

Taconic Valley News

BERLIN

They're Off And Running

Submitted by Berlin CSD



A look at the new Berlin CSD track. Photo courtesy of Berlin CSD.

The Berlin Central School District hosted their first home Track and Field meet on Tuesday, May 18.

The new track is a very exciting boost to the athletic program here at Berlin CSD. The asphalt and rubber track includes an auxiliary site for discus and shot put. The track is set on the hill behind the Berlin Middle/High School with views of the beautiful landscape that surround the school district.

Please feel free to reach out to Berlin Athletic Director Charles Paravella cparavella@berlincentral.org with any questions.

We hope to see you up at the track for this exciting edition to BCSD.

A Question Of Distance

Several people have mentioned to *The Eastwick Press* that the new track is actually a little too short and not eligible to host sectional or statewide events. We broached that question to the school district, with Superintendent Joseph Dhara and Athletic Director Charles Paravella calling us to answer. Superintendent Dhara said the track is eligible to run a Section II meet and will be hosting the Sectional field events later this year. AD Paravella responded the track is fine for most events, but for a few, they will move the finish line so all qualify. If anyone has any questions, they are welcome to address them to Mr. Paravella.

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Plans Are Coming Together

by Chris Tergliafera

At the May 13 Berlin Town Board meeting plans for the town's upcoming water tower were presented, with only a few relatively small changes being made by the Board. While it's not a guarantee, the hope is that plans for the tower can be approved and bidding can be completed by the end of the year. The Rensselaer County Department of Health is currently reviewing the plans to this point.

Highway

The town has not yet received a commitment letter regarding CHIPS money from the Department of Transportation, however a significant increase in funds is expected.

The build date for Berlin's new plow truck has been pushed back to August. It appears the truck was ordered just in time as both materials for the build as well as equipment have seen drastic increases in price. These increase won't have any bearing on Berlin however, as the town's price was locked in when ordered. The hope is the new truck can be ready for this coming winter.

Ambulance

Details on the town's new ambulance

are starting to come together. The non profit service will be called Taconic Valley Ambulance. The resolution, letter and a map of the area serviced, which are the three things required from a municipal aspect, have all been completed. A business plan has been started and an attorney has been contacted in order to get the paperwork for a 501c3 filed properly.

Other Notes

It was suggested that part of the incoming COVID-19 relief money be used toward repairing sidewalks, however rules for what the funds can be used for are strict and it isn't yet clear if sidewalk repairs fall within the guidelines.

The status of the rabies clinic the town was hoping to hold this spring is now unclear. Attempts to reach the veterinarian to be used for the clinic have been unsuccessful.

The transfer station would like to remind residents it will be closed Monday, May 24, for Memorial Day. However, it will be open that Saturday and Sunday. Speaking of Memorial Day, Berlin will be having its parade, and a motion to order new flags to replace damaged and worn flags was approved.

PETERSBURGH NEWS AND NOTES

Programming At The Library

We are hoping to get all of our programs started again soon. Please contact the library at 518-658-2927 if you are interested in any of the following groups which are scheduled:

Memoirs Group meets every other Monday at 2 pm

Creative Writing meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm

Knitting Group meets each week on Wednesdays at 3 pm

Book Club typically meets on the

2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm

Storytime (volunteers needed) meets on Tuesdays at 11 am (subject to change if needed)

More information about the upcoming Summer Reading Program, which takes place for six weeks during July and August, will be announced soon.

Rod And Gun Club Shoot

The event takes place on Sunday, May 23 at noon. It is a 12 shot event with 22 caliber rimfire rifles. Cash

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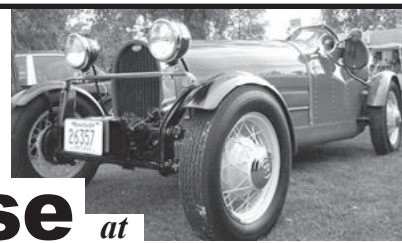
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