



## BALLY BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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**Borough Council monthly meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday every month, 7:00 pm at Borough Hall. All residents are welcome to attend.**

**Mayor:** David Schott

**Borough Council:**

President \* Glenn Mutter  
Vice President \* Matthew Gehman  
Michael Moll \* Joel Pilgert  
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Joshua Sloan

**Borough Mgr:** Wendy Mutter  
**Secretary:** Rochelle Gresh

**Solicitor:** Tim Curley

**Engineering**

Systems Design Engineering, Inc.  
Gilmore & Associates

**Code Enforcement**

Kraft Code Services LLC.

**Tax Collector:** Beth Spaid

**Community Events**

**Mon. Sept 7:** Last Day for Bally Pool  
**Sat. Sept. 12 :** Community Yard Sale & Dog Swim  
**Sun Sept 13:** Lions Club Cow Chip Bingo at Jakes Flea Market  
**Fri-Sat Oct 9-10:** BARDS Closet Cleanout Fundraiser



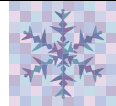
## TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treating will be allowed in the Borough on Friday, October 30 and Saturday, October 31, between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 pm. Participating homes can indicate so, by turning on their front porch light.

Please be mindful of social distancing while trick or treating.



## Winter Weather Reminder



It's hard to believe, but winter will be here before we know it. Reminder to all residents living along snow emergency routes, a snow emergency will be issued during any plowable snow event. Snow emergencies will be posted on WFMZ TV and online. All vehicles need to be removed from snow emergency routes until plowing has ceased.

Unmoved vehicles will be ticketed.

Please wait to clear your driveway and front walk until after street plowing is finished. The Borough does not take any pleasure in plowing shut resident's driveways or piling snow on your newly shoveled sidewalk. Do not throw snow into the street or remove your snow onto your neighbors property.

The Bally Halloween Parade and Santa Parade have been cancelled for 2020. We hope these events will be able to return in the future. The tree lighting event has been cancelled, but the holiday tree will be on display in front of Borough Hall. Residents are encouraged to stop by and place decorations on the tree.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

The Borough has acquired Washington Township's water system, adding 107 customers. These customers were already serviced by Bally water which was sold in bulk to Washington Township. The Borough manages the water system for the Bally Municipal Authority which leases the system from Bally Borough.

The 2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is available for viewing on the Borough website at:

<https://www.co.berks.pa.us/Muni/Bally/Documents/2019%20Bally%20CCR.pdf>

Hard copies are available at the Borough Hall



### A Message from Eastern Berks Fire Department

[www.easternberksfire.com](http://www.easternberksfire.com)

The remnants of Isaias on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> created incredible challenges for your Eastern Berks Fire Department, but were we up to the task. Roads were flooded, trees and wires down, water rescues everywhere, roadways washed out, alarms activated, gas leaking, basements flooded and Rt 100 closed in two places, while all side routes were blocked by wires and trees. To top it all, flood water flowed through our Bechtelsville station and destroyed the rear parking lot. The department used every piece of apparatus and was out 12 straight hours on 36 incidents.

The other big story since our last report was the virus situation. We were shocked by the May 21<sup>st</sup> death of EMT Jeremy Emerich who worked with Bally Ambulance and the MedEvac crew, and assisted EBFD at Grandview Speedway. We needed to adjust responses and safety measures for our all-volunteer personnel, while still meeting the needs of the community. During that time, we set up a service to assist local residents with their needs; sponsored two blood drives held at the Bally station; and before the re-opening began, helped observe more than a dozen birthdays from age 1 to 91, with what would become known as "birthday parades" featuring fire, police, medical, trucking and private vehicles.

Of the 92 calls to which we responded in April through June, nine were in Bally. There were numerous working structure fires, including a superb stop of a house fire on Audrey Drive in Washington Township. We responded to multiple vehicle accidents, a number of which required extrication of trapped victims.

We thank you for the support you provide when you donate through our fund drive letter. You can follow us on Facebook or our website. We are always in need of firefighters, fire police and other volunteers. Download applications at [www.EasternBerksFire.com](http://www.EasternBerksFire.com)



### Paper and Unused Medication



Paper, magazines, junk mail, newspapers, and catalogs can be recycled by dropping them into the recycling bins located at the pool parking lot. Cardboard and telephone books are not accepted.

Unused/outdated medications (prescription or over-the-counter) can be put in the drop box located in the Borough office. No needles, inhalers or loose pills should be placed in the receptacle. Items can be in original packaging or zip lock baggies.



Dog walkers, please remember to clean up after your dogs, whether walking within or outside of the Borough. The Borough has received complaints from property owners of dog walkers not cleaning up after their pets, both in the park and along roadways. Please be respectful of other people's property when walking your dogs.

**Per Borough Ordinance and State Law, requires dogs to be on a leash or lead and under control at all times.**



## **BALLY LIONS CLUB NEWS**

The Bally Lions Club has wheelchairs, hospital beds, walkers and commodes available for use to any Borough resident in need. For more information contact Donnie Conrad at 610-845-2564.

The Lions Club will be hosting a Cow Chip Bingo on Sunday, Sept. 13th at Jake's Flea Market, Route 100. The "chips" will fall at 11:00 am. Purchase a \$5.00 deed from any member of the Bally Lions Club to be the owner of a single parcel square on a grid marked on the field. If the cow's first "chip" lands in your square, you win \$500! Proceeds go to one of the many projects funded by the Bally Lions Club.

### Official Rules

The cow will be led on the grid at approximately 11 am.

The owner of the plot where the cow's first "chip" hits the ground will be declared the winner.

In the event the "chip" lands in more than one square, the field judge will determine which square contains the majority of the "chip".

If the "chip" falls in an un-owned square, we will move one block up from the un-sold deed and move clockwise in an ever widening circle to find a winner.

If the "chip" falls out of bounds, the winner will be the closest parcel to the "chip".

If the cow fails to do his "duty" after 1 hour, a winning deed will be chosen on its' behalf in a random drawing.



**BALLY AREA RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY (BARDS)**

BARDS is a group of local residents with a common goal, to organize fundraisers and events in an effort to maintain and/or increase recreational activities within the Bally Borough. You can support the cause by volunteering, donating goods for events, monetary donations or by simply attending and participating in events. The group welcomes new members and meets the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the council room at the Borough office building.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sept 12 -Community Yard Sale and Bake Sale:** the event will be held at the community pool parking lot. The Yard Sale will run from 8 am to noon. Cost \$10 per spot, no pre-registration required and set up can begin as early as 7:00 am. Vendors wanted call (484) 241-5490. Rain date Sept 13th



**9/12/20-Bally BowWow Dog Swim:** The dog swim will begin at noon and run to 4:00 pm at the Bally Community Pool. Admission is free, but donations are highly appreciated. Food, beverages and baked goods will be available for purchase. Rain date Sept 13th



**10/9/20 5 to 7 pm and 10/10/20 7 am to Noon - Closet Cleanout Fundraiser  
Bally Mennonite Church Route, 1481 Route 100, Barto**

**All donations must be in a tightly tied plastic bag.**

**Accepting:** Wearable clothing & shoes; accessories such as purses, belts, gloves, backpacks; household items such as blankets, pillows, sheets, towels, small rugs and quilts; bicycles of any kind.



**Cannot Accept:** Toys such as stuffed animals, hard toys, activity sets, doll houses, cars, planes and action figures. Car seats, electronics, VCR tapes, CD's, books, outdoor play sets; pots & pans, dishes and other kitchenware cannot be accepted. Early drop off by appointment only (610-698-5151). Free local pick-up.



Watch for information on our Holiday Gift Basket Raffle  
(date to be determined)

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE BALLY COMMUNITY POOL AND PARK

