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Recycling – Let's count the ways

If you're new to Economy Borough you may not be aware of the various opportunities available to recycle everything from leaves to pop cans to newspaper and more. Act 101 of 1988 requires the borough to provide recycling programs for a number of items.



For most residents much of their recycling is done at home in a green bin (obtained at the Boro office). Clear, green and brown glass beverage bottles and food jars; steel cans; aluminum beverage and food cans; pie plates, and clean aluminum foil, as well as PETE #1 and HDPE #2 plastics are to go in the bins for curbside collection. **All items must be thoroughly rinsed and lids removed.**

Recyclables are collected twice each month, the days are as follows:

- garbage collected on Mondays - recycle on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays;
- garbage on Wednesdays – recycle on 1st and 3rd Wednesday;
- garbage on Thursday – recycle on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays;
- garbage on Fridays – recycle 2nd and 4th Fridays.

Please note: these bins are emptied into a “garbage” truck, which is permitted by law provided only recyclables are put in the truck and taken to a registered recycling facility (landfills cannot accept truckloads of recycled materials). We've witnessed the operation from beginning to end and it's working as advertised.

In addition to curbside recycling, Economy Boy Scout Troop 414 operates the Borough's newsprint recycling. From 9:00 am until noon on the second Saturday of each month, rain or shine, the troop will help unload newsprint from your car (please remove glossy inserts and place in ABITIBI boxes, see below) and place it in a large roll-off container in front of the Road Department garage on Conway Wallrose Road. If you can't come by that day, you can put newspapers in the container at any time. The newsprint is taken by a local farmer who shreds it and uses it for bedding for cows. The Scouts will also take aluminum cans and eye glasses.

A recent addition to recycling are the yellow and green ABITIBI boxes located throughout the borough. These boxes take most types of clean paper including magazines, junk mail, boxes that are not corrugated cardboard, etc. These boxes are normally found near schools and government buildings; one is located in front of the Road Department garage.

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For a number of years the borough has provided a curbside leaf collection in October and November, and for the first time this past April we had a spring collection. For additional information please see the article concerning upcoming events.

Thanks to E Reid Powell residents are able to dispose of their Christmas trees at no additional charge to be recycled; see upcoming events.

In addition to residential programs the Borough is required to ensure that commercial, institutional and government offices recycle as required by the Act. The figures listed below reflect a decent commercial presence in our recycling efforts. We expect these numbers to increase in the near future as a result of a planned enhanced awareness campaign.

Residential recycling for 2006 in tons:

Newsprint – 17.5
Glass – 109
Aluminum cans – 8.0
Plastics – 20.2
Metallic cans – 34.3

Commercial recycling for 2006 in tons:

Paper – 90.6
Corrugated cardboard – 166.67
Aluminum - .11
Metallic cans - .55
Plastics - .23

Based on the amounts recycled the state gives the borough grant money to help pay for recycling, generally about \$4,000 to \$5,000. The borough, in turn, gives Troop 414 their pro-rata share based on the amount of newsprint they collect. The troop also receives the proceeds from the ABITIBI box in front of the borough garage (about \$5.00 per month).

If you have any questions about recycling or suggestions on how it can be improved please contact the borough office.

Tire Round-up

Do you have used tires that you need to get rid of? Or do you want to help clean up the environment by picking up tires ignorantly left by others? Bring them to the Tire Round-up on Saturday October 13th from 9 am to noon in front of the Road Department garage on Conway Wallrose Road.



The Independence Marsh Foundation and volunteers will be on hand to assist unloading your tires for a nominal fee. The cost is \$2.00 for regular car and light truck tires (\$2.00 additional if they're on a rim); \$20.00 for tractor trailer or rear farm tractor tires (no rims please).

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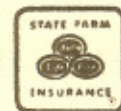
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Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

You are probably aware the Emerald Ash Borer was discovered this past summer in Cranberry.



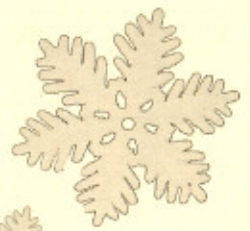
The adults are metallic green and under an inch in length, however, it's their larvae that kill all 4 types of ash trees. They originated in Asia and arrived in Michigan about 5 years ago. As with many non-native species they have no natural enemies and there is only limited help in the form of expensive pesticides.

Allegheny, Beaver, Butler and Lawrence counties are under a quarantine, which means that ash wood cannot be taken out of those counties (people who take firewood with them to camp is one of the easiest ways to spread the pest). As of press time a survey of the 4-county area was just about to finish and no EABs had been found in Beaver County, the infestation appeared to be in Cranberry and east of there. Collection points in all four counties are likely to be established for ash trees and parts thereof.

For additional information go to the PA Department of Agriculture's website. To report possible infestations call the Agriculture Department at 866-253-7189 or the Division of Forestry Pest Management at 717-948-3941.

Winter Will be Knock'n

It may be a bit early to be thinking about snow but it wasn't too many Halloween's ago that we had it. With that in mind we're asking you to consider a few ideas.



Please cut back tree branches and hedges that are near or over the roadway as they can damage the trucks while plowing.



It would be very helpful if you could park off the road, especially if a heavy snowfall is predicted. If you have to park on the street try to get with your neighbors and park on one side until the other is clear, then move the cars to the other side. Your whole street will be clear and your cars won't have as much snow plowed onto them. Cul-de-sacs are very hard to clear with cars parked on them.



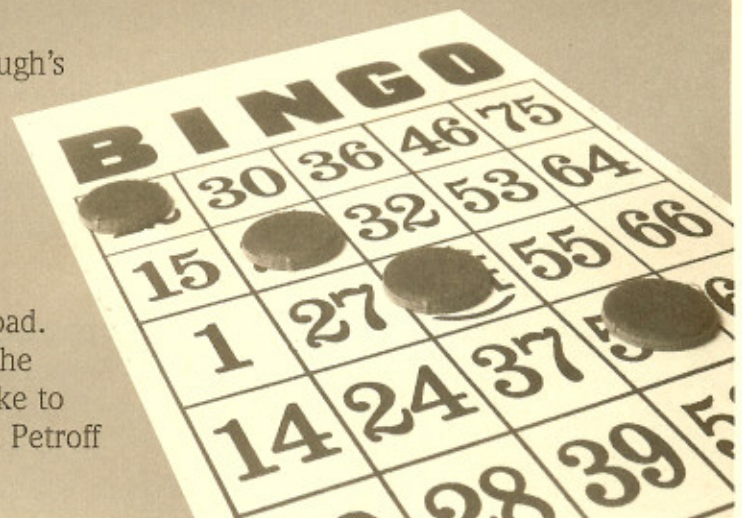
Please do not shovel or plow snow onto roads as this can create a traffic hazard, and remove portable basketball hoops from the roads during the winter months.



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 renew 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.



Upcoming Events



Halloween:

Trick or Treat will take place on Wednesday October 31st from 6 to 8 pm.

Curbside Leaf Collection:

Curbside leaf collection will take place on the following Mondays: October 29th, November 5th, November 12th and November 19th. Leaves must be placed in paper "Leaf and Yard Waste" bags made specifically for recycling. In addition, each bag must have a sticker placed on it that can be purchased at the Boro Office for 50 cents each. Paper leaf recycling bags can be purchased at the Boro Office for 65 cents each or you can purchase leaf bags at home improvement stores. When you purchase your stickers we will take your address to make the collection more efficient. If you have any comments on this program please let the Boro Office know.

Fall back: November 4th.

Santa:

Santa will visit the following areas on the days listed (please remember – Santa will collect canned food for the United Methodist Food Bank). *CWR = Conway Wallrose Road; BSCR = Big Sewickley Creek Road. Call the Borough office with questions.*

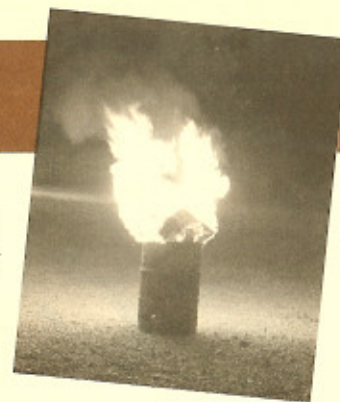
Monday December 17th: Woodcroft & Ridge Ave then CWR into Ridgewood Plan. CWR from 989 to Conway incl all side roads, incl Highland & Anne Street.

Tuesday December 18th: Bock/Bradford Park & all side roads (except Woodcroft); Mary Reed & Golden Grove/Wallrose Hgts incl all side roads; CWR from Ridge Ave to BSCR & all side roads; Friel/McGuire, BSCR left to Warrendale Bayne; Amsler & Amsler Ridge incl all side roads, Compton Heights.

Wednesday December 19th: BSCR incl Pinehurst area, Hoenig Rd. All of 989 and side streets.

Please Note: Christmas & New Year's Garbage pickup; Christmas Tree Pickup: Due to Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Tuesdays this holiday season, garbage and recycling pickup for those two days will shift to Wednesday the 26th and the 2nd respectively. All other garbage pickup days remain unchanged. Christmas trees will be picked up for recycling free of charge by E Reid Powell on Saturday, January 12th. Trees need to be placed near the road and be free of all ornaments and cannot be in plastic bags.

NEW BURNING ORDINANCE



An updated burning ordinance was adopted in July; Ordinance 414 can be viewed at the Borough Office or on the Borough's website. Key points include:

1. Fires for cooking on commercially made grills are permitted at all times.
2. Fires for cooking on homemade fire pits are restricted as follows:
 - the area where the fire will burn must be well contained, attended at all times and must be fully extinguished and not left smoldering.
 - a means to suppress sparks and ashes from escaping must be in place
 - a fire extinguisher or water source for dousing the fire must be on hand
 - it must be apparent that the purpose of the fire is for cooking
3. Burning of dry, readily combustible household items such as paper and boxes, is permitted under the following circumstances:
 - Tuesday through Saturday except federal holidays, sunrise to sunset, for no more than one hour
 - the burning area must be well contained, such as in a burn barrel, including a means to suppress sparks and ashes and must be attended at all times and be fully extinguished and not left smoldering
 - a fire extinguisher, water source or other means of dousing the fire quickly must be on hand
 - must be at least 50 feet from any dwelling and more than 15 feet from accessory buildings
4. Burning of dry, readily combustible yard waste such as brush is permitted under the following circumstances:
 - under one cubic yard of loose material, the same as #3 above;
 - over one cubic yard requires a permit issued by the Fire Code Official, Tuesday through Saturday except federal holidays, sunrise to sunset, for no more than 3 hours
5. Commercial burning is permitted in the Industrial Zone by permit only.

Veteran's Memorial ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

The Veteran's Memorial Committee thanks everyone who responded to the flyer that was sent out to help support the new memorial project. There is still time to participate either by way of a donation or purchase of a brick. You can honor a family member, a veteran, or even a business.

This is a wonderful way to show your appreciation to our veterans by purchasing a brick in their honor or memory. To find out more about the project or how to make a donation/purchase a brick please call John Campbell at 724-266-6018 or Mayor Dave Poling at 724-869-7877 x12.

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Economy Ambulance	724-266-9111
Emergency Management	724-876-0377
Game Commission	724-238-9523

Property Tax Collector	724-869-7092
Sewage Authority	724-869-3201
PADOT*	724-774-6610

Police Department	724-869-7877
Sgt Heitzenrater	x15
Sgt Droz	x22
Sgt Hartsell	x17
Sr Patrolman O'Brien	x24
Sr Patrolman Orsini	x18
Sr Patrolman Lively	x23
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Sr Patrolman Foley	x25
Sr Patrolman Creese	x16
Sr Patrolman Farah	x26
Patrolman Woods	x19
Patrolman Viscuso	x14

Economy Volunteer Fire Dept (non-emergency)

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 Borough Website:
Please visit <http://economyborough.org/>
Give us your ideas and comments!

PADOT owns 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 Creed Rd is maintained by PADOT Allegheny County 412-781-3260.

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