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America 250 | Berlin

Thursday, October 16, 2025

5:00 PM

Berlin’s Community Center

Room 5

Agenda – October 16, 2025

Facebook Page and Webpage established

1. Scarecrow Contest – Toni & Elaine – Set-Up: October 10-13th.
2. Trunk or Treat Event, October 25th 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm (set up is at 5:00 – Community Center Parking Lot)
3. Give 250 – October 27th – October 31st – Carrie & Kate
   1. Letters to Businesses
4. Scavenger Hunt – Mary Kathryn LaRose – Date
5. Chris Cote – Theatre Guild of Berlin, Inc. [cmcote187@aol.com](mailto:cmcote187@aol.com) – 1776
   1. April Date – High School
6. Peggy Lajoie, President Kensington Garden Club. [mlaj123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mlaj123@sbcglobal.net)
   1. Plant Sale – May 16, 2026, VFW
   2. Permission to sell merchandise at the VFW
7. Memorial Day Parade – May 25, 2026
   1. Permission to sell merchandise at the Veteran’s Park
8. Berlin Lions Club Representative – Yankee Peddler Day
   1. Date May 30th? Also June 20 or 27.
   2. Chairperson
   3. Different Committees
      1. Vendors – Berlin Kiosks LLC, 146 Mill Street
      2. Food - Non-Profits, local restaurants
      3. Admission? – tickets
      4. Entertainment
      5. Fireworks
         1. Letters to Businesses
      6. Great Berlin Baking Contest – Elaine
9. Berlin Historical Society will be decorating the library’s lobby display case in celebration of America 250 for the month of July 2026
10. America 250 CT – State Meeting from September 23rd <https://ct250.org/events/>
    1. The American Revolution – Ken Burns Watch Parties: The American Revolution premieres on PBS on November 16, 2025. Attend an official screening or plan your own watch party. *Time? Senior Center and/or Library?*
    2. Nationwide Bell Ringing: Saturday, July 4, 2026 – Join participants nationwide in ringing a bell at 2:00 PM. – *Churches and other organizations – also citizens. Mary Ann Massario*
    3. America’s Potluck – Sunday, July 5, 2026 – Join Utah’s state commission & others around the country in hosting a potluck, big or small! *Neighborhood Picnics will be encouraged*
    4. The Spirit of America: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 – Join Hawaii’s state commission in housing a reading of the declaration of Independence on the 250th anniversary of the date the Declaration of Independence was originally read to the public.
       1. Theatre Guild – reading of the Declaration of Independence
       2. Gettysburg Address (by memory!) – Anita Fitzsimmons (member of KGC)
11. Update on sales of merchandise
    1. Ordered 10 more 1X T-shirts and 10 2X T-shirts. 2X t-shirts are $3.00 more so we will charge $18.00.
12. Grants/Fundraising
    1. Marjorie Moore Charitable Foundation
    2. CT Humanities Grant – See American 250 Affiliate Resources
    3. Community Foundation of Greater New Britain
    4. Letters to Businesses
13. Cathy Lapollo – proposed banner
14. Berlin Free Library – Wendy Kontogouris
    1. <https://www.instagram.com/pawtuxetrangers?utm_source=qr&igsh=YzZ3cmgyemVoZnd6>
15. Associations/Groups -
    1. Kensington Garden Club – Peggy Lajoie, President [mlaj123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mlaj123@sbcglobal.net)
    2. Dr. Tami Christopher, Executive Director New Britain Youth Museum/Hungerford Nature Center 860.827.9064 [tamichristopher@nbymhnc.org](mailto:tamichristopher@nbymhnc.org)
    3. Berlin Free Library - Berlin Free Library Association - Wendy Kontogouris [berlinfreelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:berlinfreelibrary@gmail.com)
    4. Chris Cote – Theatre Guild of Berlin, Inc. [cmcote187@aol.com](mailto:cmcote187@aol.com)
16. Approve of minutes - September 25, 2026
17. Next meeting – November 6th.