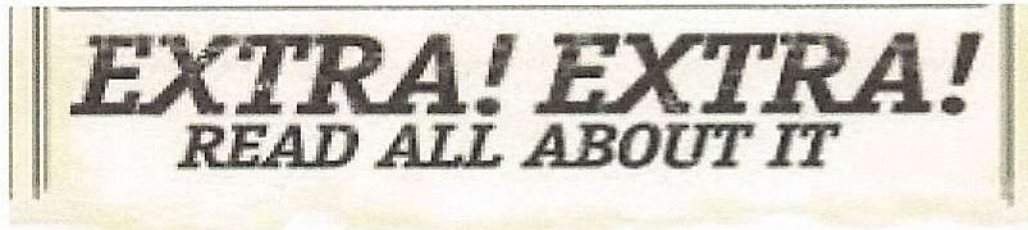


New Berlin News

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In today's world of cell phones, texting, computers, E-mails, Facebook, Twitter, etc., etc. . .

The City of New Berlin and the organizations within it want to expand their efforts in reaching out to our neighbors. Therefore, we are bringing back the publication of a newsletter that will be mailed out quarterly. The goals of "New Berlin News" are to "Communicate, Educate and Advise". Keep it handy for contact information; but know that it is a work in progress on the part of this writer. Many thanks to all of the contributors and supporters who are helping to get this information to you! This is all being done in the best interest of you, your homes and the City of New Berlin. Sincerely, Beverly Muenchow, Editor

Welcome to "New Berlin News"!

City of New Berlin Contact Information

newberlintx.gov This is the official website of the City of New Berlin! It contains agendas, minutes, Ordinances, city historical information, court and the City Marshal's information and so much more. You can access it by simply googling it or go the top of your web browser page and type in <https://newberlintx.gov>

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Texas House of Representative, District 44, Alan Schoolcraft: 512-463-0602

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Thank you for taking the time to read this Newsletter. I'd like this opportunity to express a very special and heartfelt thank you to Beverly Muenchow for volunteering to do this publication. It takes a lot of work to get the articles, sell the ads, layout the Newsletter, and see the final product through to its projected mail-out date.

Road maintenance has been a consistent issue since I was elected Mayor. During my tenure, our City of New Berlin has laid out over 800 sixty-pound bags (48,000 pounds) of pot hole repair materials. We've also spent approximately \$20,000 having hot asphalt applied towards the repairing of the pot holes. In addition, we've spent \$64,000 on Santa Clara Road and Gin Road alone doing chip seal as well as hot asphalt repair. We also joined the county in repaving our part of Linne Road by paying for the materials for our part of the road while the county was repaving their part of Linne Road. We are currently in the process of asking the county to assist the city in getting Santa Clara repaved with Commissioner Stephen Germann spear heading the request.

The city has also almost doubled the number of homes within the city in the last ten years. In addition, we've added three new commercial businesses in the last three years. Our sales tax revenue has also doubled.

We have continued to run the city using the sales tax only. Having said this, we are going to eventually have to pass a property tax. Although we are doing the best we can doing minor repairs on our roads, we need to properly repair our roads with hot asphalt. The **ONLY WAY** we can do the repairs, without the county's help, is by passing a property tax. We are the only city within Guadalupe County without property tax. The next two years will tell which direction the city will have to go when it comes to the need of property taxes.

Finally, to the regular ten or so people who show up to our monthly meetings and bi-annual work days, I am extremely grateful for each and every one of you. Also, to the people volunteering to serve on the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Committee - the citizens of New Berlin will never truly know what you do for them; but please know that I truly appreciate you. In closing, thank you to Congressman Henry Cuellar - you are the best national politician I know and are truly a friend to all Americans and Texans alike. We are going to miss you now that you have been drawn out of our district. But remember, you will always be one of us.

Walter Williams
Mayor, City of New Berlin.

Discover New Berlin City Park

Many residents may not realize that the City of New Berlin Park is open to the public and designed with families in mind. It is located on the grounds of City Hall. The park features a children's playscape, seating areas and a walking trail. A recent attraction has been the addition of the "Little Free Library" which is an extension of the Marion Library. It contains books for all ages which are changed out monthly by a representative from the library. As with any outdoor area, volunteers and financial support are always needed for maintenance and beautification so we can all get outside and enjoy a day at the park!

SAVE THE DATE(S)

SEPTEMBER 6 - NEW BERLIN'S 75TH ANNUAL SAUSAGE FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 31 - OKTOBER FRIER 5K RUN

NOVEMBER 29 - NEW BERLIN TREE LIGHTING EVENT

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Special attention is being called to this website! In this article, two interesting finds on this website are being briefly highlighted – History and Ordinances.

1. **HISTORY** – Scroll down to "Community" on the Home page and introduce yourself to some of the founding families of New Berlin!
2. **ORDINANCES** – Did you know we have a Tree Ordinance that was passed in 2015 to regulate the proper development and management of trees? Within that ordinance there are important definitions, permit requirements, tree pruning restrictions, oak wilt directives, and much more! Ordinances are in place for a reason. Be a good neighbor – Research & Comply!



All Contributors want to hear your opinion about the concept of this newsletter! Let us hear from you at

newsletter@newberlintx.gov



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Commissioners Court

Stephen Germann Commissioner, Pct. 4

(830) 303-8857, Ext. 4. Stephen.Germann@GuadalupeTX.gov

Guadalupe County Courthouse, 101 East Court Street, Seguin, TX

I was honored to be asked to contribute to this newsletter. When my family moved to the new Berlin areas in the early 1880's, I guess the coyotes and rattlesnakes could say the growth was coming. I miss the days of the Muelder Store when people could sit in the store on a hot afternoon, drink a cold one, and discuss what was happening in the area while being observed by the owner, George, who had to be one of the kindest people in the world.

People got together in the 1970s to form the city of New Berlin to manage the new growth. Fast forward to today, it is my sincere concern, and I have said this many times, 3 – 4 miles over the hill to the north, we are witnessing growth of unbelievable proportions. I have recently witnessed, in the city of Santa Clara, many residents who are extremely concerned, and rightly so, about the influx of houses into their area and the loss of their way of life. This is a great concern I have for the city of New Berlin and its area.

I won't be long-winded, but in this first newsletter, I ask the citizens to come together and work together, not like I have witnessed in Santa Clara with the infighting, to help contain the growth that is coming. If you have any ideas or concerns, please reach out.

Stephen Germann

The following letter was sent as a follow-up by Stephen Germann in response to help us further understand the discussion of a thoroughfare in our area. Thank you, Commissioner Germann.

I originally wrote an article for this newsletter to talk about some history and pleasant aspects of New Berlin, but I have since come to realize that some people are discussing the potential for a six-lane roadway through the City. The County's Major Thoroughfare Plan for Precinct 4 was primarily drawn up by myself. I collaborated with TxDOT, the cities, and the County Engineer, Barry Black. I can assure you that there are no plans to change the look of any FM or county roads in the New Berlin area for at least 15 years. The width of 775 is approximately 120 right of way, and that is the way it will stay. The thoroughfare plan is simply a plan for major developers to designate a reserve of land for the potential need to widen the road in the future. IT IS NOT a land grab by the county. I hope this answers any questions citizens may have, but if you still have questions, feel free to reach out to me via county email or personal phone number (830-560-6580). If I do not answer, please leave me a message.

Stephen Germann

GuadalupeTX.gov is the website to obtain county information. To see more about the Thoroughfare Plan go to this website, click on "County Projects" then choose "Thoroughfare Plan". There you can "Click to view the final draft April 2026 Major Thoroughfare (PDF)".

Comprehensive Planning Workshop Report

On Tuesday, May 19, 2026, a public and multi-jurisdictional meeting was held to discuss the potential construction plans for a multi-purpose shared building for the City and Fire Department. The attendees included members of the city council, fire department, community club and community in general. The attendees all agreed to come back in a few weeks with an assessment of needs for the future and work together to identify areas where spaces can be shared to reduce duplicating construction. There will be many further discussions and workshops to continue such a project and we invite the community to become involved. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

Contributed by: Kurt A. Strey, Chief/EMC

Chief's Chat

Howdy! In this first addition of the New Berlin News, I would like to introduce myself and the fire department. My name is Kurt Strey and I am the Chief of the New Berlin Volunteer Fire Department as well as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of New Berlin. I am a lifelong resident of New Berlin, serving in the fire department for 34 years. Within those 34 years, I have served as secretary, asst chief and have been fire chief for the last 28 years. The New Berlin VFD, often referred to as New Berlin Fire and Rescue, responds to all hazards and emergencies within a 92 square-mile area in, and surrounding, the City of New Berlin. We have two fire stations, one in New Berlin and another on FM 467 near the Olmos area. We operate 2 engines, 1 tanker/tender, three brush trucks and 4 quick response/command vehicles. We meet the first Tuesday for training, second Tuesday for business meetings, third Tuesday for maintenance, and fourth Tuesdays for training. All meetings are at 7 pm and we welcome anyone wanting to attend. Speaking of attending, we are always looking for more members! Whether fire fighter, medical, administration or other positions, there are many ways one can help! Throughout the year we have several fundraisers which include the annual Labor Day weekend Sunday festival, the annual "turkey bingo" the Saturday before Thanksgiving, the new annual Valentines bingo (date to be announced); as well as our VFD raffle. These fundraisers are needed in addition to the County funding in order to keep our equipment running and educate our VOLUNTEER firefighters. We have 22 volunteers and none of them are paid. A dedicated group who exemplifies our motto of "*Neighbors helping Neighbors*". As always, you are more than welcome to contact me at 830-560-6647 or chief@newberlinfr.org. So long and until next time...New Berlin Chief, out here!

Kurt A. Strey, Chief/EMC 8730 FM. 775, New Berlin, TX 78155



As of this writing, 160 calls have been made so far this year by our New Berlin Fire & Rescue



TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW! Help keep our VFD up and running by purchasing a chance to win a Stihl Yard Care Package! It includes an RZ 752i 52" Zero Turn mower, BG 50 blower, FS 56 RC String Trimmer and a 12' VAR Trailer! Only 400 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. The odds are great so the tickets will go fast. Purchase on-line through their Facebook page; or, better yet, contact a firefighter personally or at the Fire Department to purchase a ticket or two, or three ... and tell them "Thank You" for their hard work and dedication!



Terreal Hatcher, Chief Marshal, New Berlin Marshal's Office

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Your New Berlin Marshal's Office is continuously working to maximize resource efficiency and elevate the level of safety we provide to the municipality. Thanks to a secure community, our emergency calls for service remain low, allowing our agency to focus on proactive traffic enforcement. By maintaining a visible presence on our roadways, we work diligently to deter criminal activity, prevent accidents, and ensure safe transit through our city.

To keep our streets safe, we are currently prioritizing enforcement in two key areas: school bus safety and emergency vehicle right-of-way. Drivers are strictly required by law to stop for school buses when their visual stop signals are activated. The safety of children is our number one priority, and it should be yours too. Additionally, we urge all motorists to immediately pull over and clear the lane when they see the New Berlin VFD responding to calls. Protecting our volunteer first responders as they protect us is a team effort. We appreciate your continued cooperation in keeping New Berlin safe.

The New Berlin Marshal's Office remains dedicated to ensuring a safe, welcoming, and secure environment for all our residents and visitors. We encourage residents to look out for one another and never hesitate to wave down or contact us when assistance is needed. Submitted by Chief Marshal, Terreal Hatcher

For information on traffic activity reports: Visit newberlintx.gov and click on Marshal Office (it's that easy!)

NEW BERLIN COMMUNITY CLUB (NBCC)

During the early 1950's, the New Berlin Community Club (NBCC) was organized to assist with maintaining the New Berlin School, and to provide the teachers and students with educational opportunities not otherwise available through school taxes. When the New Berlin School District was dissolved in 1957, The NBCC took on a new role. Its members purchased the former school building and grounds and transformed it into a Community Center. Fundraising efforts previously geared to supplementing school needs were transformed into meeting the overall needs of the community. Then and now, the facilities maintained by the NBCC are available for family reunions, wedding receptions, graduation parties, 4-H meetings, community activities and a place where county, state and national elections are held. The NBCC and fire department also use the buildings for their annual fundraisers including the New Berlin Sausage Festival and bingos. In addition to providing the community a public meeting place, the NBCC provides as many as ten \$1,000.00 scholarships on an annual basis to high school seniors from the surrounding community.

The vast majority of work done at the Community Center is accomplished by volunteers. Business meetings of the NBCC are held on the third Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Membership is open to any family or individual in the general New Berlin Area. Dues are \$5.00 per person per year. You are invited to join your neighbors in supporting this community organization.

Melvin Strey, NBCC President



L-R: Jake Schultze, Jenna Arellano, Reagan Muenchow, Addison Wiley, Brooklyn Wiley, Rhett Rohde, Remington Rohde, Landon McBee, Karis Carpenter, and Kade Pape (not pictured).

Congratulations to the TEN recipients of the 2026 NBCC Scholarships. Eight are high school graduates receiving funds from the Sausage Festival and two are college students receiving funds from the Oktober Frier 5K Run.



Calendar of New Berlin Events projected for the next quarter.

June 2026

- 1 Planning & Zoning Meeting 6:30 PM
- 2 NBVFD 7PM Training Session
- 5 NBCC Community Outreach – Game Night 6:30 PM @ Community Center – Bring a snack
- 9 NBVFD 7PM Business Meeting
- 13 4-H Trash P/U 8:30 A.M.
- 15 City Council Meeting 6:30 PM
- 16 NBVFD 7PM Maintenance
- 19 NBCC Meeting/Bunco 6:30
- 21 Happy Father's Day!
- 23 NBVFD 7 PM Training Session
- 30 NBVFD 7PM Maintenance/Training

July 2026

- 2 City Hall closure for Independence Day
- 4 Have a safe 4th of July Holiday!
- 6 Planning & Zoning Meeting 6:30 PM
- 7 NBVFD 7PM Training Session
- 14 NBVFD 7PM Business Meeting
- 17 NBCC 6:30 PM Meeting/Bingo
- 20 City Council Meeting
- 21 NBVFD 7PM Maintenance
- 28 NBVFD 7PM Training Session

For updates on these calendars, refer to the city website, related Group Facebook pages, and posted notices at City Hall and NBCC.

August 2026

- 3 Planning & Zoning Meeting 6:30 PM
- 3 4-H Meet & Greet @ Community Center from 6-8 PM
- 4 NBVFD 7PM Training Session
- 7 NBCC Game Night 6:30 PM @ Community Center – Bring a snack
- 11 NBVFD 7PM Business Meeting
- 17 City Council Meeting
- 18 NBVFD Maintenance
- 21 NBCC Meeting 6:30
- 25 NBVFD 7PM Training
- 29 4-H Trash P/U 8:30 AM
- 29 Community Cleanup day to prepare for the Sausage Festival
- September 2026 Preview
- 1 NBVFD 7PM Training
- 4-5 Sausage Festival Prep Days
- 6 75TH ANNUAL SAUSAGE FESTIVAL

New Berlin

4-H GROWS HERE



Upcoming Events

June 13th - 8:30 A.M.

Trash Pick up

August 3rd 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

4H Meet and Greet

August 29th - 8:30 A.M.

Trash Pick up

Sept 7th - 7:00 PM

First 4-H Meeting of the
Year

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In 1886, August Lenz donated 4 acres of land
for the church and cemetery. A collapse of the
first church in May, 1886 and a hurricane
hitting the second church in June, 1886;
resulted in the present church built in 1887.



New Berlin 4-H is one of the biggest clubs within Guadalupe County with over 110 members. 4-H members are in 3rd through 12th grade, and we also have some CloverKids in Kindergarten to 2nd grade. Our meetings are on the 1st Monday of every month from August to April at the Community Center. At each meeting, we have a "Donation of the Month" where members bring items to benefit organizations like the New Berlin VFD (water/Gatorade), the Food Bank in Marion (holiday basket items) and Communities in Schools (school supplies). At each meeting, our student leaders conduct a social activity (example-games), a safety presentation, birthday recognitions, and a learning activity. We do the Adopt-A-Highway trash pickup four times a year, helping to clear 3 miles of road frontage each time. This year we are helping with games at the Sausage Supper! We are always looking for ways to help the community of New Berlin. Please reach out to our club manager, Krista Schultze, for more information on how to get involved or for projects you need help with.



Christ Lutheran Church
of Elm Creek
3305 Church Road
Seguin, Texas 78155
830-303-4669

Pastor David J. Tinker

Fellowship starts at 8:00 A.M.

Sunday School and Adult Bible
Study starts at 8:30 A.M.

Worship starts at 9:30 A.M.

Redeemer United Church
7415 Gin Road
Marion (ZUEHL), TX 78124
830-914-2168

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9:15 A.M. Sunday School and
Adult Bible Study

10:30 A.M. Worship

Evening VBS June 22-25



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New Berlin Sausage Festival Sept. 6
Celebrating 75 Years! Contact NBCC

Share your talents! Contact City Hall
- They have a list waiting for you!

And don't forget your Fire
Department - so many ways to
volunteer!



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