

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2011

The Atlantic Hotel

Circa 1895
Berlin, MD

The snows have melted, the grey skies have turned to blue and the sun is showing a definite interest in staying around longer than usual.

Flowers have been planted. Tables have appeared on the front porch and people are asking to sit outside for lunch. Improvements are happening everywhere you look!

The Atlantic Hotel is a warm and cozy place to settle into during the cold months of winter, but when Spring comes, the hotel opens its doors and everything seems to come alive. Rockers on the front and back porches are being used. Food is being carried from the kitchen to the front porch and drinks are being served while people relax and enjoy the newfound enjoyment that is Spring.

People are out walking. New shops are being discovered. Shop windows are dressed for Spring and the colors are so vibrant they immediately make you smile. Pots of yellow, white and pink flowers are everywhere.

One of the nicest aspects of Spring in Berlin is the opportunity to meet other visitors. Berlin has a relaxed atmosphere that transcends the norm. People walking on the street stop and chat with other visitors. Shop owners take time to have a conversation with their customers. Smiles, greetings and an overall sense of welcome is part of the charm of Berlin.

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A multitude of events are shown on Berlin's annual Events Calendar with some new as well as the traditional festivals, happenings and surprises that take place regularly.

Every second Friday, Berlin has an Art Stroll which promotes the arts as well as cultural endeavors. Every business who has an artist in residence or an exhibit puts an Open Flag outside to announce they are supporting the Stroll with either music, paintings, photography, fabric art, sculpture, as well as creative design. The Stroll starts at 5:30 to 8:30 pm. A large number of galleries display multi-faceted collections of varied interest.

Birding in April is one of the many activities that bring guests to The Atlantic Hotel. Shore birds are everywhere and the variety is so overwhelming that birders are up and down the Delmarva Peninsula for the entire month.

A new activity was introduced last year into our historic community and has caused a lot of excitement both locally and for our incoming visitors. Two former residents have returned to Maryland's Eastern Shore to open Ayers Creek Adventures, which consists of canoe and kayak tours on our magnificent coastal waterways. Tours are being offered through The Atlantic Hotel to guests and reservations can be made for days of your choice through the hotel. Their tours include: Forested Wetlands Exploration Tour, An Ayers and Trappe Saltwater March Paddle, The Adventure Tour which is an extended 5 hour tour from the headwaters of Ayers Creek through Newport Bay to Chincoteague Bay with a gourmet lunch, and the piece du resistance, a Full Moon Paddle with Wine Tasting.

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In April, the Spring Celebration officially opens the town's activities with a street fair and pet parade on the 23rd, an entire weekend of celebration welcoming the season.

In May, the Spring Arts Night has been set for the 13th and the Berlin Blues & Jazz Festival takes place on the 7th with performing artists set up in several locations for a day of exciting musical entertainment.

In June, The Village Fair will bring both local visitors as well as many Mid-Atlantic guests as the streets are closed off to traffic and it is an old fashioned neighborhood event with music, street stalls, a Farmer's Market, homemade goodies and lots of fun for adults as well as children.

Berlin is an Eastern Shore Village filled with charm, history and excellent hospitality.

The Atlantic Hotel offers 17 Victorian Period Guest Rooms, Suites, and a Gardner's Cottage. Comfort has been added to beautiful antiques with overstuffed bedding, luxurious terry toweling, private bathrooms and an outstanding restaurant serving lunch and dinner as well as fine dining daily. Outdoor dining is available on the screened porch in season and the porch offers relaxation with wooden rockers for sitting and absorbing all the sights and scenes of Berlin.

Special Spring Hotel Rates are Available as well as Weekend Packages. Call us at 410 641 3589 or check out our web site at atlantichotel.com.