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

Secretary - Tammy Wood

Solicitor- R. Tim Curley

Code Enforcement
Kraft Municipal Group

Engineers
Systems Design Engineering

Tax Collector- Beth Spaid

Community Events

Dec 6 - 6:30pm Santa visit at the Bally Senior Center
Dec 6 - 6:00pm 50/50 Raffle tickets sale
Dec 6 - 7pm Tree Lighting
Dec 20 - Lions Club Fruit Bag Delivery

Holiday Tree Lighting and Santa Visit



Yes, Santa Claus is coming to town December 6th! 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 6:00 pm for the BARDS 50/50 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. Donated ornaments that survived the previous year will be hung on the tree each year.

WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION



Residents are reminded that all vehicles must be removed from the **posted snow emergency routes** as soon as possible during snow events. If you do not move your vehicle within one hour of measurable snow, 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 shovel or blow snow into the street, or on a neighboring property without permission.

Most importantly, be considerate and help each other out. Not everyone has the same ability or equipment to clear snow. Let's get back to a time when neighbors worked together to get sidewalks and parking areas cleared.

2025 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 30
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 6th, 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 20th. 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. A drop box is located at the Borough office front door.

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.

Donations for the many local Lions Club activities can be sent 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, with your much appreciated support, BARDS was able to raise over $5000 for future drinking water fountain in the park, provide a pop-up tent and weights to the pool staff and replace the tetherball in the park.

Coming Up: Holiday Raffle Fundraiser on Saturday December 6th. Sales will begin at 6:00 and the drawing will happen during 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



Dog walkers, please remember to clean up after your dogs, whether walking your dog in the park walking trail or Borough sidewalks. The Borough continues to receive complaints of dog walkers not cleaning up after their pets. Dog waste bags are available at dog waste stations throughout the park. Please be respectful of other people's property. **All dogs are required to be on a leash and under control at all times according to State and local laws.**



A Message from Eastern Berks Fire Department

The summer of 2025 began with damaging storms that slammed the region, and within a few hours we were sent to more than 20 calls for trees down, wires across roadways, water rescues, and flooded roads & basements.

Although we respond to crashes on a regular basis, there was one two-week period when we were sent to three motor vehicle accidents with fatalities within two weeks. Despite experience and training, those kinds of calls take a toll on our all-volunteer crew.

Before October ended, we had already reached 400 dispatches for the year as we continued to be busy with fires, accidents, medical assists, numerous calls for trees and wires, and a specialized rescue.

Eastern Berks Fire Department took delivery on its newest apparatus on October 31. "Attack 97" was built by Marco Equipment Company in Honey Brook, and will serve as first out apparatus on a variety of types of calls.

An "attack" truck is a mini pumper that can respond quickly and get into tight spaces in rural areas. Attack 97 is built on a Ford F550 cab and chassis, and has a 750 gallon per minute pump, a 300 gallon water tank, and a 20 gallon foam tank, and seats four firefighters.

Built for approximately $500,000, it is half the cost of a full size engine, but can do much of the same work. It will be placed into service shortly.

We continue to plan ahead to serve you and your neighbors, and are thankful for your support.

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 was awarded a $366,000 "no match" LSA grant for a building expansion to provide adequate work space for the police department and minor renovations to the general office space (vestibule and service window). The project is out to bid now and hopefully will be within budget and will begin early Spring 2026. Although the Borough's application included funds for an ADA ramp and an emergency generator, the Borough received less than half of the funds requested. The Borough will continue to apply to this "no match" grant to add these items in the future.

The playground renovations have been made possible by a "no match" $100,000 gaming grant and are moving along. The new swing set has been a big hit with the children and a new see saw and climber have been installed. Two embankment slides (one large ,one small), some sand diggers, a merry-go-round and teacup spinners are on their way and hope to be installed by summer. The project started with the basketball court, which gets used almost daily, and storm water work to keep the area free from standing water.

The Borough will continue storm water pipe and box repairs and has also budgeted for a sewer pipe repair on the 500 block of Elm Street. Crack sealing maintenance for some roads and large patches on others, are all in the 2026 budget. Funds have also been dedicated for future road paving. It takes at least 3 years to save up the funds required to pave 5-8 blocks of borough streets. The choice of which streets get paved during each project is made by taking into consideration remaining under street work yet to be completed, the condition of the street, the usage of the street, and the combination of roads that matches the funds available

. Please be patient, we will get to all the streets in need of paving in the future!