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PLAYGROUND GRAND OPENING AND RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY!

The playground grand opening was a great success! The ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at 9am on Saturday, June 16 and many residents and families attended. Children were treated to popcorn, bottled water and snow cones. There were also games and activities set up next to the

playground for the children. The Parks and Recreation Board would like to thank Creekside Springs for their generous donation of bottled water used for this event and also for Economy Borough's 60th Anniversary Celebration on September 15th. The board would like to also thank the Public Works Department for building the new playground. There



(I-r) Laurel Westrom-Chair for Parks & Rec, Brian Westrom-Council President, Jo Ann Borato-Mayor and Tom Fetkovich-Councilman

have been some additions to the playground since the opening including a swing set as well as a portable toilet closer to the area. Temporary picnic tables were placed for seating and more permanent seating will be installed soon. The playground is conveniently located behind the Municipal Building at 2856 Conway Wallrose Rd. Stop by and bring the kids to enjoy!

Thank you to the Community College of Allegheny County's North Campus Innovation Lab. Through the lab, summer marketing students created signs to be put on display around the borough for our 60th Anniversary Celebration. They also created social media post ideas as well as other marketing ideas and strategies which were incorporated into our community outreach efforts. Congratulations to **Erin Ziegler** as winning the best yard stake design which was distributed throughout the borough prior to the event. *Did you know the Parks and Recreation board is on Facebook? Like and follow us at Economy Borough Recreation Board*.

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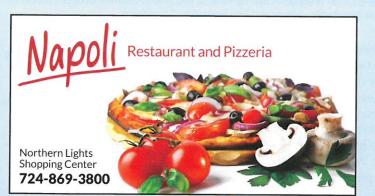
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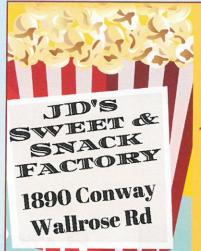


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Fall Recycling

Curbside leaf collections will take place on the following days: October 29th, November 5th, 13th, 19th, 27th and weather permitting December 3rd. Call the Borough Office by the Friday before the day the leaves are scheduled for pick up to be added to the list. Leaves must be in paper "leaf and yard waste" bags made specifically for recycling, and have a sticker on each bag that can be purchased at the Borough Office for \$1 each. Bags can be purchased at home improvement stores or at the Borough Office for 50¢ each. A Yard Waste drop-off container is available near the ball field at the Municipal Park. Leaves, grass and garden waste can be dumped there (no plastic bags). This is by annual permit only (\$25) which includes curbside brush chipping by appointment, please call the borough office for more details.

Garbage Collections Over the Holidays

Christmas falls on a Tuesday this holiday season. Monday garbage pickup will remain as is. Others will move back one day. The same goes for New Year's the following week.



by Economy Recreation Board, will be December 8th from 9am-11am at the VFD Social Hall, 3308 Conway Wallrose Road. Reservations are strongly encouraged prior to December 1st at (724) 869-4779 ext. 2. A pancake and sausage breakfast will be served, and there will be children's entertainment with a special guest visit along with prizes! Cost is only \$5 per person. Children 2 and under are free. We hope to see you there!



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Economy Ambulance Service

Economy Ambulance Service is beginning their 44th year of service to Economy Borough. Besides providing Emergency Medical Services to the residents, they are also very active in other community events. Since the last Economy Connection, they have sponsored three blood drives collecting 98 units of blood and plasma, held a CPR Class at the Villas of Economy for their residents. gave a presentation at Liberty Hills on Stroke Awareness and Rapid Assessment and gave a presentation on how to handle emergencies at their pool. Your ambulance service stood by at two 5K races at Old Economy Park. One was the Big Dog 5K Run, which raises money for Huntington's Disease research. The other was The Will of the Warrior Run, which supports Veterans and First Responders who suffer from PTSD. They were there when Economy Borough dedicated their new playground equipment and also stood by at this year's Fireworks. Economy EMS even received an invitation to a birthday party where the four-year-old had asked all of her guests to bring items to support local fire, police and EMS services. Economy Ambulance came away with cases of water, Gatorade and other snacks.

Economy Ambulance employees continue to grow... educationally that is. Most recently, EMT Allison graduated from Robert Morris University with her Registered Nurse Degree and passed her nursing boards, PHRN Matt received his Critical Registered Nurse Anesthetist Degree at La Roche College and EMT Michel recently passed her Physician Assistant Exam. *Congratulations to all!*

Did you receive your 2019 Ambulance Subscription? If so please return it as soon as possible so that you can enjoy all the benefits that come with membership. If you did not receive a subscription form, you can have one mailed to you by calling (724) 266-9111.

You can follow Economy Ambulance on FaceBook at Economy EMS or on the Borough's website under the Police & Public Safety tab. ■





Economy Ambulance Service demonstrating to the youth of our community that an ambulance ride doesn't have to be a frightening experience.

Volunteer Firefighters are Disappearing

According to the National Fire Protection Association, volunteer firefighters have dropped by 11% in the past 10 years, while career firefighters have grown by more than 50% in this time period. The reason for more career firefighters is that the call volume has increased and more municipalities hire full-time firefighters due to lack of volunteers. The stakes are particularly high because volunteers save not only lives but money...more than \$139.8 billion annually for local governments according to the fire protection associations. Fire Chief Ted Brickner was questioned as to why it is difficult to recruit younger volunteers. He said, "It is much harder to bring in new recruits. There are several reasons. Fund raising now takes up roughly half the time volunteers spend on duty. They don't have the time to put in the commitment it takes with hundreds of hours to be certified. Most households have two-income parents and with raising a family, it is difficult to devote the time necessary on this job." The chief indicated while discussing this issue with fellow chiefs, some are told, "I can help fund raise, train and go on emergency calls, however, I am only able to do two out of the three." The chief stressed that our fire department has been very fortunate. They are not under-staffed at this time and have been able to answer calls promptly. He also stressed his gratitude to our



residents. They really support our fund raisers. I think they know we are here for them. Whatever they need, we will assist them. Chief Brickner was also thankful to the mayor and our council for all of their support to our department. At the present time, the chief is satisfied with staffing. They are always looking for new recruits who want to help serve our community and respond to the various emergency calls received.

Air Packs in Need of Replacement

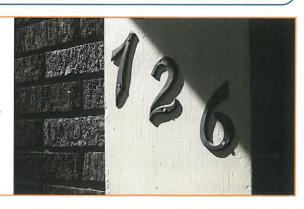
Our department is in the process of purchasing new Self-Contained Breathging Apparatus's (SCBA). These air packs are used for all types of emergency response, not just structure fires. The purpose of using air packs is to give the firefighter air to breathe. Firefighters often encounter toxins and various hazardous conditions. According the Assistant Chief Steve Joy, air packs usually will give each person 30-45 minutes of fresh air before the tank is empty. There is a warning bell that

notifies a fire fighter that he must leave an active situation and obtain a new air pack. Each air pack is certified for 15 years. After 15 years, they must be replaced. An air pack costs \$6,000 and our department needs 25. This is a total cost of \$150,000. Each engine has four air packs equipped on the truck ready to be placed on the firefighter's back while riding to the scene. This is a large cost to our department but also a necessity in order to maintain our credentials and to be certified.



Posting your House Address

Most residents have their house number exhibited on the mailbox. Some residents fail to place their street house number in a convenient location to be seen. We understand some people want to have their privacy, but in case of an emergency it can and has, hindered emergency response. In a real emergency a few minutes delay can make a difference in our response time. Over the years this has happened and our response to the emergency was hampered. If you are in need of these reflective house numbers, please call us at (724) 869-5435.



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Economy Borough

Fire Department Continues to Train and Update Equipment



The fire department continues to train and update our equipment. We recently placed into service our newly refurbished tower ladder truck. This is the first piece of apparatus of its kind for the department. All active members were trained in the use of this truck by two certified trainers from the Pittsburgh Fire Department.

Another project we are working on is the search and rescue trailer recently purchased. It is a twenty-four foot enclosed trailer which will be used to transport our utility all terrain vehicle. It is being worked on to carry equipment for rescue, rigging and various ropes. Our department is part of the county search team. This equipment has become valuable in the past few years right here in our community to rescue people from hillsides and trapped in trenches.

In other good news our department upon investigating health issues for firefighters determined we needed a work out area. National studies have determined half of all firefighters deaths have been caused by cardiac and stroke related issues. In the summer months heat-strokes are a major concern. To help the members remain physically fit, station #3 has a work out area. This includes a treadmill and various weights along with a stationary bike. It is to our benefit and the community that our fire fighters stay healthy.



A few reminders to our residents with the fall season upon us, please be careful when burning brush. Follow the borough ordinance. If any type of fire gets out of control call us. Do not wait until it is difficult to contain. Let us handle these situations. We have two brush trucks that are quick to respond to these incidents.

On "trick or treat" night, please be careful with traffic. The young children are too excited and sometimes they forget to watch for vehicles when crossing streets. We will be out in full strength to man our equipment to keep the areas safe. Along with our police we want to avoid incidents. Report any situation you do not feel looks right.

Remember we are here to serve you, our residents.

Winter Road Salting Alert

When this newsletter went to print, the cost of road salt had risen at least 61% this year. As a result the Borough will be looking for ways to reduce the amount of salt we use while keeping the roads safe and passable. Please allow more time for travel this winter and don't be surprised if the roads are not black from curb to curb, start to finish.





The Economy Volunteer Fire Department is giving Santa's reindeer a rest before the big day by taking Santa around to see the borough's children and give them goodie bags according to the schedule below.

Monday December 17th 6 to 8pm

Conway Wallrose from the VFD Social Hall to Bock to Woodcroft to Ridge Ave to Conway Wallrose to Dunlap Hill through Ridgewood, through Liberty Hills and Orchard Ln.

Anne St, NLSC, Highland, East Ridge, Conway Wallrose to Springer to Park Sreet, Sproat to Oliver to Conway Wallrose to lower Tevebaugh, upper Tevebaugh to Freedom, Holly Hills, Freedom Rd to Lawnview/Rolling Hills, finish Freedom.

Tevebaugh to Second Ave, School St, Stange, Paul, Marr, Second Ave, Sunset Hills.

Tuesday December 18th 6 to 8pm

Friel to the Creek Rd including Bouril Trailer Ct, Creek Rd to Amsler to Orchard Estates, Chestnut Ridge, Campbell, Compton, Compton Heights, Valley Rd, Wallrose Heights, Cliff Rd.

Whispering Pines, Bradford Park Rd to Short Cut, Foxglove, Bradford Park Square, Shady Spring, Mary Reed including all side roads.



All roads north of Bradford Park Road. Golden Grove, Sunset, Winterset, Pineview. Clover, Green Forest, Rock Rose.

Wednesday December 19th 6 to 8pm

VFD Social Hall to Creek Rd to Edgewood, Woodlawn, Davis, Maude Davis, Hoenig Rd.

Ridge Road Ext & all side roads.

Please remember the Fire Department collects canned goods and other non-perishable home and personal items for the United Methodist Food Bank while they are showing Santa where our kids live, please donate.

WANT TO HELP THE BOROUGH?

In 2019 there will be a vacancy on the Sewer Authority Board and there could be other vacancies on other Boards. Some positions pay a small stipend while others are voluntary. Check with the Borough Office in December for an update.

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