BALLY BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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Borough Council meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month, 7:00 PM at the Borough Hall. Residents are welcome to attend.

Mayor - David Schott

Borough Council:
President - Glenn Mutter
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Borough Manager - Wendy Mutter

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Tax Collector- Beth Spaid

Community Events

Dec 2 - 6:30pm Santa visitation at the Bally Senior Center
Dec 2- 7pm Tree Lighting and raffle drawing at Borough Hall
Dec 2- 7-10:30 am Pancake Breakfast at Bally Mennonite Church
Dec 16 - Lions Club Fruit Bag Delivery
January: BARDS Pot Pie Ordering begins

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting and Santa Visit



Yes, Santa Claus is coming to town December 2nd! Santa and his elves will be receiving children from 6:30 to 7 pm at the Bally Senior Center (attached to Borough Hall). The tree lighting will take place at 7 pm, with refreshments provided by the Bally Lions Club and MBS choir will lead the singing of classic holiday songs. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase beginning at 5:00 pm for the BARDS cedar chest and basket drawing, with the winner selected after the tree lighting.



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 COMMUNITY AMBULANCE

2024 memberships for the Bally Community Ambulance will be mailing shortly. If you do not receive your membership renewal in the mail, please contact the Borough office. We will let you know if the memberships have mailed and blank forms will be available at Borough Hall. Your membership covers any ambulance fees NOT covered by your insurance for ambulance transport from your home to the hospital for those on the membership.





Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Bally Mennonite Church will host a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, December 2nd, 7-10:30 am at the church located across from Redner's mini market.

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

Cost is donation of any amount and proceeds will benefit the Bally Community Preschool, providing quality Christian education for children ages two through five. This is a great way to enjoy

BALLY LIONS CLUB NEWS

The Bally Lions Club hopes you enjoy the Main Street Christmas decorations! All new seasonal banners were added and the giant LED snowflakes are again on display. They are made possible only because of your support.

The Lions Club walking trail in the park will be available for use during Winter months weather permitting. The Borough will not be able to clear the path during inclement weather. You will be walking at your own risk!

Holiday Fruit Bags will be delivered to seniors 65+, clergy, widows and widowers on Saturday December 16th beginning at 9am. If you are unable to eat the fruit provided, please consider donating it to Boyertown Multi Service. A drop box is located at Borough Hall. If you are new to the Borough or turned 65 this year and would like to be added to the list, please contact the Lions at 484-241-5490.

Please join us at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 2nd, at Borough Hall. The club will be providing free refreshments for those in attendance (while supplies last).

The Bally Lions Club has wheelchairs, hospital beds, walkers and various other home medical equipment available for use to any Borough resident in need. For more information, feel free to contact Rick 484-358-6496 or Donnie (610-845-2564).

If you appreciate the contributions your local Lions Club provides and would like to send a donation this Holiday Season, please send checks to:

Bally Lions
PO Box 285
Bally, PA 19503

You can follow the Bally Lions on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/ballylions

Bally Area Recreational Development Society (BARDS)

Thank you immensely for your support of BARDS in 2023, we wish you a wonderful holiday season! Because of your generous donations, BARDS was able to donate over $10,000 in in-kind donations to the pool and park this year! BARDS is now seeking 2024 Fence Banner Sponsors at the pool. If you know a business that would like to show their community support, contact Joshua 484-241-5490

Coming Up: BARDS Holiday Gift Basket Raffle is coming! Our grand prize this year is a rare antique cedar chest made in Bally in the 1920s, with a value of over $700! Come buy your tickets on Dec. 2nd starting at 5 pm in the Borough Council room prior to the tree lighting ceremony. Drawing is after the tree lighting, WINNERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT. To purchase tickets in advance, call 484-241-5490. Winners can pick up their prizes at the Borough Hall during normal business hours.

Spring 2024... We are hoping to raise $3000 with our annual Pot Pie Fundraiser so we can sealcoat the pool parking lot. We are also trying to raise $2000 to repaid a broken slide in the playground!

BARDS volunteers are ALWAYS needed! Please consider donating or getting involved. Many hands make for light work. Interested? Call (484)241-5490 or find us on our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/ballyrec



A Message from Eastern Berks Fire Department

These last few months have been marked with accidents, structure fires, medical assists, and alarms. Overall, we responded to 162 incidents from July through October, 19 of which were in Bally. Those calls don't include the accident in early November which took out a pole and caused Main St to be closed for hours.

In October, your fire department made it's annual round of Fire Prevention visits to local schools, preschools and daycares. These visits are opportunities for children to become acquainted with fire fighters, equipment, and apparatus. They occur because our personnel take time off from work to serve you and those in this place we all call home.

We have recently begun to experience an uptick in "Automatic Crash Notifications." Sent not only by vehicles, but now by smart phones, these alerts must be investigated to determine if there is an actual incident and need for emergency services. More time responding and serving the community!

We continue to work on site development for the new station on Route 100. The expenses involved in this project, our regular operating budget, as well as our apparatus replacement expenses are reasons steady dedicated funding is critical for us to deliver the high-quality fire and rescue service you have come to expect of us. Chicken Barbecues, Grand View 50/50's and Raffles will not fund a modern fire department.



Updates from the Borough Office

The Borough is in the process of implementing a new water/sewer billing system. The system will allow for email and text billing as well as conventional US mail. The system also has features for online bill payments and monthly bank drafts. These features will take some time to set up and activate. We hope to have these payment options available for the March 2024 bill.

The Borough continues to work on the playground area behind the Borough office. This project was made possible by a State grant and includes a new basketball court, storm water system and playground equipment that includes swings and an embankment slide and hopefully more. Progress will be stalled during the winter, but we hope to pick up the pace in Spring.

The Borough is currently working with engineers on a sewer/storm water project along areas of North and South 7th Street. Once this project is complete we will be able to pave South 7th Street.

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 **posted 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.