BALLY BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events:
March 7: Pot Pie quart pre-order deadline
March 17-19: Bally Hotel Irish Wake
March 25: Hometown Hero Banner order deadline
March 26: Pot Pie pick up Bally pool
April 16: 1-2pm Lions Club Drive-Thru Easter gift bag
May 14: Tractor Show in the park
May 28: Community Yard Sale and Bake Sale 7-11am
May 28: Bally Community pool opens at Noon
May 31: Dollar Days Bally pool

Bally Borough Council

The Bally Borough Council meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Borough Council room. All residents are welcome to attend. If you wish to address the council, you must sign in on the sheet located in front of the council president seat.

POOL FILL CREDIT

Anyone requesting a sewer credit for filling their swimming pool **must** fill out the pool fill credit form included in this mailing. Pool fills occurring in May, June and July can be submitted on one form and returned to the Borough office no later than August 16th for credit on the September water/sewer bill. You must collect a meter reading before starting the fill and after you stop. If filling over multiple days, readings must be taken daily and water should not be left running overnight. Credits are given in 1000 gallon increments and total usage must exceed the 5000 gallon minimum usage. If you have questions concerning pool fill credits, please contact the Borough office.

Borough Planning Commission

There are two open positions on the Borough's planning commission. This is the first step when a commercial property seeks a major change/addition, or if a previously undeveloped piece of land is seeking to be developed. Any resident interested in volunteering to be a member of the planning commission should contact the Borough office.

BALLY COMMUNITY AMBULANCE

The 2022 Bally Community Ambulance membership forms have been mailed. 2022 membership dues may be dropped off at the Borough Hall or mailed to:
Bally Community Ambulance Association
PO Box 353
Bally, PA 19503

If you have not received a membership form, blank forms are available at the Borough Hall.





Bally Community Pool

The Bally Community Pool will open on Saturday, May 28th at noon for the 2022 season. There will be a Dollar Days event on Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day, where anyone may enter for the cost of $1. The pool will be open weekends until Boyertown School district dismisses for the summer.

Pool membership forms have been mailed to previous purchasers. The form is also available by email, on the Borough website or in person at the Borough office. If your paid membership is received at the Borough office BEFORE May 1st, you may deduct 5% off the price of the membership fee.

Bally Area Recreational Development Society

PA Dutch Pot Pie "Quart Sale" Fundraiser- Pre-order deadline is March 7th, pick-up day is Saturday March 26th at the Bally pool parking lot 8 am to 1 pm. Cost is $10 per quart, cash or check made payable to "Bally Borough — BARDS". Order online at https://ballyrec.org/potpie or call 484-241-5490 (only 203 left)

Bally Community Yard Sale & Bake Sale - Embrace the jumble and taste the YUM! Saturday, May 28th, 7-11 am. At the Bally Community pool parking lot. Need to Spring clean? Spots are only $10. Sellers can sign up to sell at https://ballyrec.org/yardsale or call (610) 702-2620

Follow BARDS Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ballyrec on Nextdoor.com or sign up for email announcements at www.ballyrec.org. BARDS meets monthly and invites you to get involved, please call 484-241-5490 to get involved! BARDS has several opportunities for volunteers throughout the year.



BALLY LIONS CLUB NEWS

The Bally Lions Club is continuing the Hometown Hero Banner program. Banners may be purchased at a cost of $250 and honor local military veterans and emergency responders from the area. Banners are hung annually along Main Street from May through November, as long as the banner is in good condition. You may request an order form from the Borough office via email (bally@comcast.net) or in person at the Borough office.

The Bally Lions Club is hoppy to announce its Easter Bunny Eggstravanganza! Special Easter gift bags will be handed out on Saturday, April 16th 1—2 pm. This will be a drive thru event, RAIN OR SHINE at Eastern Berks Fire Department, 537 Chestnut Street, Bally. The first 150 children under the age of 12 will personally receive a special goodie bag from the Easter Bunny. So mark your calendar and hop on over!

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

If you would like to donate to the Lions Club, you may make a check payable to Bally Lions Club and mail to:
Lions Club of Bally
PO Box 285
Bally, PA 19503

2022 TAX COLLECTION DATES

County/Borough/School Tax Collector, Beth Spaid
Location: 204 S. 7th Street, Bally, PA 19503
Collection Hours: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on weekdays
11:00 am to 1:00 pm weekends (4/23 & 8/27)
April 19,20,23,25,26,27 * June 29 * August 22,23,24,27,30,31
October 26 and 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.

*****If you have more than one bill, you may put all of the payments on one check.**
*****Requests for mailed receipts require a self addressed stamped envelope with payment**

BALLY COMMUNITY GARDEN

Interested in starting a garden but lack the space to grow your favorite vegetables or flowers? The Bally Community Garden has been in operation for over 10 years and support a thriving group of gardeners. We invite the community to join us for the 2022 growing season, as there is room to expand. This organic garden is located behind Bally Mennonite Church surrounded by deer fencing, with access to water, a small pond and seating area. Garden plots are free. In exchange we ask each plot owner to volunteer 3 or more hours during the growing season to maintain the common areas. Questions or interest concerning the community garden can be directed to ballycommunitygarden@gmail.com



JUST FARM KIDS TRACTOR SHOW

Just Farm Kids will once again host a tractor show and farming/tractor flea market in Bally Community Park on Saturday, May 14th from 10 am to 3 pm. Planned activities include live music by "Flexible Flyer" band, 2 food stands, a petting zoo, pedal pulls, 50/50 raffle, and kids activities and games. Bally Ambulance and Easter Berks Fire Department will also be participating. Last year's show was very well attended, and this year will only be better. Join the free fun in Bally park.

A Message from Eastern Berks Fire Department:



We thank you for your support as we conclude a difficult year for all of us. During 2021, your all volunteer fire department responded to 464 incidents, another record year for us. Of those 54 were in Bally Borough. Recent calls included several house fires which started in chimneys. Please make sure your chimney is cleaned!

Our annual Fund Drive Letter will be in the mail shortly. This mailing is one of the ways we raise funds for apparatus, equipment, upkeep, and maintenance by asking the public to support our efforts each year. Last year our fundraising was again impacted by COVID and your support is needed more than ever.

Some of you have asked about the "For Sale" sign on the fire house in Barto. As we move towards buying land and building a new facility to consolidate the craped fire houses in Bart and Bechtelsville, we are exploring the interest of potential buyers for that property on Old Rt 100. We will keep you informed.

You can follow our work on Facebook and our website. We are always in need of firefighters, fire police and other volunteers. You may complete applications online at www.EasternBerksFire.com