BALLY BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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Borough Council 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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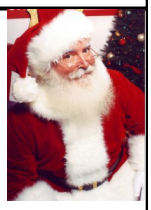
Community Events

Sat Dec 7: Bally Christmas Parade 10:30
Chestnut Street
Santa visit and kid crafts 11:00
Bally Fire Co.
Tree Lighting 6:00 pm
Borough Hall

Sat Dec 21: Lions fruit box delivery 9:00

Sat Feb 1: Lions Night at the Races 6pm
Bally Firehouse .

4th Annual Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting



Yes, Santa Claus is coming to town! Watch Santa and his elves come to Bally in the 4th Annual Bally Holiday Parade on December 7th at 10:00 am. The parade will begin at 9th and Chestnut St and will conclude at the Bally Firehouse. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be receiving children from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon in the social hall. There will be crafts and a coloring contest for the kids. The Firehouse will have refreshments for purchase. Basket raffle ticket will be available for purchase, with the winners selected at the tree lighting.

The annual Borough tree lighting will take place at Borough Hall at 6:00 pm. The Lions Club will be providing refreshments, and MBS choir will lead the singing of classic holiday songs. Residents are encouraged to bring a weather resistant ornament to hang on the tree or you can hang one provided by the Borough. All donated ornaments that survived the previous year will be hung on the tree each year.

Bally Area Recreational Development Society

BARDS (formerly known as the Rec Committee) is still working hard to raise funds to save our beloved pool. If you would like to volunteer, please feel free to join the group. They meet at 7:00pm,the second Thursday of every month in the Borough Council room of the Borough office. Everyone is welcome. For more info contact Ballycommunityrec@gmail.com

The group is hosting a craft fair on Nov. 30th at Bally Mennonite Church, 9 am—3 pm, with a basket raffle. Tickets may be purchased at the craft fair and Santa visit. Winners will be drawn at the tree lighting. You do not need to be present to win.

BARDS is currently hosting a Pampered Chef online fundraising party, from Dec. 1 through Dec. 31st. If you would like to order any product please use the following link: Pamperedchef.com/party/ballypool

A portion of each sale will go toward the community pool. The group is actively working on a Pot Pie dinner, and 5 K run fundraisers for Spring. Watch for more information on these events!



Dog walkers, please remember to clean up after your dogs whether walking your dog on the trail or within the Borough. The Borough has received complaints of dog walkers not cleaning up after their pets. Please be respectful of other people's property when walking your dogs. **Dogs are required to be on a leash and under control at all times.**

BALLY COMMUNITY AMBULANCE



2020 memberships for the Bally Community Ambulance are now available. If you did not receive your membership renewal in the mail, forms are available at the Borough Hall. Your membership covers any ambulance fees not covered by your insurance for ambulance transport from your home for family members residing in your home!!

Why aren't you doing something about the roads?

The Borough is well aware of the conditions of the Borough's roads. As much as the Borough would like to have smooth and repaved roads now, we also have storm sewer and sanitary sewer work that needs to get fixed. We are actively working with engineers to correct these problems. When all storm water and sanitary sewer work is complete on a road, the Borough will begin the process of repaving. Public works has been trying to patch the worst pot holes, while also trying to do required work to start storm water and sewer work. This is both a costly and time consuming endeavor and will take years to complete. If you see a pot hole, and it is not already marked with white paint, please let us know and we will put it on the repair list. We realize that you are unhappy with the condition of the roads, but we would like to get the most out of the tax dollars we have each and every year. Repaving a road now, only to come back a year or two later and open it up to do this work, will end up costing residents more.

BALLY LIONS CLUB NEWS

The Lions Club hung the Christmas wreaths and banners along Main St. in the Borough in November. Please thank a member today for the many things the club does for the Borough!!

The Lions Club is also responsible for the walking trail that has been installed in the park. The trail will be open for use by all residents weather permitting. The Borough will not be able to clear the path during inclement weather. You will be walking at your own risk.

Fruit bags will be delivered to senior citizens in the Borough on December 21st around 9am. If you are 65 or older, a widow or widower of any age, or a member of the clergy and did not receive a fruit box, please contact Dennis Hafer 610-845-7877 to be added to the list.

The Lions Club is hosting a fundraiser "Night at the Races" on Feb 01, 2020 at 6pm at the Bally Firehouse. Please contact Dennis Hafer for more info 610-845-7877

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 Dennis Hafer at 610-845-7877.

A Message from Eastern Berks Fire Department

The third quarter of 2019 was busy and tragic, as we responded to 89 incidents, including a number of structure fires. One of those fires involved a fatality, in spite of heroic efforts of fire-fighters who rescued two resident from the home. Another was a silo fire, at which firefighters spent parts of two days getting at the seat of the burning grain and removing it from the silo.

In addition to structure fires, we responded to a combine fire, water rescues and flooded roads, trees blocking roadways, fire police responses for traffic control, assists to medics for medical emergencies, motor vehicle crashes, and hazardous materials incidents.

Our almost new, 2015 Spartan Rescue-Engine is now being painted and refitted to accommodate our rescue tools and equipment. We hope to have it in service by the time you read this newsletter. With only four years use in New Jersey, it has seating for six, a 2000 GPM pump, 500 gall tank, 3 cross-lays, generator and LED lighting. The $370,000 cost is being paid through generous donations from area businesses, municipalities, a 2% PA State loan, department funds from savings, and our annual fund drive!

With heat season upon us, please make sure your heaters and/or chimneys have been cleaned, and your smoke/carbon monoxide detectors are working. Have a fire safe Christmas. Follow us on our website at EasterBerksFire.com or on Facebook.



GOING GREEN REMINDER!!!

If you would prefer to receive your newsletter and other flyers via email instead of mail, please send an email with your name and street address to:
bally@comcast.net
This saves the Borough paper and printing costs and is good for the environment!!!

SEVERE WEATHER INFORMATION



In the event of severe weather, please contact the Borough to inform us of any damage to your home or property. We must report this information to Berks County in case assistance becomes available.

WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION

Please remember to check WFMZ online or TV, when severe winter weather is forecasted. The Borough will post all snow emergency information to this channel and residents are reminded that all vehicles must be removed from the **snow emergency routes** as soon as possible. If you do not move your vehicle within one hour of the snow emergency declaration, you may be ticketed or towed at your expense. Any plowable snow event will trigger a snow emergency. If possible, we ask that vehicles be removed from non-emergency routes to allow for better plowing of Borough Streets. All sidewalks are to be cleared within 24 hours of the end of a snow event. Please wait to clear driveways and sidewalks until the Borough has finished plowing so we do not plow shut the driveway you just cleared.

Reminder, residents are NOT permitted to place snow into the street, or on a neighboring property without permission.