



**BALLY BOROUGH NEWSLETTER**  
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**2020 FEDERAL CENSUS**

**April 1 is Census Day.** As mandated by the Constitution, the Federal Government conducts a census every decade. The information gathered is used to redistrict House of Representative seats and for distribution of Federal funding. It is very important for everyone to fill out their census form. The census will never ask for personal information, such as social security numbers or bank information. Rather, it focuses on collecting the number of individuals living in a particular location on a given date. Residents should begin receiving census letters on March 12th. The letter will contain a web address for online responding. For those that do not have computer access, local libraries are offering use of computers. A phone number will be included for telephone response or you can call to request a paper copy of the census.

**POOL FILL CREDIT**

Anyone requesting a credit for filling their swimming pool **must** fill out the pool fill credit form included in this mailing. Pool fills occurring in May, June and July can be submitted on one form and returned to the Borough office no later than August 16th for credit on the September water/sewer bill. You must collect a meter reading before starting the fill and after you stop. If filling over multiple days, readings must be taken daily and water should not be left running overnight.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Now - March 22: Pot Pie quart ordering**  
**March 28: Pot Pie pick-up community pool**  
**April 11: Lions Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 pm Bally Park**  
**April 19: Lions Club Breakfast 7-12 Fire Co. Social Hall**  
**May 23: Lions Storage Garage open house and dedication ceremony**

**BALLY COMMUNITY AMBULANCE**

The 2020 Bally Community Ambulance membership forms have been mailed. 2020 membership dues may be dropped off at the Borough Hall or mailed to:  
 Bally Community Ambulance Association  
 PO Box 353  
 Bally, PA 19503

If you have not received a membership form, blank forms are available at the Borough Hall.





### **Bally Community Pool NEEDS Your Support in 2020**

Constructed in the late 1960's, the Bally Community Pool is in need of major repairs. The estimated replacement cost is \$250,000 & annual operating expenses are about \$60,000. While not the biggest Borough expense, recent declines in seasonal memberships and attendance have the Council and local pool supporters concerned about its future. Additionally, each winter, the pool is at the mercy of Mother Nature as to the severity of weather related damage.

At this time, the Borough has not yet determined if the pool can re-open for 2020. The decision is still pending. If winter damage is NOT too severe and smaller repairs are possible, then the pool WILL re-open. However, if the damage is too great, it could be closed for good. Bally simply does not have funds to completely replace it. Do you think the pool should remain a fixture of our community, and that it provides value to our Borough?? **PLEASE show your support.**

- 1.) **FEEDBACK:** Take the 2020 Pool Survey: <https://ballyrec.org/survey>
- 2.) **SUPPORT BARDS:** The Bally Area Recreational Development Society (BARDS) conducts fundraisers and events year-round to help fund repairs and to promote the pool and other park amenities.
- 3.) **ATTEND:** Purchase of seasonal memberships, use of "day passes" and rent the pool pavilion for birthdays, parties, family reunions, club & company events. Interested? Call (610) 845-2351 for details.

**NEW! FREE Wifi internet access at the pool (pending re-opening). Paid for by BARDS.**



### **BALLY LIONS CLUB NEWS**

The Bally Lions Club will be holding its' annual Easter Egg Hunt at Bally Community Park, Saturday, **April 11th** at 1:00 PM (rain date Sunday, April 12th) **for children ages 10 and under.**



Bally Lions Club Breakfast will be held at the Bally Fire Hall Sunday, **April 19th** from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm

The Bally Lions Club is expanding the Hometown Hero Banner program. Banners can be purchased for veterans and emergency responders. Look for the enclosed form for more information and costs on the program.

### **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT BUILDS LIONS CLUB STORAGE SHED**

The Bally Lions Club recently partnered with Boy Scout Billy Geiger from Troop 291 Sassamansville, Pa. to build an equipment storage building. Scout Geiger used this project as his Eagle Scout Project. He conceived the idea, helped raise funds, attended planning meetings and organized work crews. Bally Lions and volunteers put in over 500 man-hours during the construction. The Club plans to use the shed to store hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, showers crutches and canes that it loans free of charge to the community. The building is located along 4<sup>th</sup> Street, in the community park, next to the Community Walking Trail, which was the club's legacy project in 2017.

**Area citizens are invited to an open house/dedication ceremony at the building on Saturday, May 23, 2020, beginning at 10 am.** Free hot dogs and beverages will be provided to all that attend. Come on out and congratulate Billy on his successful project and see what the Lions Club has to offer. **Hope to see you there!**

**2020 TAX COLLECTION DATES**

County/Borough/School Tax Collector, Beth Spaid

Location: 204 S. 7th Street, Bally, PA 19503

Collection Hours: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on weekdays

11:00 am to 1:00 pm weekends (4/25 & 8/22)

April 21,22,23,25,28,29 \* June 25 \* August 18, 19, 22, 25, 26, 27,  
October 28 and December 29

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.

**\*\*\*If you have more than one bill, you may put all of the payments on one check.**

**\*\*\* The Bally Borough Council meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 PM in the council room at the Borough Hall. All residents are encouraged to attend.**

**Snow Emergency Route Reminder**

**During any snow event, please remember to remove your vehicle(s) from the roadway. This allows the Borough to plow snow more effectively and protects your car from salt spreading. In the even of a heavy snow, a snow emergency will be posted on WFMZ news. Cars parked on snow emergency routes will be ticketed during a snow emergency.**

**From Eastern Berks Fire Department:**

During 2019, we responded to 418 incidents, of those 50 were in Bally Borough. Calls included structure fires, brush fires, water rescues, roadways blocked by water and trees, medical assists, motor vehicle accidents, requests for fire police, and assists to other departments. Three separate accidents caused closures of Rt 100 for hours at a time, putting a strain on fire police for traffic control.

On New Year's Day our new Rescue Engine arrived in the borough. It has been painted, lettered, equipped, and placed into service. It is an excellent addition to our fire and rescue apparatus and we thank those who have already help pay a portion of it.

Our annual Fund Drive Letter is in the mail. This mailing is one of the ways we raise funds for apparatus, equipment, upkeep, and maintenance by asking the public to support our efforts each year It is a critical source of income, but does not keep up with rising costs, as we pay for the new rescue truck and continue to explore possibilities for land to consolidate the inadequate stations in Barto and Bechtelsville.

You can follow our work on Facebook. We are always in need of firefighters, fire police and other volunteers. You may complete applications online

at [www.EasternBerksFire.com](http://www.EasternBerksFire.com)

## POT PIE QUART SALE

Members of BARDS (Bally Area Recreational Development Society) have organized a PA Dutch chicken pot pie Quart Sale fundraiser to promote recreational activities in our community. **No cost pre-orders are being taken until March 22nd** -Cost at pickup is just **\$8 per quart**.

**Payment & Pickup Day is Saturday, March 28th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, at the Bally Community Pool.** The recipe is the same as that served at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bechtelsville, with homemade noodles, vegetables and a thicker, stew-like consistency. Over 100 quarts have been ordered already! BARDS still needs your help to reach its goal of 250 orders. Help spread the word to friends, family and co-workers and place your order ASAP.

Place your order online at [www.BallyRec.org/potpie](http://www.BallyRec.org/potpie), in-person at the Borough office or by phone by calling (484) 241-5490 or (610) 845-2351. Providing an email or cell phone number will allow you to receive a reminder message closer to the pick up date.



BALLY AREA RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY FUNDRAISER

# PA DUTCH CHICKEN POT PIE "QUART SALE"

Feb 1- Mar 22

Pick-up: Mar 28 at Community Pool

**\$8 per Quart**

**Bally Borough Office**

**425 Chestnut Street, Bally PA**

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**Online: [BallyRec.org/potpie](http://BallyRec.org/potpie)**