



Bally Borough NewsLetter

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BALLY GETS LIT FOR THE HOLIDAYS 7TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST

Show your holiday spirit by decorating your home and competing with you neighbors in the 7th annual Bally Holiday Light Contest.

The week prior to Christmas, the committee will look at all the decorated homes in town and vote on their favorites. Announcements will be made after the holidays through posters at the Post Office, Bally Branch of National Penn Bank, Sobjak's Market, and Borough Hall.

Prizes:

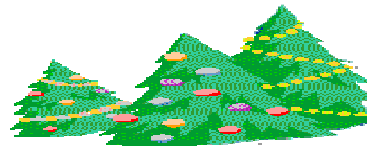
1st Place - \$200.00 Gift Certificate from Fronheiser Pools

2nd Place - \$100.00 Cash Prize from Bally Block Company

3rd Place - \$50 Savings Bond from National Penn Bank

4th Place - \$25 Gift Certificate from the Main Street Pub

5th Place - Snack Basket from Sobjak's Market



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!!!

From Bally Borough Council Members and Employees

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season

**2008 Remaining Tax
Collection Dates**
County/Borough/School District

October 29 & December 29
Collection hours:
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
**Location: 204 S. 7th Street at the
home of Tax Collector
Beth Spaid**

Bally Police Department

BEWARE OF SCAMS: If anyone comes to your home trying to sell an item or service, ask to see solicitation permit issue by the Borough. All vendors are required to have a permit from the Borough prior to coming to your door. The Police Department checks out all vendors prior to the issuance of a permit.

If a Borough employee needs to come to your house for any reason, you will receive a phone call first. Please do not let anyone into your home that you do not know.

**PLEASE WELCOME
OUR NEW RESIDENTS**

**Matthew Merry & Olivia
Jacobs**
Eric Casey

BOROUGH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETINGS
1st Tuesday at 7 PM at the Borough Hall.
All residents are welcome to attend.

**BALLY COMMUNITY
AMBULANCE**

2009 memberships are payable at the Borough Hall or through the mail to the Ambulance Association. If you do not receive a membership form in the mail, they are available at Borough Hall.

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED - UPDATE

State Representative Doug Reichley, or one of his assistants are now located in the Bally Brook Industrial Park at 20 North Front Street. Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 am – 5:00 pm, This office serves Bally, Barto, Bechtelsville, Hereford, District and Washington Township. They are there to assist residents in numerous areas, most especially Senior Citizens who need help with their taxes, or finding out what they are entitled to, such as rent rebates.

Representative Dough Reichley: Office number 610-845-1425

SNOW SHOVELING

The Diakon Snowstoppers assist the elderly and disabled by shoveling snow in the winter. This service is available to anyone who is unable to shovel snow and does not have family or friends who are able to assist them. The program requires you to sign up ahead of time; they will NOT accept new clients in the midst of a snow storm. This program removes snow from sidewalks and front steps. Driveways are NOT shoveled through this program. Forms are available at Borough Hall. If you cannot make it to Borough Hall, please call and a form will be mailed to you. Forms are also available for anyone who would like to volunteer to be a snowstopper.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Bally Recycling Program



Curbside Pickup 2nd Saturday of every other month – 9:00 AM
The recycling pick-up for 2009 will be during the following months:

January, March, May, July, September, November

Aluminum beverage cans, tin cans, glass: clear, amber and green.

Please make sure all items are clean and separated.

IN CASE OF HEAVY RAIN – PICKUP WILL BE CANCELLED

Newspaper Drop Off: At the Sewer Treatment Plant on South 7th Street (Gehman Road)

9 AM – 11AM, the 3rd Saturday in March, June, September and December.

Newspapers must be bundled and tied.

No magazines please.

Magazines, junk mail, catalogs (no phone books or cardboard) can be recycled by dropping them into the recycling bin located in the Bally Pool parking lot.



Bally Lions Club News

The Borough would like to thank the Bally Lions Club for putting up the Christmas Lights on Main Street. Fruit Baskets will be delivered to the Senior Citizens on December 20, 2008.

On February 28, 2009, the Lions Club is hosting a Night at the Races at the Bally Fire Company.

IMPORTANT WATER/SEWER BILLING NOTICE!!!

In accordance with Ordinance #256, all bills must be paid by the due date to Bally Borough or a 10% penalty fee will be charged. Bills are sent out on the 1st of March, June, September and December. Please make a note of these dates. Payment is due on the last business day of the billing month. If payment is not received by 4:00 PM of the payment date, the penalty fee will be assessed. Failure to receive a bill due to postal issues does not qualify you for an extension or relief of penalty fees. As of December, no one will be relieved of late fees for any reason!! If you have any questions or would like to view Ordinance #256, please contact Borough Hall. Thank you for understanding this matter.

TREE DONATIONS

FRED AND JENNY KEIPER - \$115.00

CAROL QUIGLEY - \$115.00

RICHARD & MARGARET QUIGLEY - \$115.00

ANONYMOUS - \$25.00

BROOKE LAUMAN - \$10.00

BARTO FIRE COMPANY - \$115.00

ANONYMOUS - \$120.00

BALLY SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Saturday, December 20, 2008

1:00 - 3:00 PM



**All children, infants to 10 years old are welcome
to come to the Senior Center to visit
with Santa.**

**Bally Senior Center is located at the Borough Hall at
425 Chestnut Street**

BALLY SENIOR CENTER - 425 CHESTNUT STREET

Membership in the Bally Senior Center is open to anyone 55 years or older. Applications are at the Senior Center or you can see any member. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 PM.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

BALLY BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Kenneth Norton has resigned from the Bally Borough Police Department. Joseph Viola will start as Acting Chief on December 1, 2008. The Borough is looking for another full-time police officer to provide more coverage to the Borough.

GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY

Goodwill Fire Company announces the mailing of its 2008 Fund Drive letters. The firefighters appreciate your generosity. It invites residents to its dinner served the third Wednesday of each month (January - May) from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at its banquet hall on Chestnut Street in Bally. The company will again host the Fisherman's Flea Market on February 22nd. The department is always in need of firefighters and fire police. Join them Monday night at the station on Chestnut Street. Thanks for your support! The company website is www.ballyfire.com.

TAX INCREASE

The tax millage rate will increase from 3.3 mills to 4.1 mills on January 1, 2009. This increase is due to the increased cost of products and services used by the Borough. As you know, this is beyond our control. The reason for the increase from 3.3 to 4.1 is so that the Borough can keep the 4.1 millage for the next several years and should not have to raise taxes again pending any unforeseen problems.

SEWER RATE INCREASE

The sewer rate fees will increase 15% in 2009. The sewer rate for up to 4,000 gallons will increase from \$100.00 to \$115.00. The rate for each 1,000 gallons over 4,000 will increase from \$7.50 to \$8.63. The Borough has an extensive sewer line problem that is being worked on. It is an issue that the state is requiring the Borough to fix in a timely manner. There is a pending grant program that would earmark \$40 million in grant funding for Pennsylvania communities to fix sewer problems. Bally Borough will be applying for a grant when the program is ready. Water rates will not be increasing.

