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

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President * Glenn Mutter
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Borough Mgr: Wendy Mutter
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Kraft Code Services LLC.

Tax Collector: Beth Spaid



Bally Community Pool

Sadly, the 2023 swim season will come to an end on Monday, Sept. 4th. The Annual Bow Wow dog swim will be hosted by BARDS on Saturday, September 9th. The Bally Community Pool would like to thank pool patrons for a busy season, despite the weather not always cooperating. We hope to see everyone back again for the 2024 swim season!

TRICK OR TREAT



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

BARDS will also host a Trunk or Treat night at the Bally Pool parking lot on October 13th 6-7 pm followed by a free movie in the park (The Goonies). See the BARDS section for more details.



Community Events

Mon. Sept 4: Last Day for Bally Pool
Sat. Sept. 9: Bake Sale & Dog Swim
Sun Sept. 10: Lions Cow Chip Bingo at Jake's Flea Market
Sat. Sept 16: Pancake Breakfast at Bally Mennonite Church
Sat Sept 23: Bally Mennonite Church Fundraiser Auction 6:30 pm
Fri Oct 13: 6:00 pm Trunk or Treat Pool Lot and Movie in the Park
Mon Oct 23: Bally Halloween Parade
Mon-Tues Oct 30, 31: Trick or Treat Night
Sat Nov 18: Holiday Craft Show Bally Mennonite Church
Sat Dec 2: Tree Lighting, Santa Visit and BARDS raffle drawing

BALLY HALLOWEEN PARADE

The Bally Lions Club has announced the Annual Halloween Parade will be held Monday, October 23rd, at 7:00 pm with a rain date of Thursday, October 26th. The parade will begin at N 4th and Main streets and end at the Firehouse.

Anyone wanting to participate in the parade can register near the Bally Borough Hall on Chestnut Street starting at 6:00 pm.. There is NO pre-registration required.

For more information on the parade, Contact Lee Heffner 484-838-9097.



The 2022 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is available for viewing on the Borough website at: https://ballyboro.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/2022-BallyCCR.pdf Hard copies are available at the Borough Hall

A Message from Eastern Berks Fire Department
www.easternberksfire.com

The last few months have been marked with vehicle accidents, medical assists, assists on structure fires, and calls for trees and wires. We responded to 147 incidents in the spring and early summer months of 2023. Twelve of those calls were in Bally Borough.

As announced in the last newsletter, your fire department recently closed on the purchase of 3+ acres of land on Rt 100. It's easy to spot if you look for the Smoky Bear Fire Danger sign and our fire truck announcement board.

The cramped current buildings in Bally and Bechtelsville are too small for modern fire apparatus and are not owned by the Eastern Berks fire department, but by the social clubs. This new location is more centrally located to the department's primary response area of five municipalities.

While we wait for a replacement from the sale of our old Traffic unit and an Attack engine to be built, a committee has been discussing current and future needs, and how that might be visualized on our new piece of land at 1215 Rt 100 Barto.

Since the Bally station also houses the medics of Bally Community Ambulance, it's hoped that they will gain some additional space in their tight quarters to better grow and continue to serve the communities we do and more.

Your all volunteer fire department continues to respond to fires, accidents, medical emergencies, trees and wires, traffic control, and alarms, and hazardous material incidents 24/7.



The expenses involved in all projects show the importance of our annual fund drive letters, sent to area residents and businesses early this year. Steady funding continues to be a concern as we deliver the high-quality fire and rescue service you have come to expect of us.

Bally Mennonite Church Fundraisers

Bally Mennonite Church will host a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, September 16th, 7-10:30 am at the church located across from Redner's mini market.



The menu includes the following items:

Pancakes & French Toast
Scrapple & Sausage
Eggs
Juices, Coffee & Tea

A donation of any amount is requested. Proceeds will benefit the long term relief efforts of the Mennonite Disaster Service.

Youth Auction

Bally Mennonite Church will be holding an auction on Saturday, Sept 23 at 6:30 pm at the church to benefit the Mennonite Youth Sneaker-Seeker (MYSS). Items to be auctioned may include: crafts, gift baskets, hours of labor, household goods, collectibles, and a silent auction. Please visit their website for more information www.ballymc.org



Santa Visit & Tree Lighting Returns

The annual Santa visit and Tree Lighting is back and scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd. Although there will be no parade, we hope to have Santa available to visit with children from 6:30-7 pm at Borough Hall Senior Center. The annual Tree Lighting will begin at 7:00 pm. The Bally Lions Club will provide warm food and drink for those in attendance. Residents are encouraged to bring an ornament to place on the Community tree. Please check the December newsletter for final schedule of events.



BALLY LIONS CLUB NEWS

Our local Lions are proud to serve the Bally area community! The upcoming Lions Event Calendar follows:

September:

Cow Chip Bingo Fundraiser at Jakes Flea Market on Rt 100 is Sunday, Sept. 10th. The "chips" will fall at 11:00 am. Purchase a $5.00 deed from any member of the Bally Lions Club or the morning of the event, 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 the Scott Moll Memorial Scholarship Program which awarded $4000 to 4 area college-bound youth. Help us earn some moo-lah and have fun at this event.



October:

Bally Halloween Parade is at 7 pm Monday, October 23rd (raindate Thursday the 28th). Registration for those entering the parade starts at 6 pm near the Borough Hall on Chestnut Street. Please visit the 'Bally Lions Club' Facebook page for additional information and maps. Pre-registration is NOT required. Questions, contact Lee Heffner 484-838-9097.



November:

The Main Street snowflake lights will be put up after Veterans Day, when weather permits. We hope to be able to add new festive holiday banners as well this year.

December:

Join us at the **Bally Tree Lighting Ceremony** on Saturday December 2nd. We will be there from 6:30 pm until all activities are finished. Enjoy something warm to eat and drink compliments of the Bally Lions Club, and bring your neighbors!



The Lions **Holiday Fruit Bag Distribution** is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, December 16th. If you are 65+, a widow or widower and would like to be placed on the fruit bag list, please call the Borough 610-845-2351. If you are unable to eat the fruit provided, please consider donating it to Boyertown Multi-Serivce. A drop box is located at the Borough office.



Remember our year-round Medical Equipment Lending Programs helps those who are in need of hospital equipment at home. Need Equipment? Call Donnie 610-845-2564 or Rick 484-358-6496

Donations for Holiday Banners or other Lions activities can be sent to : Bally Lions Club, PO Box 285, Bally, PA 19503. The Bally Lions Club is online at: www.Facebook.com/Bally Lions

2023 TAX COLLECTOR INFORMATION

County/Borough/School Tax Collector: Beth Spaid
Mailing Address: PO Box 173, Bally, PA 19503
Sitting Location: 204 S 7th Street, Bally, PA
Hours: weekdays 5:00—7:00 pm, weekends 11:00 am—1:00 pm
Sitting Dates: October 26 * December 28
Anyone in need of special concessions may call 610-845-9590 after 4:30 pm. The tax collector is willing to work with your special needs. Please remember to check the sitting hours above before arriving at the tax collectors residence.
***Multiple tax bills may be put on one check.
***Requests for mailed receipts require a self-addressed stamped envelope included with payment

BALLY AREA RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY (BARDS)

Thanks to all BARDS supporters. It has been another great year for the pool, despite the frequent rains. This year with your support, we added a concrete pad and LED lights at the pool pavilion, bought a defibrillator, a message board, shower curtains, a bubble machine, smokers butt can in the parking lot, and various other items. We were also able to mulch and water 4 new trees in the park. **Upcoming BARDS Calendar:**

September:



Annual Dog Swim and Bake Sale Saturday, September 9th at Bally Community Pool and Parking Lot. The Bake Sale will begin at 9 am and the free dog swim runs from 12- 4 pm. Come join us for this tail waggin' fun day! Raffles, food and lots of furry friends. Donations accepted for the dog swim.



October:



Trunk-or-Treat and Free Movie (The Goonies) Friday, October 13th (Raindate October 14th). Trunk-or-Treat 6-7pm (setup begins 5-6pm) at the pool parking lot: Free Movie in the park 7-9 pm, near the pavilions. Come in costume, decorate your vehicles (optional), and bring LOTS of candy to give away or donate for BARDS to distribute. Hot pizza slices available for sale. Donations welcomed. Blankets and chairs are recommended for movie watchers! Questions, call Joshua 484-241-5490.

November:



Bally Community Holiday Craft Show - Saturday, Nov 18th at the Bally Mennonite Church, 1481 PA-100, Barto Pa (across from Redner's Quick Shop) 9am to 3pm, admission is free to the public. Vendor spots are $25 and $5 table rental. For Vendor spots or other questions call Janine (610)223-0706.

December:

Holiday Raffle Drawing Fundraiser Sat. Dec 2nd at 7pm at the Tree Lighting Ceremony at Borough Hall. You can purchase tickets at one of our upcoming events, or call 484-241-5490. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

BARDS meets 7:00pm the 2nd Thursday each month at the Bally Borough Hall council room. We would love for you to attend, volunteers are ALWAYS needed. Questions about BARDS? Call (484)241-5490