BALLY BOROUGH NEWSLETTER
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Upcoming Events:
March 6: Pot Pie pre-order deadline
March 16-19: Bally Hotel Irish Wake
March 18: Bally Mennonite Church Pancake Breakfast fundraiser
March 31: Hometown Hero Banner order deadline
April 1: Pot Pie pick up Bally pool
April 8: Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt 1pm Bally Park
May 6 &7: Bally Community Yard Sale Days
May 13: Tractor Show in the park
May 27: Bally Community pool opens at Noon

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.



Bally Community Pool

The Bally Community Pool will open on Saturday, May 27th at noon to begin the 2023 pool season. The pool will be open weekends until June 3rd when it will begin its daily schedule of Noon to 7 pm. The pool will celebrate Memorial Day, May 29th with $5 admission price and $1 hot dogs available at the concession stand.

Pool membership forms have been mailed to previous membership 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.

BARDS NEWS...

With your support, the Bally Area Recreational Development Society (BARDS) is looking forward to another great year! The **Annual PA Dutch Pot Pie Fundraiser** is accepting pre- orders by phone at (484) 241-5490 or online at www.ballyrec.org/shop. You can pre-order for pickup on April 1st (8AM - 1PM at the pool) OR...new this year, you may order and donate 'Feed the Need' pot pie which BARDS will deliver to the Boyertown Area Multi-Service on April 3rd. $10 per quart. Pre-orders END March 6th or when 500 quarts are reached. Pay at pick-up or multiple online payment options available.



300 have been ordered so far, but BARDS needs YOUR help to reach the goal of 500! BARDS is raising funds to help pay for a large concrete pad under the pool pavilion and other items for the Bally Community Pool. To volunteer for this fundraiser, other events or for any questions, please call (484) 241-5490.

NOTE: Non 'pot pie donations' can now be made online at www.ballyrec.org/donate Donate once OR set up a small monthly contribution.
Stay tuned for more local upcoming fun activities and follow BARDS online at Facebook.com/ballyrec for local area announcements

BALLY LIONS CLUB NEWS

Bally Easter Egg Hunt. Our local traditional Easter Egg Hunt is BACK! SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023 AT 1 PM in the Bally Community Park. Bring your kiddos and their Easter baskets. Egg hunting spaces will be divided by age groups. Park anywhere around the park and look for the Lions Club members around the covered Pavilions. Egg Hunt begins at 1PM.
Hometown Hero Banners. 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 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 or by calling (484) 241-5490. Deadline for new banner applications is March 31st
Free Medical Lending Equipment Lending Program. The Bally Lions Club has wheelchairs, hospital beds, walkers and commodes available for use to any Borough resident in need. For more information, feel free to contact Donnie Conrad at 610-845-2564.
Porta Potty in the Park. With the permission and help of the Borough, the Lions will be placing a year-round handicap accessible porta potty in the Community Park. It will be located near the side parking lot on North 4th Street.
Scott Moll Scholarship Fund. High School Seniors going to college who live in Bally and Washington Township should contact the Boyertown High School counselor for the scholarship application. Deadline is April 30th. The scholarship award will be a minimum of $1000.
Donations. Your donations are used to support our local community activities. If you would like to donate to the Lions Club, you may make a check payable to Bally Lions Club Charity and mail to:

Bally Lions Club
PO Box 285
Bally, PA 19503

Find the Bally Lions Club online at: Facebook.com/ballylions

2023 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 weekdays
11:00 am to 1:00 pm weekends (4/22 & 8/26)
April 19,20,22,25,26,27 * June 28 * August 22,23,24,26,29,30
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**

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 13th (rain date May 14th) from 10 am to 3 pm. Planned activities include live music, food and drink, a petting zoo, pedal pulls, 50/50 raffle, and kids activities and games. Last year's show was well attended even with some sprinkles, 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 2022 was another record year with over 500 calls for the first time. Forty-four of those calls were in the borough. We responded to fires in structures, vehicles, and brush; for trees and wires down in the roadway; and accidents of all sorts. We are one of the few area departments trained as a Rapid Intervention Teams (RIT), as such we were called to provide this service as well. Our fire police were sent to direct traffic around a variety of emergency scenes.

A large percentage of our dispatches continue to be requests to assist local medics for cardiac arrests, lifting assistance, providing initial patient care, and providing a driver so both crew members can tend to the patient. This part of the modern fire service is so different from when many of us first joined. We also train to maintain proficiency in firefighting, rescue, hazardous materials, CPR, helicopter safety, and other emergencies. We provide public service at schools, scouts and community events. We provide fire and rescue services for Grandview Speedway, an activity not included in the call totals.

Land and building needs continue to be critical as we search for the best spot for a new station, which will effectively serve all five of the municipalities in our coverage area. We continue to examine apparatus needs as we sold three pieces of equipment, ordered two new ones and modified another. Engine 97, Attack 97 and Traffic 97 were all sent to new owners out of state. Rescue Engine 97 is now responding in place of the engine. A new Attack has been ordered, as well as a new Traffic unit. Our Utility truck received a makeover to increase its usefulness and efficiency.

Funding continues to be the most critical long-term need for the department. Our 100% volunteer fire personnel cannot continue to respond to the increasing number of alerts and still be expected hold chicken barbecues, raffles, and boot drives, as well as fill pools to fund the needs of a 21stCentury department.



Our 2023 Fund Drive letter should arrive in your mail shortly. Please be generous

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



BALLY COMMUNITY AMBULANCE

The 2023 Bally Community Ambulance membership forms have been mailed. 2023 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.



Borough Planning Commission

There is one open position 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 Yard Sale Weekend

The Borough will host its first Community Yard Sale Weekend, Saturday, May 6 & Sunday, May 7. Residents are welcome to hold a yard sale on their property WITHOUT a yard sale permit this weekend between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. The Community Yard Sale Weekend will be placed on the Borough Facebook and Website pages. Residents must remove items from their yards prior to Monday morning, in order to keep our small town a beautiful place to live.



Bally Mennonite Church Pancake Breakfast

Bally Mennonite Church will host a pancake breakfast on March 18th, from 7:00 to 10:30 am. Pancakes & French toast, scrapple & sausage, eggs, juices, coffee and tea will all be available at a donation to benefit global refugee relief efforts through Mennonite Central Committee. Come out to fill your belly and support a good cause.

