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 always welcome to attend.

Mayor - David Schott

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

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Solicitor- R. Tim Curley

Code Enforcement
Kraft Municipal Group

Engineers
Systems Design Engineering

Tax Collector- Beth Spaid

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting and Santa Visit



Yes, Santa Claus is coming to town December 7th! Santa and his elves will be receiving children from 6:30 to 7 pm at the Bally Senior Center (attached to Borough Hall). Children's craft and holiday coloring will be available. The tree lighting will take place at 7 pm with refreshments provided by the Bally Lions Club. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase beginning at 5:00 pm for the BARDS 50/50 drawing, with the winner selected after the tree lighting.
The Borough will be selling the replaced street signs in the council room beginning at 5:00 pm



Residents are encouraged to bring a weather resistant ornament to hang on the tree or you can hang one provided by the Borough. Donated ornaments that survived the previous year will be hung on the tree each year.

BALLY COMMUNITY POOL

2025 pool memberships for the Bally Community Pool are available for gift giving purchase. Applications are available on the Ballyboro.org website. Membership applications received prior to December 10th will have the membership cards mailed to the purchaser. After this date, membership cards will be available for pickup at the Borough office or pool when open.



Community Events

Dec 7 - 6:30pm Santa visitation at the Bally Senior Center
Dec 7 - 5:00pm Street sign and 50/50 Raffle tickets sale
Dec 7- 7pm Tree Lighting
Dec 14 - Lions Club Fruit Bag Delivery

2024 TAX COLLECTOR INFORMATION

County/Borough/School Tax Collector: Beth Spaid
Mailing Address: PO Box 173, Bally, PA 19503
Sitting Location: 204 S 7th Street, Bally, PA
Hours: weekdays 5:00—7:00 pm, weekends 11:00 am—1:00 pm
Sitting Dates: December 26
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.
***Multiple tax bills may be put on one check.
***Requests for mailed receipts require a self-addressed stamped envelope included with payment

BALLY LIONS CLUB NEWS

Our local Lions are proud to serve the Bally Community. We hope you enjoy the Main Street Holiday decorations! Your contributions help make it possible.

Upcoming Lions Calendar:

Please join us at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 7th, at Borough Hall. The club will be providing free refreshments for those in attendance (while supplies last). Bring your neighbors!

The Lions Holiday Fruit Bag Distribution is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, December 14th. If you are 65+, clergy, a widow/widowers and have never received a bag before, please call Lion Lee Heffner at 484-838-9097. If you are unable to eat the fruit provided, please consider donating it to Boyertown Multiservice.

Our year round Medical Equipment Lending Program helps those in need of hospital equipment at home. Need equipment? Call Donnie 610-845-2564 or Rick 484-358-6496.

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 Club
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)

A sincere thanks to all BARDS supporters! This year BARDS was able to sealcoat the pool parking lot, obtain staff parking signs, powerwash the pool deck, replace the tetherball in the park, host the annual Dog Swim and Trunk or Treat, participate in the Halloween Parade and throw a great local Craft show!

Coming Up: Holiday Raffle Fundraiser on Saturday December 7th at the Bally Tree Lighting ceremony. Please help us with this very last fundraiser of the year. Show up early to get your tickets. Drawing is after the tree lighting,



BARDS volunteers are ALWAYS needed! Email events@ballyrec.org or call (484)241-5490 or find us on our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/ballyrec



Public works recently replaced all of the street signs in the Borough due to regulation changes. We will be offering the replaced Street signs for sale on December 7th starting at 5:00 pm in the Borough Council meeting room. All street names are available, but the number and condition of signs vary by name. Cost per sign is $20 and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

A Message from Eastern Berks Fire Department

Eastern Berks Fire Department has responded to 381 incidents in the first ten months of 2024. Thirty-nine of those were in Bally. In October alone, we were sent to 54 calls.

These last few months have been marked by structure fires, trees and wires, vehicle accidents, medical assists, requests for fire police, and especially brush fires. The extreme drought has caused very dry conditions which allow even a spark to set fields, woods, and structures ablaze.

When dispatched, we never know what we will encounter, but always try to be prepared. One of those incidents occurred on Wednesday Sept 18th, when the department was dispatched for a report of an accident on Rt 100 in Washington Township with injuries, entrapment and fire involving a vehicle into the side of a fully loaded gasoline tanker. It could have been a catastrophic event, but fortunately was not.

Among many training events the past few months, were instruction on a new kind of encapsulating foam, and CPR recertification.

Our new Attack truck is currently being built by Marcos Equipment in Honey Brook for delivery in the Spring of 2025, after the original supplier couldn't produce the unit until 2026.

Our rescue truck is now housed at our new building at Rt 100 and Hoffmansville Rd, while we continue to use the old stations in Bally and Bechtelsville.

Please practice fire safety this holiday season and throughout the year.

Thank you for your support. Follow your volunteers on our website – www.easternberksfire.com or on Facebook.



News from the Borough Office

The Borough has received a $366,000 LSA grant for a building expansion to provide adequate work space for the police department. The application included other renovations to the office space (vestibule and service window), an ADA ramp, and an emergency generator. The Borough received less than half of the funds requested, and therefore applied again in 2024 for the remainder of fund needed.

The park renovations were also made possible by a grant. The new swing set has been a big hit with the children. An embankment slide and sand diggers are also on the wish list of equipment to add to the playground.

The Borough has also budgeted to complete storm water repair, sewer lateral lining and repaving of North and South 7th Street in 2025. A portion of Elm Street will also be paved. Road paving is decided based on condition, use and readiness to pave. We are aware there are other roads in desperate need of paving, but those roads may need additional sewer or storm water work prior to paving.

WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION



Please remember to check WFMZ online or TV, when 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.