

The **ECONOMY** *Connection*

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Big Sewickley Creek Watershed Group Has Formed

Water is life! But, too much and you have flooding, and too little can lead to drought. We've

seen both of these over the years and now a group has formed that hopes to influence the impacts of future events. We are organizing our efforts and planning effective water conservation and flood prevention activities by forming a Watershed group. Many different ideas, such as clean-up and education have also been discussed.

We all live in a watershed, a region of land that drains water to a common outlet such as a stream or a river. Our watershed is the Upper Ohio River Watershed, and one of

its major streams is Big Sewickley Creek. The Big Sewickley Creek Watershed

Association was formed for all those citizens living and working within this Watershed who are concerned with existing and future watershed issues.

The Association will analyze watershed problems, provide information, and search for solutions. A generous donation has been secured for the start-up of this organization. Some of us met with the Department of Environmental Protection and Allegheny County Conservation District to obtain their advice. We also have support from the Student Service Learning Center at Quaker Valley High School.

If you are interested in learning more about this new and exciting endeavor, please contact Susan Barness at 724-266-2095. We look forward to accomplishing great things working together!

And on a related note ...

The Borough continues to monitor for illicit discharges that can make their way into streams of the Commonwealth, which includes the tributaries that make up the Big Sewickley Creek watershed. Under the 1972 Federal Clean Water Act the Borough is required to track down illegal discharges and eliminate them.

Recreation ... Upcoming events

March 25th – Saturday bus day trip to Seneca Casino in Niagara Falls, New York. Within walking distance to the Falls. 6+ hours of Casino fun. Must be at least 21, \$40 per person. Call Bob Hideck at 724-869-2548 or Audrey Mutschler at 724-869-4324 for more information.

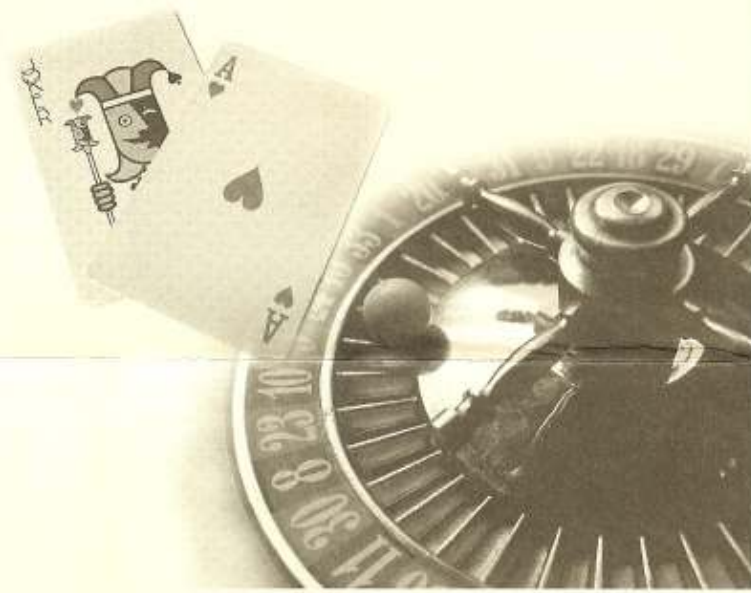
May 13th – Annual 5k run/walk on the cross country course through beautiful Old Economy Park. This Saturday race starts at 9 am with early registration at the barn at 8 am. Call Audrey Mutschler at 724-869-4324 for more information.

May 21st – Economy Recreation's Fun-Fore-All-Family fun day. Discount passes available for 2, 3 and 4 hour blocks of time. May be used any time after May 21st but must be used before Labor Day. Contact Bob Hideck prior to May 21st at 724-869-2548 for more information.

Summer Camps 2006

Dates have not been set yet for our FREE summer camps for Basketball, Volleyball and hopefully Tennis. Call Bob Hideck for registration details at 724-869-2548.

The Recreation Board is looking for new members. If you'd like to get involved and help improve recreational opportunities call Bob or the borough office.



Summer Help

Economy Borough is accepting applications for part-time summer help. Applicants must be at least 16 and have experience using both push and riding mowers, weed-eaters and other hand tools.

In addition to grass cutting and landscaping, the position assists the custodian with painting, general maintenance, custodial duties and other tasks as they arise. Morning hours, approximately 25 hours per week, with some flexibility. Must pass a pre-employment physical, including drug screening, at borough expense. Applications can be picked up at the Borough Office at 2856 Conway Wallrose Road between 8:30 and 4:30.

Preference will be given to borough residents. Pay is anticipated to be in the \$7.00 to \$7.50 range depending on experience.

Census? That Doesn't Happen Again Until 2010, Right? ... Wrong!

In an effort to maintain more current data, the Census Bureau is changing how often it collects certain information. You may recall during the 2000 census some people received a "short form," which counted population, and others received a "long form," which collected demographic and other data. The long form information is now being collected on a continual basis via the Bureau's "American Community Survey." Keeping this information current helps determine where certain federal programs need to be focused and it helps businesses decide where to locate.

Everyone who receives an American Community Survey form is required to fill it out or you will be called by the Bureau and eventually visited by them.

Bureau employees face stiff fines and incarceration if the information collected is misused. The Bureau asks that everyone who receives the survey to fulfill their duty by completing it and mail it back to them.

Did you know???

- ... The median age of Economy residents is 41.6 years
- ... The median household income is \$52,446 (year 2000)
- ... The median house value is \$112,600 (year 2000)

Races in Economy:

White Non-Hispanic (98.0%)

Black (0.7%)

Two or more races (0.5%)

Ancestries:

German (31.4%), Irish (17.7%), Italian (16.7%), Polish (11.5%), English (8.8%), Slovak (5.7%).

Source: www.city-data.com

Join Us!

Economy Senior Citizens Looking for New Members

The Economy Senior Citizens invite the borough's seniors to join their group. Economy residents aged 55 and older are eligible to join to make new friends and rekindle old acquaintances.

Covered dish lunches are held the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Fire Department's Social Hall on Conway Wallrose Road. Bingo, cards and other activities follow some of the meetings. Annual dues of \$7.00 are all it will take to get started.

To find out more please call Carmen Petroff at 724-266-6279.

CHANGE Council Meeting CHANGE

Borough Council meets at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers in the Municipal Building on the second Tuesday and fourth **Tuesday** of each month. The Municipal Building is located at 2856 Conway Wallrose Road and you are welcome to attend the meetings.

Connect With Your Customers ... Advertise With Us!

The Economy Connection is now selling advertising space to businesses located within or near the borough. The Connection is sent to over 3,700 residences and businesses in February, June and October each year giving your business a very good promotional opportunity among your most likely customers.

The Connection encourages everyone to patronize those who advertise with us and tell them you saw their ad here.

2006 prices are:

1/8th page (3.75" wide x 2.5" high)
\$90 for one issue
\$170 for remaining two issues

1/4 page (3.75" wide x 5" high)
\$160 for one issue
\$300 for two issues

Ads must be submitted in digital format either as .eps, .tif, or high resolution .jpeg files.

WAGE TAX INFORMATION

The Economy Borough and Ambridge Area School District Wage Tax Office is located at 2852 Conway Wallrose Rd., Economy Municipal Building, Baden, PA 15005.

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm

The office will also be open the following Saturdays in March and April:

March 25 9:00am – 12:00noon

April 1 & 8 & 15 9:00am – 12:00noon

The office will be open on Good Friday, April 14 from 9:00am – 12:00noon.

You should have received your Annual Wage Tax Form in January. If you worked in 2005, including High School and College students, and did not receive a form please contact the office at 724-869-3346 Ext. 77 and a form will be sent to you.

If you did not work in 2005 and received a form, please advise this office if you were unemployed, on disability, retired, a housewife, or full time student, etc with no income.

Please do not disregard the form. We need all forms back, if you are no longer going to work, please note that on the form and we will correct your status so that no additional forms are sent to you.

The dollar amounts reflected on the annual form you received in January are current as of December 2, 2005 when the forms were printed. Employers do not pay the fourth quarter withholding until the end of January. If your wage taxes are withheld by your employer you still have to file the annual wage tax form, which is due by April 17th.

Thank you,
Kay McCandless
Economy Borough Wage Tax Collector

WANTED: Persons To Fill The Boots



The Economy Borough Firematic Program (Jr. Firemen) needs new members to keep the program alive. This valuable program results in new generations of firefighters for the community. Two Firematics recently moved up the ladder and are now full-fledged firefighters. Two others are on the verge of moving up, thus the need to replenish the younger corps.

The Firematic program is not all work; there is plenty of camaraderie and social activities where everyone has a great time. We attend parades, community events and seminars. But when it comes time for training, and the training is hard, it's all business and done right along with the regular firemen. We also attend and teach fire prevention programs.

The Department is looking for boys and girls who want to serve their community in a very

special way. We have father and son teams in the department, so if you're a boy or girl, get your dad to join along with you. **If you have what it takes to fill our boots come join us, we're looking for you.**

While on this subject, we want to thank Representative Sean Ramaley for his continued support of our Jr. Fireman Program. At the Department's Christmas dinner, Representative Ramaley presented a check to the Firematics, the first of five such checks he will be presenting throughout his district. Mr. Ramaley pointed out that state-wide volunteer fire departments are losing members precipitously, but that programs like ours help ensure we'll have the future fire fighters we'll need.

Recycling



Economy Borough Boy Scout Troop 414 would like to thank residents for their support of recycling newspapers, phone books, magazines, aluminum cans and old eye glasses. All of these items are collected at the Borough Building parking lot on Conway Wallrose Road on the second Saturday of each month. Thank you for helping support your Boy Scout Troop and recycling.

and on a related note ...

The next time you drop off your recyclables take a look at the base of the flagpole in front of the Municipal Building. You'll notice that some old cement slabs and shrubbery have been replaced with new decorative bricks and the addition of two new benches.

This was accomplished by Ryan Bray as his Eagle Scout project for Troop 414. Ryan planned the project, determined the specifications and directed the work. Ryan would like to thank all of the members of the Troop for their help and support as well as: Allied Rubber and Rigging Supply for donating a truck, two benches and tools; General Rental Center for half off pricing and a free weekend for several pieces of equipment including a jack hammer; Lowes Home Improvement for masonry paint and other landscaping items; Doren Inc for 220 Stratford brick pavers; A Z Nursery for sand & gravel with free delivery; and R I Lampus Co for half price on sealant and polymeric sand.

The results are terrific and may lead to other Eagle Scout projects that will further enhance the appearance of the Municipal Building.

Contact Information

Borough Office	724-869-4779	
Secretary	x22	ebsecretary@stargate.net
Code Enforcement, Bldg Inspector	x107	
Office Assistant	x44	ebofcasst@stargate.net
Manager	x55	ebmanager@stargate.net
Road Foreman	x66	efitzgerald@stargate.net
Wage Tax Collector	x77	ebwtc@stargate.net

Economy Volunteer Fire Dept (non-emergency numbers)	
Station 1	724-266-3714
Station 2	724-266-0417
Station 3	724-869-4381
Social Hall	724-266-1116
Hall Rental	724-869-2760

Economy Ambulance	724-266-9111	Property Tax Collector	724-869-7092
Emergency Management	724-876-0377	Sewage Authority	724-869-3201
Police Department	724-869-7877	PADOT*	724-774-6610

PADOT owns and maintains all state roads in the Borough, which includes: the Ohio River Blvd (Route 65), Ridge Road Ext (989), Conway Wallrose Rd, Bock Ln/Bradford Park Rd, Golden Grove/Wallrose Hghts, Hoenig Rd, Mason Rd, Hemmerle Rd, Phillips St Ext, Lovi Rd and Big Sewickley Creek**

**Big Sewickley Creek Rd is maintained by PADOT Allegheny County 412-781-3260.

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