

The **ECONOMY** *Connection*

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Recreation Board Activities

The Economy Borough Recreation Board consists of four volunteers who put a lot of their free time into trying to provide various activities for different age groups. If you feel more activities should be made available please step up and become a board member, we're always open to new ideas. The Board is offering the following summer camps:

BASKETBALL: Instruction by the AASD High School Head Coach Ron Rowan. June 12 – June 16.

VOLLEYBALL: Instruction by LaRoche College Coach Kassie Ott-Bellaver. July 10 – July 14, 5 pm to 7 pm at the sand volleyball court at Recreation Drive.

Please call Bob Hideck at 724-869-2548 to sign up for these camps.

SELF DEFENSE:

Instruction by Economy Police Officer and Ambridge Jr High School Resource Officer Sam

Orsini. Dates and times to be announced; this camp is for ages 7 to 14. Please call Audrey Mutschler at 724-869-4324 for more information.

All three camps are free for Economy residents, \$25.00 for non-residents. Please visit the Borough's website at www.economyborough.org for more information.

This fall's day-trip to Casino Seneca, Niagara Falls, NY will be on October 28th. For additional information or to sign up early call Carl Protzman at 724-869-7665 or Bob or Audrey at the above numbers.



YMCA *SUMMER CAMPS*

If you have children or grand-children in grades 1 through 6 now is the time to sign them up for one or all ten, week-long summer camps to be provided by the Sewickley Valley YMCA. The camps start Monday June 12th and finish Friday August 18th and include games, snacks and crafts. They will be held at the park behind the Economy Borough Municipal Building on Conway Wallrose Road from 9 am to noon and cost \$27.00 per child per week (financial assistance is available). Applications can be obtained at the Borough office or for more information call Alan Ficca at 412-913-0798 or aficca@sewickleyymca.org.

We don't always agree, but...

Today, more than ever, there is a need to be united and have faith in our country – our country that so many have died for – our country which brings freedom and prosperity to the world...



One small gesture we would like to make on behalf of all Economy residents is to install a taller flagpole in front of the Borough Office that will be suited to hold a larger flag. The cost to do this could be well over \$2,000 and the borough is collecting contributions for this project. If you are interested checks should be made to the Economy Borough Flag Pole Fund and sent to the Borough Office at 2856 Conway Wallrose Road, Baden 15005. If you wish to remain anonymous please indicate this, otherwise contributors will be listed in future editions of the newsletter.

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Applicants/volunteers who want to provide their community a service.

Must be between the age of 14 and 18, must be hard working and desire to learn and provide an important service, and enjoy working as a team.

If this is you, we are looking for you! We have a pair of boots that you can fill. Apply at the Economy Volunteer Fire Department Jr Fire Fighters Program.

Call Nate Cleland – President at 724-869-3998 or Tony Blum – Assistant Fire Chief at 724-869-5435. Application period is always open.



Need a State Road Repaired?

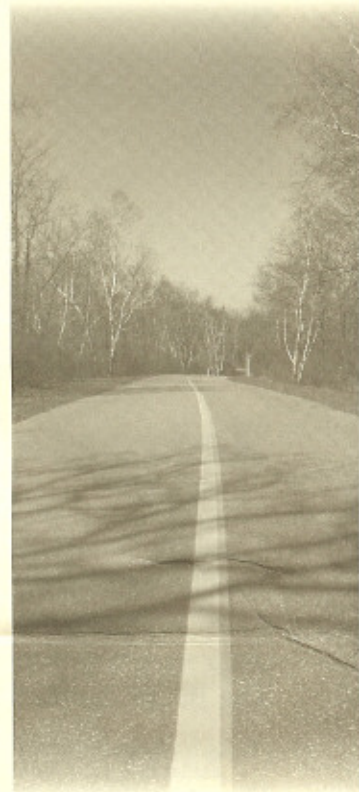
On the last page of nearly every newsletter a list of state owned and maintained roads is provided to remind residents of what the Borough is responsible for and where the State is involved.

In the spring of 2005 Borough representatives met with the manager's of PENNDOT's District 11 to discuss several state roads. Our State Representatives joined us as well as representatives of the Ambridge Area School District and Rhodes Bus Company. The mission was to meet face to face with the people at PENNDOT who have an impact on what happens with our state owned roads, show them what we feel are some of the worst state roads, and bring safety concerns to their attention.. Rhodes Bus Company furnished a bus to tour the area. We made sure all 20 square miles of Economy Borough are on the radar at District 11.

The Borough feels that meeting was very worthwhile and has begun to pay off. Unfortunately, soon after our meeting the head of District 11 retired and it took some time for the new engineer to become familiar with the area, but things seem to be back on track.

Hoenig and Mason roads had some drainage and base repairs this spring. And the hairpin curves have improved site distances, which have been a problem for years. Next year both roads are scheduled to be paved.

If you live on or travel on a state road in need of maintenance please let the Borough Office know. It may take some time but we'll do our best to see that it gets the attention it deserves.



Spring Leaf Recycling

Several residents have inquired about leaf and yard waste recycling in the spring time, so next year the borough will try this for the first time.

To participate you will need to put your leaves and yard waste into paper leaf recycling bags and purchase stickers for each bag from the borough for 50 cents each, the same as the fall leaf recycling program. Look for more information in next February's newsletter.

Information from the Wage Tax Office

Reminder for those who have not returned the 2005 annual wage tax form:

If your wage taxes were withheld by your employer you still need to file your W-2s with the wage tax office. We do not know if this was your only income and we'll verify the withholding has been paid to this office and not sent elsewhere by mistake.

If you had no income and received an annual wage tax form, you still need to file stating you had no income for last year.

If you have an extension on your state and/or federal taxes, you need to provide a copy of the extension form and state how long the extension is good for.

If you moved into Economy last year you need to call to give us your new address and move in date. Part year residents need to file with both municipalities. Also, please advise this office of any move out dates.

Students who lived at school during part of the year and worked here and/or while at school should have filed for the whole year at this office. Students are not exempt from filing and paying their wage taxes.

When filing your wages taxes, you need to use the figure in Box-16, the state wages on your W2s.

Office hours - Monday thru Friday: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Parks Update

Some residents are aware of the progress being made in updating the Borough's three parks. Several years ago they participated in a parks planning process that laid out the design of what our parks would become. Since the most positive feedback came from residents near Recreation Drive Park it was chosen as the first site to be upgraded. Last year two age based play structures were installed; this year the Borough plans to add a paved parking area and possibly a multi-purpose trail. Plans also call for a picnic shelter and trees among other upgrades.

Plans for all three parks, the other two being Sunset Hills and the Municipal Park behind the Borough offices, can be seen in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building on Conway Wallrose Road.

Make a Connection ... 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 upcoming October issue

1/4 page (3.75" wide x 5" high)
\$160 for upcoming October issue

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

If You're Not Recycling ...



...you haven't helped the Borough almost double the weight of household recyclables since 2003 or nearly quadruple the weight of leaves.

Recycling saves natural resources and reduces the amount of material being dumped in landfills. There are several ways to participate, and they don't take much effort. To recycle at home, first obtain a recycle bin at the Borough Office (\$5 deposit); you'll also receive a list of what can be recycled and on which days of the month. And by the way, you're already paying for this service in your garbage bill.

You can also save newspapers and bring them to the Road Department on the second Saturday of each month between 9 am and noon where Boy Scout Troop 414 will take them off your hands. Please put them in paper bags or tie them with twine.

Leaves are collected later in the year (next year we're going to try a spring collection as well). Look for more information about leaves in the October newsletter. As a reminder only paper bags specifically made for yard waste recycling can be used.

And the newest way to recycle is by taking just about all clean paper products (including junk mail) to the green and yellow ABITIBI paper retriever drop off boxes located at the Economy Elementary School. No plastic bags please, and if you want to get rid of hardback books please remove the covers first.

LOOK AT THE NUMBERS:

Household Recyclables		Leaf & Yard Waste	
2003	223.5 tons	2003	11.2 tons
2004	261.5 tons	2004	21.6 tons
2005	391.95 tons	2005	40 tons

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~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **STORM WATER** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **UPDATE**

The Borough continues to meet the Federal Clean Water Act of 1972 by observing storm water outfalls that lead to waters of the Commonwealth. 25% of these outfalls are to be observed each year, the observations being made at least 3 days after the last rainfall.

When flowing water is found it is tested for a number of contaminants and the source is tracked down. If illicit discharges are found they are to be remedied. This article serves as a notice to residents and businesses; don't pour or flush pollutants into catch-basins or onto the streets.

From the Police Department

With the warmer weather, garage sales start popping up about the borough. If a garage sale is being conducted by three (3) or more persons or family groups, a license must be obtained from the Borough.

We receive many questions regarding quads, dirt bikes, and motor scooters – unlicensed vehicles. It is unlawful for any person to operate these vehicles on the private property of the operator if the vehicle will be within two hundred (200) of any house other than the house of the operator unless written permission is granted from those residents who are within the 200 feet. It is also unlawful to operate these vehicles on other's private property without written permission. Permission forms can be obtained from the Borough Secretary. The consent shall be for a period of time not to exceed seven (7) days.

Please be aware of the Dog laws. No dogs are permitted to run at large or be permitted to disturb the peace by barking, howling or making other loud noises. Also, if your pet turns up missing, please notify the police department as soon as possible as we may know the whereabouts of your pet.

Curfew will be enforced for minors (any person less than 18 years of age) after 10:00 pm and before 6:00 am.

If you have any questions, please contact the police department Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and we'll be happy to answer your questions.

Have a safe and happy summer.



Contact Information

Borough Office	724-869-4779	Economy Volunteer Fire Dept
Secretary	x22 ebsecretary@stargate.net	(non-emergency numbers)
Code Enforcement, Bldg Inspector	x107 ebceo@stargate.net	Station 1 724-266-3714
Office Assistant	x44 ebofcasst@stargate.net	Station 2 724-266-0417
Manager	x55 ebmanager@stargate.net	Station 3 724-869-4381
Road Foreman	x66 efitzgerald@stargate.net	Social Hall 724-266-1116
Wage Tax Collector	x77 ebwtc@stargate.net	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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