

Berlin Bicentennial Committee

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Greetings from the committee!

Berlin will celebrate its' 200th year as a town on February 6, 2012! To acknowledge this birthday milestone, a full year of activities has been planned. The events will primarily focus on the history of our town, including a series of six special presentations starting this fall sponsored by the Historical Society. Selectmen Tom Andrew is writing a "musical play" for the Bicentennial that covers 50-year periods since 1812. We are also celebrating the present by working with community organizations to promote the bicentennial theme during their traditional annual events.

The winner of our Bicentennial logo contest was Mildred Ewing. Special thanks go to her for a great design. We selected Lori Fearebay's entry as our official logo for our post office cancellation stamp next February 2012, and Eileen Heifner's entry was selected for our official postcard.



Official Logo by
Mildred "Mim" Ewing



Cancel Stamp Logo by
Lori Fearebay



Postcard Logo by
Eileen Heifner

Merchandise was designed and is now available for sale in the Town Clerk's office and at Indian Head Farm. Funds raised from the sale of these products will help offset the expense of supporting these activities (see order form on inside.) A cookbook is currently in production and will be printed late fall. We are still looking for recipes and have included a submission form on the back page.

A town-wide raffle is tentatively planned to help raise funds to offset Bicentennial expenses. We are looking for donations to give out as prizes. We currently have a beautiful handmade quilt donated by Trudy Tervo, a gift certificate from Golden Skep Farm, and a one-of-a-kind boxed pen set was donated by Dave Harmon. Please contact Chris Flynn at 978-838-2954 or butchris@verizon.net to donate a gift for the raffle.

Our Fall/Early Winter calendar of events is pretty firm but subject to change. Please check the town's webpage for additions, changes or cancellations. The Late Winter/Spring schedule of events will be mailed out with the Town Clerk's census in early January. We hope all residents, both old and new, enjoy what we have planned and participate in as many events as possible.

Schedule of Events

The Bicentennial celebration calendar including Town and Town Organization sponsored events are subject to change/cancellation.

Merchandise Available at Town Events listed as well as:

- The Fine Arts and Craft Sale on November 26 and 27 at the 1870 Town Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Christmas in Berlin on December 3 at the 1870 Town Hall
- Indian Head Farm until Christmas
- Transfer Station — Spring 2012
- Parade Day — June 2012

Events

Historical Society's Bicentennial gift: A series of six programs covering the entire history of the Town held at the 1870 Town Hall.

- Sept. 24, 2011 — 9,000 years of Native American habitation.
- October 22, 2011 — Berlin before 1812.
- January 28, 2012 — Berlin between 1812 and 1862.
- March 3, 2012 — Berlin between 1862 and 1912.
- April 28, 2012 — Berlin between 1912 and 1962.
- June 16, 2012 — Berlin from our 150th birthday (Sesquicentennial) thru the present.

These are an amazing series of lectures that cover periods of rapid growth, Berlin Academy, railroads and trolley cars, the shoe factory, the Civil War...and many more interesting events in the town's History. This is a very special gift to the town!

- **October 29—A Halloween Bonfire**, pumpkin carving contest and treats sponsored by the Bicentennial Committee. Special Thanks to the Berlin Fire Department for their support.
- **December 3—Christmas in Berlin**. This traditional event is sponsored by the Lions Club and offers many town-wide activities. See the flyer included.
- **February 5—Bicentennial Raffle Drawing and Birthday Cake Celebration**. Raffle tickets will be mailed to each resident in January. Anyone wishing to donate a prize should contact Chris Flynn at 978-838-2954 or butchris@verizon.net. Local officials will be on hand to commemorate Berlin's incorporation and a special cake will be made by the Assabet Valley students.
- **March—Bicentennial Play** sponsored by the Bicentennial Committee is being written by Selectman, Thomas Andrew. This original play will include the history of Berlin over four 50-year periods and include music from each period. Details will be available in our January mailing.
- **April—Fishing Derby**. This traditional event is sponsored by the Berlin Board of Trade. It will be a once in a lifetime chance for the kids to catch "Old Wally". Prizes awarded to under 16 fishermen.
- **June 2—Olde Home Day** sponsored by the Lions Club.
Fireworks—The Bicentennial Committee made a promise to the tax payers that no town funds would be used to sponsor fire works during our year of celebration. If any private citizen, town business or town organization would like to have a fundraiser or make a donation, please contact the Bicentennial Committee. It is estimated to cost \$5,000 to \$7,500. Thanks!
- **June 10—Bicentennial Parade**. The Big DAY!
- **June 17—Fireman's Muster** sponsored by the Berlin Fire Company, held in Berlin center or possibly South Commons.



Everyone Loves a Parade!

One of the highlights of our Bicentennial celebration will be the 200th Anniversary Parade on June 10, 2012! The Bicentennial committee is currently working with the police, fire, highway and rescue groups to make sure the most important aspect of a parade, public safety, is thoroughly planned. We are in the final stages of putting together a "parade entry kit" for those who want to participate in the parade with a float, vehicle or marching group. Final information will be in our January town mailing.

According to our feedback, most Berlin organizations and private businesses plan on entering a float, a company vehicle, antique cars, or both — decorated to the nines with a Bicentennial theme! We plan on having a variety of participants, including bands, political officials, a special riding mower/farm tractor section, youth sports teams, horses and other livestock!

We have a tentative commitment from the Buffalo Soldiers, a nationally known organization. We will also surprise you with a few participants that will be revealed during the parade!

The parade route details are being finalized with the police, but will most likely start in the vicinity of Pleasant and Jones, proceed up Pleasant to Central, and eventually end up at South Commons. There will be refreshments for sale, vendor booths and other activities including living displays of Revolutionary War, Civil War and World War II re-enactors at South Commons after the parade.

The parade is a huge undertaking, and the Bicentennial would like a sub-committee to help plan the parade, run the parade on parade day, and manage the "after parade" clean up. We will support the parade sub-committee throughout the entire process. Call Eloise Salls at 838-2931 to volunteer and "take charge".

The parade will start at 1:00 p.m. and last approximately 1½ to 2 hours if all goes according to plan.

Invite your family and friends to spend the day, attend the Parade, and join in on the after-parade activities and camaraderie. To help create the mood any past period dress is welcome, for example 1812, 1862, 1912 and 1962. Contact Eloise Salls for information on dress patterns for 1812, 1862 and 1912. You can also contact the Library and Historical Society since they also have patterns from each of those eras. Or dig out your clothes from the 60s that are in your attic (or closet!) and have some fun. Make it a 200th Birthday to remember!

Birthday Greetings

The Berlin Bicentennial Committee is offering a variety of quality merchandise for sale to help offset the cost of our Bicentennial Celebration. Many items feature the official logo created by Berlin's own Mim Ewing or depict local landmarks. Great Holiday stocking stuffers or mementoes of our 200th Birthday! These products are available for sale in the Town Clerk's Office during the following hours: Tuesday and Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Wednesday evening 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. You can also purchase these items at Indian Head Farm on Pleasant Street until Christmas.

We will also be selling merchandise at The Fine Arts and Craft Sale at the 1870 Town Hall November 26 and 27 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and at Christmas in Berlin on December 3.

Thank you in advance for your support!



T-shirts

100% cotton. Bicentennial logo on front. "It's not BrrrLYNN...It's BURLin!!" on back.
Adult: S, M, L, XL, 2X; in white, navy, red
Women's: S; in white, navy, red
Youth: M, L, XL; in navy, red, light blue
 \$15.00, XXL \$17.00

Miscellaneous colors available at Town Clerks Office.



Baseball Caps

Stiff Front brushed twill with embroidered Bicentennial logo on front. Adjustable one size fits all, in khaki, navy, black. \$12.00



Coffee Mug

11 oz. Full color photos wrap around the mug including Hearse House, Municipal Building, Library, Powder House, First Parish Church, Bullard House and 1870 Town Hall. \$8.50



Travel Mug

16 oz. All stainless steel (inside and out) with white Bicentennial logo. Red or blue (boxed.) \$10.00



Berlin Bicentennial Pin/Pendant

High quality enamel pin, produced by our own Ray Ellis, available with either a pin back or chain loop. Wear the loop version on a chain or omega; or add a colorful ribbon for a great holiday ornament. \$6.00, complete necklace \$10.00
Limited quantity of pins mounted on omegas available. Inquire at Town Clerk's Office.



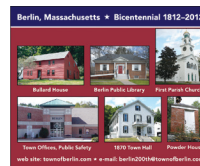
Tote Bag

A nice strong, quality bag with white Bicentennial logo on one side. Comes with separate bottom piece when extra strength is needed.
Colors: red or blue. \$7.00



Postcard

Photos of the Hearse House, Municipal Building, Library, Powder House, First Parish Church, Bullard House and 1870 Town Hall printed over the American flag. Inspired from a design by Eileen Heifner. Invite family and friends to the parade next June with a postcard. \$.50



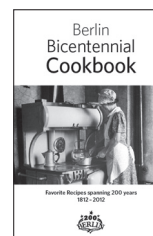
Flat Magnet

This inexpensive magnet is printed in full color depicting five of the town's cherished landmarks. Mailable in a standard number 10 envelope. \$.50 each or 5 for \$3.00



Magnets

Sold by museums, these are high quality magnets depicting the First Parish Church, Bullard House, 1870 Town Hall, Powder House and Library. Printed full color. Sold separately or available as a set of 5. Great stocking stuffer. \$2.50 each, or set of 5 for \$10.00



Bicentennial Cookbook

Watch for our "Bicentennial Cookbook" which will be available 2012. It is not too late to submit your favorite recipe(s). *See the submission form in this mailing.*



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Berlin Bicentennial Cookbook: Recipe Submission Guidelines

Title of Recipe: _____

Name of Person Submitting Recipe: _____

Contact Information (e-mail/Phone Number): _____

History (if any) and/or Photo*: _____

- Please list measurements as: cups, pounds, ounces, Tbsp. (tablespoon), tsp. (teaspoon)
- List baking temperature in degrees, and for how long
- Number of servings if available

Do not feel it is necessary to submit only typewritten recipes, a copy of a handwritten recipe card, note card or whatever you have is perfectly fine; the Cookbook Committee will put it in typewritten form. It would be great if you could put your contact information in case the Committee has a question (contact information will not be published in the Cookbook, only your name). *If you are submitting a photo and want it returned, please be certain to put your return address with the photo. If you are mailing a recipe, please mail it to the address listed above and mark it Attn: Cookbook Committee. If you are e-mailing a recipe, please e-mail it to: lthomasino@charter.net

Brothers of the Brush

One of the most popular events 50 years ago was the Brothers of the Brush contest. As you can see from the photo, some fine beards and mustaches were grown!

We have modified the rules a little to comply with current fashion trends/job requirements and have added a few more categories so every guy can compete! The contest begins when you decide to start growing and ends on Parade Day next June. Prizes will be given out at the activities on South Commons at the end of the Parade!

Longest Beard from Scratch: You can enter anytime but need to stop by the Town Clerk's Office and have your picture taken and dated showing your clean-shaven face. Then get and keep it growing. Already have a beard? Have it measured and see how much more you can add to the length! You don't have to shave your prize beard to enter!

Best Mustache from Scratch:

A mustache grown from a clean-shaven face as well. Same rules apply as Longest Beard.

**Don't want to shave your current mustache or beard?
Then enter:**

Best Decorated/Styled Beard: Go nuts and decorate/style it any way you want. Braid it. Dye it. Decorate it with miniature animals, houses, etc.—your imagination is the limit!



Best Styled Mustache:

Handlebar? Punk? Spiked? Ridiculous color? Men with mustaches can have fun with this!

Best Overall Facial Hair:

Beards and mustaches compete with sideburns in the category chosen by parade participants!

Watch for more details in our January flyer regarding what time you need to "gather" at South Commons on Parade Day to find the winners!