

**FALL/WINTER GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

The Berlin Borough Offices will be closed on the following holidays. There will be no garbage collection on these days. Please mark your calendars. As always please have your garbage at the curb by 7:30 a.m. Alternate collection will be as follows:

Normal collection dayWill be collected on this day

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| Veteran's Day, Observed - Friday, November 10, 2017 | ----- | <u>Thursday, November 9, 2017</u> |
| Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 23, 2017      | ----- | <u>Friday, November 24, 2017</u>  |
| First Day of Buck - Monday, November 27, 2017       | ----- | <u>Tuesday, November 28, 2017</u> |
| Christmas Day - Monday, December 25, 2017           | ----- | <u>Tuesday, December 26, 2017</u> |
| New Year's Day - Monday, January 1, 2018            | ----- | <u>Tuesday, January 2, 2018</u>   |

*Note: Christmas trees will be collected every Thursday in January*

**Berlin Borough Refuse System is still not permitted to take electronics to the landfill. If you have electronic to be disposed please see page 2 under reminders for a location for disposal.**

**Electric System Generation Project Has Successful First Summer**

The electric system generators have been fully operational since the end of May and have been operated for approximately 60 total hours as of the end of September. They were used during: 1) PowerSecure installation testing; 2) Penelec substation equipment failure replacement; 3) standby monitoring testing; 3) PJM demand response; and 4) 1CP and 5CP summer peak shaving periods. Berlin is receiving \$8,387.00/month for PJM demand response availability for 12 months beginning with July, 2017 for a total of \$100,644.00 in savings. Berlin successfully "captured" the 5 Coincidental Peaks for the summer period and will realize a savings in capacity charges of approximately \$181,823.00 over the 12 month period beginning June 1, 2018. This is a combined savings for the electric system of \$282,467.00! AMP projects that annual savings of transmission and capacity charges will be more than \$245,000 annually for year 2019 and beyond.

**LEAKING TOILETS**

Household water consumption can significantly increase because of leaking toilets. Many times, the toilet leaks are not visually evident. A simple procedure to determine if you have a leaking toilet is as follows:

1. Remove the lid from the tank at the back of the toilet.
2. Place a few drops of food coloring in the water in the tank, but do not flush the toilet.
3. In approximately 10 minutes, observe the water in the toilet bowl. If it shows the color of the food coloring you added, then the water is constantly leaking from the tank.
4. The repair or replacement of the components in the toilet tank is in order.

## **BABY WIPES**

Baby wipes are advertised as disposable. They are disposable if placed in the garbage and not flushed down the toilet. When flushed down the toilet, they eventually end their journey at the Sewage Treatment Plant where they catch on bar screens and disrupt flows. Some Municipal Authorities have purchased and installed automated equipment (at a cost in excess of \$200,000 per individual installation) to remove baby wipes from their screens. Please help us contain costs by disposing of baby wipes in the garbage rather than flushing them

## **Berlin Revitalization Project Fund**

Several residents suggested to Council members that a Revitalization/Beautification committee be organized so that public donations/contributions can be made to the Berlin Revitalization Project. Council members Eric Glotfelty and Charles Rhodes, along with Executive Secretary Tom Jones volunteered for the committee and urge some of the residents to volunteer also. Please contact Secretary Jones if you are interested.

## **Borough of Berlin Facebook Page**

The Borough has an officially Council authorized Facebook page at *Borough of Berlin, Somerset County, Pennsylvania*. Please visit the page for Borough information, notices, and updates. Be sure to click on "Share" to automatically receive future posts to the page.

## **Reminders**

**TV AND APPLIANCE DISPOSAL:** (Note: the Landfill is not accepting TVs or electronics, so the Borough will not be collecting them.) At this time JVS-Shanksville will recycle TVs and old appliances. There is a \$15.00 charge if freon is not removed from the appliance, otherwise there is no charge. They accept items on Thursdays only between 12 and 4 PM. Their telephone number is 877-735-3178. They are located 3/10 mile past the Shanksville High School on the right.

**BUILDING PERMITS:** The Borough of Berlin requires building permits in accordance with the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code. The Borough has designated Commonwealth Code Inspection Service, Inc. as the local code enforcement agency. They are located at 421 Georgian Place, Somerset, and can be reached by phone at (814) 445-8133, or by fax at (814) 443-4030. Questions regarding building permit requirements or applications should be directed to their office.

**REMOVAL OF SNOW:** Berlin Borough Ordinance No. 214 requires property owners to remove, or provide for the removal, of snow from their sidewalks in Berlin Borough within several hours of a snowfall. School Students travel the sidewalks every morning and afternoon. Also, please be advised that it is unlawful to throw snow onto Borough streets.

**OVERNIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED:** Berlin Borough Ordinance No. 213 contains language which prohibits overnight parking on streets in the Borough between the hours of 2:00 a.m. And 7:00 a.m. from December 1 to March 31.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Farm Toy Show

Berlin Fire Department  
November 4, 2017 @ 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Auction at 3:30 p.m.  
Berlin Community Building

### Christmas Home Tours

Saturday, November 11, 2017  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
(Last tour begins at 4:00 p.m.)  
Sunday, November 12, 2017  
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
(Last tour begins at 3 p.m.)  
Home Tour Tickets \$10.00  
Tours begin at the Community Building  
Bazaar is Located in the Community Building

### Light-up Night

(Tentatively)

November 17, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Meet at the Lower Diamond followed by a  
visit from Santa at 7:30 p.m. @  
The Berlin Community Building  
Info will be posted on the Fire Dept. Website  
and the FD info board on Rt. 219

### Red Cross Blood Drive Schedule

12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Monday, December 11, 2017  
Monday, February 12, 2018  
@ the Berlin Community Building  
Monday, April 9, 2018  
Location to be determined  
Sponsored by the Berlin Lions Club and  
the Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary

### Berlin Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Dinner Schedule

February 4, 2018 - Roast Beef  
March 4, 2018 - Ham  
April 8, 2018 - Turkey  
  
Served 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Cost is Adults \$11, Children \$5

## New Cell Phone Numbers

From time to time we find that Customers change their cell phone numbers. Please remember to call our office with that new number, so that we can update our records to make sure that you get the important call out messages that we send.

## Shrubs and your Meters

Please take a look at the area around your electric meter and your remote water reader outside on your house (if you have this). Trim your shrubs in these areas so our meter reader can easily access those meters. The Meter Reader, who is not a professional tree trimmer, may trim the area for better access.

## ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR MAKING PAYMENTS TO YOUR ACCOUNT:

Our office ACH - drafts from your account around the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Online (you will need to set this up)-Credit or Debit card - **which credits to your account within 5 days.** Through your bank account - **which credits your bank and utility account within 5 days of the end of the month.** For more explanation contact the Borough Office at 267-3837.

At the Office - cash, check, money order, credit/debit card and a drop box is provided for after hours.

## AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT OUR CALL OUT SYSTEM

Our call out system is used for emergency situations, like water leaks or electric outages. But we also use this system to notify our customers of events or situations in the community. If a call is sent from us thru this system and you are not able to answer the call, a message should be left on your answering machine or in your voice mail. Please check your devices for these messages before calling into the Office, this will help to alleviate an overload on our phone system.