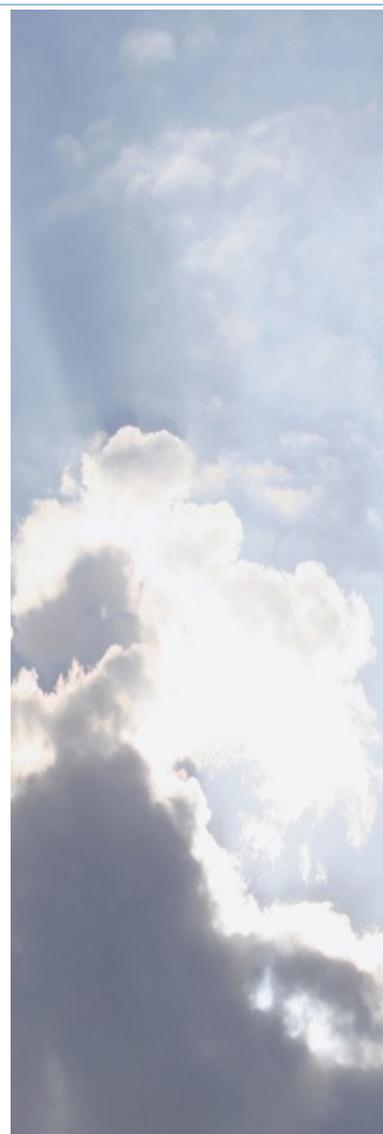
CoCoRaHS volunteers are asked to read their rain gage or measure any snowfall at the same time each day (preferably between 5 and 9 AM). Measurements are then entered by the observer on the CoCoRaHS website where they can be viewed in tables and maps. Training is provided for CoCoRaHS observers, either through online training modules, or preferably, in group training sessions that are held at different locations around NJ.

Anyone interested in signing up or learning more about the program can visit the CoCoRaHS website at <http://www.cocorahs.org>.

For more information, contact the NJ CoCoRaHS state coordinators:

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Mr. Mathieu Gerbush, Rutgers University, [njcocorahs@climate.rutgers.edu](mailto:njcocorahs@climate.rutgers.edu), 732-445-3076





## Berlin Twp. Reaches out to the borough

Posted in the Courier-Post, Sunday August 30,2009

As mayor of Berlin Township, I applaud the Courier– Post Editorial Board for it’s opinion: “One facility should serve both Berlins” (editorial June 16).

In fact, this has been Berlin Township’s position from Day One when both the Township and Borough municipal buildings were condemned. The Township immediately became proactive in contacting the officials in Berlin Borough to propose combining both towns into a single municipal building complex to serve both towns.

For some reason, the borough officials were cool to the proposal, but indicated they would discuss the proposal with the governing body.

For the record, Berlin Township officials have reached out to Berlin Borough a number of times in the past year or so and even adopted an official resolution and sent it to the borough regarding this subject. Sadly, our requests have gone unanswered despite hearing that on e group within the borough would have considered it at one time and another group was thinking about it another time. All the while, we both are operating out of temporary and unsatisfactory facilities.

### Little interest

After Berlin Township initiated numerous attempts urging Berlin Borough officials to meet with us for them to make a commitment, they showed little to no interest. This placed Berlin Township officials at a critical point in time. We could no longer allow our employees and residents to conduct township business out of numerous rented trailers placed through the town because of federal and state mandates concerning legal, safety and health issues.

So where do we go from here? As for Berlin Township, we are proceeding as planned and hope to be situated in our new township hall within the next 10 to 12 months. After that, we’ll proceed to sell the land where our old building once stood.

I’m Not sure exactly what Berlin Borough is doing to solve it’s problem, although I’ve heard it’s strongest option was to remediate it’s mold problem and reoccupy it’s old building. This option would likely be very costly and take a good amount of time.

### Shared services

Berlin Township will continue to investigate any opportunities to share services, not only with Berlin Borough but any interested and likeminded community. We share many services with numerous towns and will continue to find new and innovative ways to keep our taxes down.

The bottom line is this: We will continue to focus our attention on our residents and seek ways to save money while avoiding any reduction in the level of services we currently provide. For this reason, our new municipal building

will be called “Berlin Township Municipal Hall and Shared Services Center.”

Lastly, I have always respected former Berlin Borough Mayor Millard Wilkinson and was very shocked, disturbed and disappointed over several negative comments he made in his column Published July 5 in the Courier-Post on why both towns should not merge. I do not agree or appreciate his comments about our property values are insinuating it’s schools are better than Berlin Township’s.

His facts were inaccurate. Berlin Borough is ninth for property values in the county, not fifth or sixth as he stated. Berlin Township is 19th out of 37, which is in the middle, not at the bottom as he stated. (This information was taken off the State of New Jersey Web Site).



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### Schools recognized

Also, Berlin Township schools have been recognized nationally by the National Schools to Watch Award this year as one of the only four schools in the state as a Renaissance Learning Model School and is 100 percent compliant with the No Child Left Behind Law. The elements of this award focus on Academic Excellence-Social Equity-Organizational Structure and Developmental Responsiveness to Young Adolescents.

Wilkinson’s comments smack of “elitism” and this is the kind of attitude that hinders cooperation and mutual respect. In these times of economic uncertainty and pressure to raise taxes, Berlin Township Mayor and Council continue to work hard making changes to better serve our residents.

As mayor of Berlin Township, I am very proud of our town, as are our residents. Both Berlins have a lot to offer and I hope we can work together to make it better for all concerned.



### Construction Has Begun!

Renovations have begun at the former Gordon’s Furniture, now Berlin Township Municipal Hall and Shared Services Center.

We will be posting the photos of progress on our website under the photo gallery portion. As well as include updates in each newsletter.

## Volunteer Committee

The Township is looking for enthused members for the Centennial Committee . For questions or to join please contact Mary Soards at 856-768-7127

## 100 Years to Celebrate!

Berlin Township's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday is around the corner and we need your help with the celebration! This is a great time to recognize our Township's history and all our Town has to offer. We are asking for any resident to come share their memories of Berlin Township.

**Our goal:** we are looking to put together a compilation of photos and stories in a memoir that will be available to all residents and visitors to hear our Town's history on the date of our centennial April 11, 2010.

**What we are looking for:** any resident who has a few minutes to share photos and stories. (No one photo, or short story, is too small)

**The Formats we will accept:** The ideal format would be digital or scanned photos, and typed word documents of your stories on disk or e-mailed to [ddecinque@berlintwp.com](mailto:ddecinque@berlintwp.com). If you do not have access to a computer or a scanner (or do not know how and want to share your history) you can come by the municipal building and we can help you share your stories!

**Deadline:** December 30, 2009. Come in as soon as possible to be sure your story is heard, space is limited.

Our Building is located at 170 Bate Avenue West Berlin, NJ 08091. So remember, grab those old family albums and stop by! A few minutes of your time will help us preserve our history for the future.

*"This will take a lot of input and help from everyone. We have a lot of people in our town with so many talents, ideas, knowledge, and real knack at getting things accomplished..."*



## A Committee Chair has been found!

Hello my name is Mary Soards I live on Pine Ave. I am married to Harry Soards and my daughter is Emily Logan. I grew up in the Ashland section in Cherry Hill. I am a proud resident here in West Berlin for 21 years.

I was asked to chair the committees for our town's celebration. This will take a lot of input and help from everyone. We have a lot of people in our town with so many talents, ideas, knowledge, and real knack at getting things accomplished. Everyone's input will be appreciated. I had the pleasure in being the P.T.A. president for a few years at our Township schools and have worked with many of our residents. I also know there is a lot of history in many families all over our town. I am looking forward planning and working

with everyone. I started an email address to keep in touch; we will also be scheduling a meeting so we can present a game plan. Updates and meeting times will be on the Townships website and our Electronic Bulletin Board. You are welcome to email me or call me with your name and phone number so I can keep in touch.

[Berlintwp100@yahoo.com](mailto:Berlintwp100@yahoo.com)

My phone number ( 856-768-7127)

Thank you in advance and have a great day!

Mary Soards  
Aka : (Mary Bauman/Logan)

*Photo to the right:*

*L-R atop the truck  
Tim Burger,  
Ammar Ibrahim*

*L-R standing  
Jim Bellerose, Shawn  
Nachurski, Brian Lipscomb*

*L-R squatting  
Rich Watson, Brian Costigan*



## A Worthwhile Deployment...

by: Richard Watson

Well, where do I start? A bit of background on me. I grew up in Pennsauken, our family moved to Cherry Hill, then to Pemberton Twp where I finished high school in 1980.

I enlisted in the Marines after high school during the Iranian hostage crisis. I was deployed to Beirut, Lebanon in 1983.

When my active duty enlistment was up, I returned to South Jersey, worked in a factory and bought my house in Berlin Twp in 1986. I was still serving in the NJ Army National Guard until 1986.

I was hired by the Camden County Sheriff's Dept in 1989, then by the Camden County Park Police in 1990, where I am still employed today.

During the Persian Gulf War, I considered reenlisting but was not feasible as my kids were very young, 5 and 3 at the time.

After the attacks in 2001 I contacted the Marine Corps about reenlisting in a reserve unit but was informed that my age was a barrier. I stewed about that for quite some time and in 2005 called the Army National Guard. I was admitted back in after the physical and other tests and reinstated to my previous rank from 1986. After being out for 19 years, I thought of this as a bargain. I would turn 43 in a few months and had to get my time in while I still could. In Sep 2005 I was asked if I'd volunteer to go to New Orleans to support the Hurricane Katrina relief effort. The next few days, I was packed and on a military convoy headed south. We spent 34 days in New Orleans patrolling the largely abandoned and heavily damaged residential areas.

2 years later I got a phone call from my platoon sergeant informing me we are going to Iraq. The next drill, we were formally told and subsequently received official orders. We had about 9 months notice to get our individual affairs in order. Each training weekend, the training was increasing in intensity.

Upon mobilization, we had to endure 2 months of infantry training at an active duty Army base. I was back doing things that were tough when I was in my 20s. The best benefit was

that I lost 21 pounds in doing so. A lot of the junior guys who were in fact half my age or less were an inspiration as I knew I had to set an example for them. With the training completed we flew into Kuwait (for more training) then into Baghdad.

I have to be vague about the mission as information could compromise security. We still have troops there doing the job that we turned over to them. I'd like to tell about the positives of the deployment.

Meeting Iraqi citizens and listening to them give first hand accounts of living under Saddam's regime. Some had bone chilling experiences to relate. Iraqi children are no different than kids anywhere else. They like to play and can be easily pleased with a piece of candy or toy thrown to them. No matter where we went, the kids knew that American convoys meant goodies. I always seemed to attract them as I would let them climb on me, spin them around, bounce them on my feet, and anything else I could think of to entertain them.

Off duty, the military goes to great lengths to offset adverse conditions. The worst part is the environment. Stifling heat. When we were off duty, we could go to the gym for a workout, go to the Morale, Welfare, and Rec center (MWR), which has computer access, pool tables, big screen TVs, books, a lounge. Also on base was the PX complex where vendors are located. The PX carries most necessities, the vendors can sell local wares. There was also a few fast food stores there, Burger King, Popeye's Chicken, etc. All building, including our housing are air conditioned.

I have great confidence in our leadership. The commanders put a constant emphasis on safety and well being of the soldiers. Bottled water was available everywhere, ice was available in any quantity. Personal protective gear such as body armor was mandated on every mission and the modern vehicles are heavily armored. Nothing is overlooked if it is a benefit to the soldiers.

The yearlong deployment came and went fast. It feels now as though I never left. I missed the comfort of my own home and sleeping in my own bed but the opportunity to serve again made it worthwhile.

## Annual Rabies Clinic

Residents and non-residents may attend this event located at the Berlin Township Public Works Complex on Edgewood Avenue. Cats and dogs of all sizes are welcome. All vaccinations will be administered by Dr. Ruggerio. Rabies vaccination is imperative for the prevention of a serious and dangerous disease and a great way to ensure the safety of ourselves and our beloved pets. At last years event 141 vaccinations were administered between 9 am and 12 pm.

Don't forget you can receive your pet license that same day!



# Important Notes From Your Public Works Department

## Sewer Clean Out Caps

should be visible in your yard and at the curb all year round. These are entry points your plumber will need should you have a blockage in your lateral. The caps should be on at all times. Please replace any broken or missing caps immediately. They keep debris and rain-water out of the sewer system. The Debris could form a clog in your lateral or in the sewer main. If a blockage forms in the main as a result of an open cleanout in your yard, you could be held liable for the cleanup and any damage caused by any overflow or backup. So it is important to keep your cleanout caps on and visible.

## Old Man Winter

is just around the corner and snow isn't far behind. Remember to wait until your street is plowed curb to curb before you clean your driveway apron. Please do not throw your snow into the street. The plows have to come

back and push it off the street. If it is left in the street, it freezes and becomes an ice bump that affects your car as much as a pothole.

## Street Sweeping

is done once a month, weather permitting, on every street in our town. The schedule for the remaining months is shown on the calendars in this newsletter. Please help us do a better job by not parking on your street during the week we sweep your street.

## Trash Collection

scheduled for collection on Thursday, November 26th, will be collected on Monday, November 30th, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Vegetation Collection

normally scheduled for Monday, October 12th, will be collected on Friday, October 16th, Due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

## Fall Leaf Collection

Curbside collection will begin on Monday, November 2nd and continue through Friday December 18th. The weekly schedule as shown on the calendar pages as follows:

First Trip		Second Trip	
Nov. 02-06	Tues. Trash Rt.	Nov. 30 – Dec. 4	Tues. Trash Rt.
Nov. 09-13	Wed. Trash Rt.	Dec. 7-11	Wed. Trash Rt.
Nov. 16-20	Thurs. Trash Rt.	Dec. 14-18	Thurs. Trash Rt.

This Schedule may vary due to weather conditions and equipment failure. Please do not include acorns, branches, grass clippings, plants or trash in your leaf piles. Those materials clog up the vacuum hoses and impellers, which may result in costly repairs and delays.

Residents should have their leaves raked to the curb line prior to the date listed above at the beginning of their collection week. For example, residents should have their leaves out at the curb by Sunday evening, November 1st, and keep adding leaves to the pile at the curb. The crews will run through the scheduled area as many times as possible during the week listed for each route. Keep in mind that there are two collection trips throughout the town. If all of your leaves have not fallen by the first week, you still have the second week to rake them out. Those residents who missed the scheduled time span for curbside collection should bag their leaves and place them at the curb for collection.

A small fence corral is the simplest way to contain your leaves at the curb. The corral keep the leaves in one spot rather than blowing back into your yard. The contained leaf piles minimize the number of stops the crews make, which helps keep us on schedule.

Those Residents who still prefer to bag their leaves may do so. Bagged leaves will be collected as time allows. The crews will concentrate on the loose leaves at the curb and collect the bags between routes and on days of inclement weather when the machines cannot run due to excessive moisture in the leaf piles. During the leaf collection period, there will be no brush or vegetation collection on Mondays and trucks will only be available for our resident's use for loading of leaves after hours. The Monday Vegetation Collection and normal Truck Loan program will resume January 4, 2010.

Mayor & Council  
Meetings

October 27th 2009

November 24th 2009

December 15th 2009

Planning & Zoning  
Meetings

October 26th 2009

November 23th 2009

December 14th 2009

*All meetings shall be held at 6:30 PM every second and Fourth Monday/Tuesday unless meeting date falls on a holiday.*

*Meetings are held in the board room of the Berlin Township Huster Building located at 225 Grove Avenue . The meeting will be held until 9:00 PM. Any application still being heard will be tabled to the next meeting.*

John J. McPeak Library  
Hours

201 Veterans Avenue  
856-767-0439

MONDAY ..... 1-8:30  
TUESDAY.....9-11 & 1-8:30  
WEDNESDAY..... 1-8:30  
THURSDAY..... 9-11 1-8:30  
FRIDAY.....1-4  
SATURDAY .....10-2

Don't Forget To  
Vote in the  
General Election  
on  
November 3rd  
2009



**Free Rabies  
Shots Clinic!**  
**January 23rd**  
at The  
Public Works  
Complex  
9am-12 pm

**Trick or Treat  
HOURS**

**OCTOBER 31ST 2009  
2:00 PM—8:00 PM**



Senior Corner

**PLEASE LEAVE THE DRIVING  
TO US!**

Senior Bus Schedule

For **Reservations** Call:

**856-767-7887**

Call on Monday for  
Tuesday's Route

Call on Wednesday for Thursdays  
Route

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Berlin Circle Plaza  
& Local Shopping

For All Other Senior Citizen

Correspondences

PLEASE CALL:

**Mike Laginestra, Senior  
Coordinator**

**856-767-1854 x.223**

New Bus On It's Way!

Berlin Township Mayor and Council are excited to announce that we have applied for and received a Community Development Block Grant to purchase a new Senior Citizen Bus. It Couldn't have come at a better time due to the age of our old bus and the many problems that we are experiencing with it.



# 11TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL



By BERLIN TWP.  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL,  
P.E.A.C.E and our SCHOOLS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

**\*NEW\* Halloween Parade from McPeak Library down Washington to the DDE school on Grove Ave.**

Watch along the parade route OR register to be in the parade by contacting Town Hall (767-1854). Then we'll go into the DDE Gym for a costume contest from 7 to 7:30pm while the school band plays! Prizes will be awarded for cutest, funniest, best group, most original/unique and scariest! After that we'll head into the DDE APR for music, games, crafts, pizza, soft pretzel and drinks! This event is funded by Mayor and Council and is free to our Berlin Twp Families and our school staff members!

**Please note-** Bussing will be provided from DDE to the Library if you'd like to march in the parade! In the event of inclement weather, festivities will begin at 6:30pm in the DDE Gym.

P.E.A.C.E. will be selling the CASH RAFFLE TICKETS!  
Until 7pm. Then the winner will be pulled at 8pm!

**Everything else is free of charge!**

OCTOBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Municipal Sewer Due	2	3
4 Sweep Tue. Trash Route This Week	5 V	6	7	8	9 C West Berlin Fire Rescue Open House 7pm-9pm	10
11 Sweep Wed. Trash Route This Week	12 HOLIDAY	13	14	15	16 V	17
18 Sweep Thur. Trash Route This Week	19 V	20	21	22	23 C	24
25	26 V Mayor & Council Meeting	27 Planning/Zoning Meeting	28	29	30	31

Vegetation Collection: 5th, 16th, 19th 26th

Concrete Collection: 9th, 23rd



# NOVEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Taxes Due Leaf Collection Tue Route This Week	2	3	4	5	6 C	7
8 Leaf Collection Wed Route This Week	9	10	11 HOLIDAY	12	13	14
15 CCMUA Due Leaf Collection Thur Route This Week	16	17	18	19	20 C	21
22	23 Mayor & Council Meeting	24 Planning/Zoning Meeting	25	26 HOLIDAY	27 HOLIDAY	28
29 Leaf Collection Tue Route This Week	30 TRASH COLLECTION THUR. ROUTE					



Concrete Collection: 13th, 20th

# DECEMBER 2009



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3	4 C	5	
6 Leaf Collection Wed Route This Week	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Leaf Collection Thu Route This Week	14 Mayor & Council Meeting	15 Planning/Zoning Meeting	16	17	18 C	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 HOLIDAY	26
27	28 HOLIDAY	29	30 Boro Water Due	31		

Concrete Collection: 4th, 18th

In an effort to save Tax Payer Dollars we are not sending out our collection schedule calendars as our practice has been in the past. Instead the full **2009 Collection Schedule** will be available on the Township Website [www.berlintwp.com](http://www.berlintwp.com). The newsletter, which goes out each quarter, will include the corresponding months of the quarter. Again this is being done to cut costs and still keep you, our resident, informed.

## Berlin Township Library Receives 2009 Best of West Berlin Award

U.S. Commerce Association's Award Plaque Honors the Achievement

WASHINGTON D.C., June 8, 2009 -- Berlin Township Library has been selected for the 2009 Best of West Berlin Award in the Libraries category by the U.S. Commerce Association (USCA).

The USCA "Best of Local Business" Award Program recognizes outstanding local businesses throughout the country. Each year, the USCA identifies companies that they believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and community.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2009 USCA Award Program focused on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the USCA and data provided by third parties.

About U.S. Commerce Association (USCA)

U.S. Commerce Association (USCA) is a Washington D.C. based organization funded by local businesses operating in towns, large and small, across America. The purpose of USCA is to promote local business through public relations, marketing and advertising.

The USCA was established to recognize the best of local businesses in their community. Our organization works exclusively with local business owners, trade groups, professional associations, chambers of commerce and other business advertising and marketing groups. Our mission is to be an advocate for small and medium size businesses and business entrepreneurs across America.



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