BALLY BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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Borough Council Monthly Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of every month, at 7:00 PM at the Borough Hall. All residents are welcome to attend.

Mayor: David Schott

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President * Glenn Mutter
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Manager/Treasurer- Wendy Mutter
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Borough Solicitor—Richard T. Curley

Engineering
Systems Design Engineering
Gilmore & Associates

Code Enforcement
Kraft Code Services

Tax Collector: Beth Spaid

Community Events

None Scheduled

Consumer Confidence Report

The 2019 water consumer confidence report will be available for viewing on the Borough website www.co.berks.pa.us/Muni/Bally, after June 1st. Printed copies will also be available for pickup at the Borough office.

Grass Cutting

Ordinance # 174 requires grass to be cut regularly and is not to exceed a height of 4 inches. We also ask that you do not blow grass clippings into the street.

Borough Council Monthly Meetings

1st Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the Borough Hall and on Zoom. Meeting ID is published on the Borough Facebook page and webpage.



Bally Community Pool

In these uncertain times, there is no date set to open the Bally pool. No specific direction has been given by the Governor on community swimming pools except that they are not allowed at this time.

Due to this uncertainty, no season passes will be sold for the 2020 season. We hope the pool will be able to open one day in the future.

2020 TAX COLLECTOR INFORMATION

County/Borough/School Tax Collector: Beth Spaid
Mailing Address: PO Box 173, Bally, PA 19503

The Borough Tax Collector is currently not holding sitting dates due to the "stay at home"
orders issued by the Governor. All tax payments should be mailed to the address on the tax bill. Anyone with questions may call 610-845-9590 after 4:30 PM.
***If you have more than one bill, you may put all of the payments on one check.

BALLY LIONS CLUB NEWS



Dennis Hafer, a familiar face to the Bally Community, passed away May 8, 2020. Denny and wife Audrey (Moser) have resided in the borough since 1975. He was a dedicated member of the Bally Lions Club for 40 years, serving as Secretary for many of those years, and was awarded numerous Lions International awards. If you came for the Pancake Breakfast, it was Denny who greeted you at the door. You most likely saw him spending endless hours working at the park, trail and new shed, the Christmas Tree Lighting, the Halloween and Santa Parades, picking up trash (with the Lions Club) along Route100, and hanging the Veterans Banners along Main Street. Denny was the guy who took it upon himself to clean, disinfect and repair all donated medical equipment that came and went to anyone in need in the surrounding area. He was a member of the Goodwill Fire Company, Bally Fire Company Golf League and Miller Blood Bank, and a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Boyertown. Lions International is affiliated with the blind and blind associations. Denny worked closely with and served on the Board of Directors for the Vision Resource Center of Berks County (aka Berks County Association for the Blind) in Reading, PA. In 2018 he was nominated and awarded Citizen of the Year in the surrounding Boyertown area.

Dennis Hafer was truly a dedicated member of the Bally community and beyond. He will be and is truly missed by many!

From Eastern Berks Fire Department

Eastern Berks Fire is as busy as ever with 96 calls in the first quarter, 13 of them in Bally. Normally we would be reporting on the intense house fire in Bally in February, as well as the other structure fires we fought, the early and intense start to the brush fire season, and vehicle crashes, some with entrapment, plus six others involving poles hit and wires down.

However, it has been the COVID19 virus which has caused major changes in our world, as well as our fire department. Social distancing is impossible in apparatus and a challenge of on scenes. We've had to rethink and modify responses to every type of call to which we are dispatched. We've had to assemble decontamination kits, set up protocols for distancing at scenes, and close our stations to all but members.

You still receive the professional grade fire and rescue service you have come to expect from our department, but we, like the world around, are forced to adapt. We have also extended an offer to the public to assist in any way we can.

Our funding is taking a major hit during these months. Income from Grandview Speedway, Boot Drives at Jakes, Chicken BBQ's and Pool Fills are all down.

Our annual Fund Drive letter went out in February and is one of the ways we raise funds for apparatus, equipment, upkeep, and maintenance. It is a critical source of income, but does not keep up with rising costs, as we pay for the new rescue truck and continue to explore possibilities for land to consolidate the inadequate stations in Barto and Bechtelsville. We ponder if other municipalities can follow the lead of Bechtelsville, by guaranteeing us an income stream through a dedicated fire tax.

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