

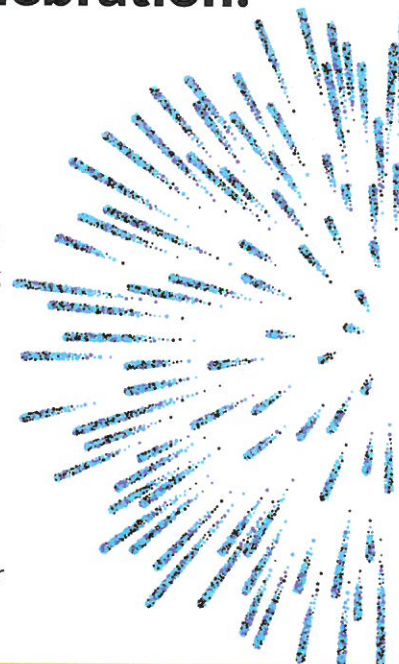


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60th Anniversary Celebration!

In celebration of our 60th Anniversary of becoming a Borough, the Recreation Board will be holding a Movie Night, followed by a Zambelli fireworks display on September 8th, 2018 (rain date 9/15) behind the Borough Building. The family-friendly movie will begin at approximately 7:30pm with the fireworks beginning immediately after. Free popcorn for those attending the movie. Rhodes Transportation has generously offered to bus residents from Ambridge Jr. High to the Borough building between the hours of 7pm and 11pm. To help offset the cost of the fireworks display, the Recreation Board will have a table set up for donations. Bring your blankets and camping chairs! For movie information, please call 724-869-4779, ext. 2.



2018 Parks and Recreation Board Members

- Laurel Westrom – Chair
- Dave Hershberger – Vice-Chair
- Elizabeth Hawkins – Secretary
- Frank Spinelli – Treasurer
- Stacy Dempsey – Event Coordinator, Eve Studebaker and Jill Creese

Memorial DAY SERVICE

The Economy Borough Veteran's Committee will host a Memorial Day Service at **9am on Monday, May 28th** at the Veteran's Memorial across from the police station. Several guest speakers and groups will participate in the tribute. Light refreshments will be available following the service in the Borough Building.



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SAVE THE DATES

September 22, 2018

9am - 1pm

Economy Civic Club is sponsoring a **Blood Drive for the Central Blood Bank** at the Economy Volunteer Fire Department Station 3.



Location:

1215 Conway Wallrose Road
Freedom, PA 15042

October 20, 2018

6:30pm

The 4th Annual Halloween Night at the Races. The Economy Civic Club and the Economy Borough Volunteer Fire Department are co-sponsoring this event. Doors open at 6:30pm at the Economy Fire Department Banquet Hall. As the date approaches, see a Fire Department or a Civic Club member for tickets.

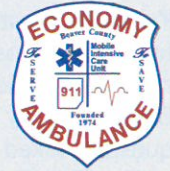


Location:

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Economy Ambulance Service

Economy Ambulance Service has been providing Economy Borough with Emergency Medical Service for 43 years now. Initially, they were part of Economy Volunteer Fire Department as an Auxiliary, however today they are a free-standing, Non-profit Corporation. Their station/office is located on Ridge Road Extension. They currently have three Advance Life Support Ambulances. Hopefully after a successful Fund drive, they will be able to increase their fleet back to four, to better serve you.



They are staffed 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Besides providing an ambulance when you need it, Economy Ambulance can provide a speaker at your community event. They can also do a **Friends and Family CPR** class for your members. You can follow them on FaceBook at Economy EMS or on Economy Borough's website under the Police & Public Safety tab.



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Long-time Fire Chief Steps Down

Known to most people as “Jake”, John Thomas has decided to step down as Fire Chief for the Borough. This is a position that he has held for 26 years, the second longest chief in Beaver County. When interviewed for this article, the first question asked was “What made you decide to step down as Fire Chief?” He responded, “After considerable thought, I decided that our department is in good shape. Our new chief, Ted Brickner, is very capable to take over the leadership of this department. Ted served as Assistant Chief for a number of years. Our new Assistant Chief is Steve Joy. Steve is very intelligent and has a vast knowledge concerning the fire service. Tim Vignere is our new Captain. He has been very active in this department for a number of years. Nick Paugh is captain of the rescue truck. He has quite a bit of training in this area. Our lieutenants are Chris Jackson and Ryan Pierce. Chris is also our engineer for Station One. Ryan is a dispatcher at the 911 center. All of these men have been thoroughly trained to handle their leadership positions.”

I am also proud to represent the citizens of this Borough. This is a growing municipality and a lot of changes are taking place in a positive way.

– Retired Fire Chief John (Jake) Thomas

When asked, “What are you proud about being in the fire service for so long?” he responded, “I really don’t want to sound egotistical, but being elected chief for 26 years makes me so proud of these men and women in this department. They have faith in me to be their leader. But I am also proud to represent the citizens of this Borough. This is a growing municipality and a lot of changes are taking place in a positive way. While in this department, we have built two new stations. Over the years, we have upgraded our equipment. Just the gear, for example, our fire fighters have come a long way. We used to wear rubber boots up to our hips and wore rubber coats that, when wet, were very heavy. The helmets used to be plastic. They really gave you no protection. Now, each person has up-to-date bunker gear that gives maximum protection.”

Just to give you an idea how far the fire service has come, when I started as a fire fighter, most departments were limited with air packs we wore when fighting a fire. Many people breathed in smoke because departments were limited with this device. Now, under N.F.P.A. regulations, no one is to fight a fire unless they wear an air pack. Add to this, the fire engines have changed. They are larger and carry a lot more equipment. This is due to the added burden of handling many more difficult types of calls. The costs for all of this equipment is sky high.

Questioned as to how he kept up with these expenditures, Jake responded, “We have a lot of fund raisers. Our



Top: Retired Fire Chief John (Jake) Thomas

Right: Steven Joy training Junior Firefighters



volunteers donate many hours to raise money to keep three stations running. Our residents are great. They are always willing to donate to our fund raisers, but I must give our mayor and council a lot of credit. They understand that in order for us to protect our residents in all the different types of calls we respond to, we need the proper equipment. Our council is always there to support us.

Jake was questioned concerning a problem nationwide with a shortage of volunteer fire fighters, “Why is this happening and does Economy Borough have the same crisis?” Jake responded, “First let me explain something. We all must follow the regulations set by the N.F.P.A. (National Fire Protection Agency). They set the standards for training and equipment that must be met. They require a new recruit to go through vigorous training and each person goes over a hundred hours to meet these standards. Today, many young people do not want to devote their time as they must be very involved to be a fire fighter. We have been very fortunate. Our department set up a junior fire fighter program years ago. Under the guidance of Tony Blum, our young juveniles have been involved in the program, both men and women. They work their way up and at the age of 18, become a volunteer fire fighter. This program has been very beneficial for us and is one of the reasons when other departments struggle on daylight, we can still respond with a full crew.

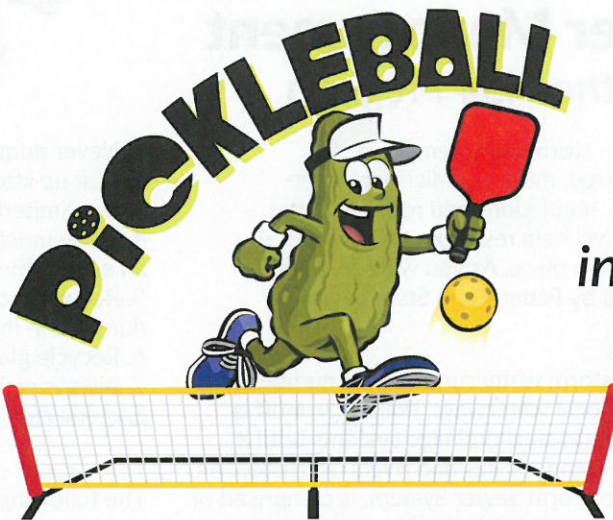
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When asked, "What does it take to be a leader in a fire department?", Jake answered, "Our men and women are 100% volunteers. They have other full time jobs and most have families they are raising. As a leader, you must understand that they have other commitments. Being a volunteer somewhere down the road, they will make a mistake. Everyone of them at some point will experience a tragedy and see things that a citizen will never view. As a chief or officer, we must support our personnel. Sometimes, you need to show empathy, especially when we return from a serious call. We will talk about the incident, and what feelings and emotions we went through, especially if a death was involved. We break down the incident. What did we do that was right and what mistakes can we improve on? If an individual did something wrong, I would take them aside in private and discuss it with them. My philosophy is that we are a team and are considered a family. We work together to accomplish whatever challenges we must face."

"You are also known to preach honestly. Why is that?" Jake responded, "I was brought up that way. The public looks at our actions. We have to be accountable to them. Our personnel are trained to be friendly and understand that our goal is to protect our residents in all types of emergencies."

When asked, "Have you put in a lot of time to be Fire Chief?", Jake answered, "Yes, too many hours to count. This department composed of men and women are like a second family. We spend so much time together – so much, we are like a brotherhood. But it all begins with my wife. She understands how much I love being involved with this department. I want to make it very clear, I will put my firefighters up against any other department. I have all the faith in this group."

Finally, "are you retiring from this department?" Jake responded, "Absolutely not. I stepped down as chief to give the younger people an opportunity to step up in leadership. I am very proud they made a new position for me. I have been appointed Deputy Chief. I plan on being around for the near future."



in Economy Borough

Pickleball is thriving in Economy Borough. Residents are invited to use any of the five outdoor courts available in the Borough. One court is located behind the Municipal Building Complex (Conway-Wallrose Road) on the basketball court next to the baseball field. Four additional courts are located at Jeffrey Meddock Park on Recreation Drive off Mary Reed Road.

Pickleball combines elements of tennis, table tennis, badminton and raquetball. The game is very easy to learn and is popular with all ages, including teenagers and senior citizens. It can be played indoors and outdoors. Pickleball is played on a court the size of a doubles badminton court. Paddles are made of graphite or a composite material. The ball used is similar to a wiffle ball, with the size of the holes in the ball dependent on whether the game is being played indoors or outdoors.

For more information about pickleball, the following websites are very helpful:

www.azpickleballfun.com
www.usapa.org
www.pickleball.com
www.pickleballcentral.com

There are numerous videos available to watch on YouTube (search: pickleball videos). Go to www.usapa.org/business-directory/cat/instructiontraining/ for an excellent source of videos and information on rules and strategies for both beginners and experienced players.

For anyone interested in learning to play, free pickleball instruction will be offered to adult residents again this summer. For more information, please email Kathy at letsplaypickleball@gmail.com.

The Economy Borough Parks and Recreation Board has purchased pickleball equipment that residents are welcome to borrow from the municipal building. A deposit is required and residents can call (724) 869-4779 for more information.

Storm Water Management

Understanding the MS4 Program



There is no doubt about it – storm management in Pennsylvania is a multi-layered, multi-jurisdictional, ever-changing quagmire of rules, regulations and requirements. It is hoped that this article will help residents understand why these requirements are in place. As you will see, these requirements are mandated by Federal and State Laws.

What is the MS4 Program?

Untreated or uncontrolled storm water runoff is the number one cause of impairment in our local waterways. Polluted runoff is often transported through municipal drainage systems until it eventually discharges into streams, lakes and rivers untreated. As MS4, or Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, is comprised of drainage systems including streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ponds, ditches, man-made channels and storm pipes owned by state, county, city, town, township, borough or other public entity. The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) storm water Phase II regulations require permit coverage for storm water discharges from MS4s, mainly those located in urbanized areas. Therefore, most townships and Boroughs, including Economy Borough, are required to comply with the MS4 program.

MS4 Programs are intended to improve our nation's surface waters by reducing the quantities of pollutants that are picked up by runoff and transported into the storm water systems during rainfall events. As part of the MS4 Program, municipalities hold a permit to discharge storm water into local waterways. This permit requires the municipalities to implement and maintain a storm water management program that (1) reduces the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent possible; (2) protects water quality; and (3) satisfies the water quality requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act. In Pennsylvania, the MS4 Program is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

All municipalities should be committed to improving water quality through better management of stormwater runoff. Every resident can participate in their municipal stormwater program by reducing or preventing pollutant runoff from their own property by reporting any non-storm water discharges into the Borough's drainage system.

What can we do to help keep stormwater clean?

There are numerous things we can all do on a daily basis to keep pollution out of our waterways. The following are just a few things we can all do to help improve water quality in our streams, rivers and lakes:

1. Never dump anything into storm drains, swales or streams.
2. Pick up litter from the street before it gets into storm drains.
3. Use limited amounts of fertilizer.
4. If you must use pesticides, search for an environment-friendly brand.
5. Recycle motor oil, paint and other hazardous chemicals. Never dump such materials down the drain or into the storm system.
6. Recycle glass, plastic and aluminum.
7. Always pick up your pet's waste. Otherwise, bacteria can get into our water.

What types of connections are prohibited?

The following connections are strictly prohibited:

1. Any drainage pipe, channel or ditch, whether on the surface, which allows non-storm water discharge, including sewage, process wastewater and wash water to enter the storm sewer system, and any connections to the storm drain system from indoor drains and sinks.
2. Roof drains shall not be connected to streets, sanitary or storm sewers or roadside ditches, except when it is more advantageous to connect directly to streets or storm sewers. Connection of roof drains to street or roadside ditches may be permitted on a case-by-case basis. Roof drains shall discharge to infiltration areas or vegetative BMPs (Best Management Practices) to the maximum extent practical. This will help to promote groundwater recharge and reduce runoff.
3. Water disposal prohibitions – It is illegal to dispose of or leave any refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter or other discarded materials on any public or private property, driveway, parking area, street, alley, sidewalk or other component of the Borough's storm sewer system so that such materials may cause to contribute to pollution. Garbage deposited in streets in proper waste receptacles for the purpose of routine collection is exempted from this prohibition.
4. Any drain or pipe connected to the municipality's storm water system from a commercial or industrial land use which has not been documented in plans, maps, or equivalent records and approved by the municipality.

Please continue to read future newsletter articles on the MS4 program as the educational phase continues.

The Little Free Library

The Little free Library located in the entryway to the Economy Borough Building was started by sisters Hannah and Adia with help from their mother Cathy. The purpose of the Library is to engage more people in the love of reading by making books more readily available. The books were donated by residents of the nearby community and are free to everyone. As you can see there are a plethora of books available, so take as many as you want and share them. Coming soon is a project to tidy-up the Little Free Library, which will be featured in the Fall/Winter newsletter.



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 George S. Brown
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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 1pm in the Fire Department's Social Hall on Conway Wallrose Road. Bingo, cards and other activities follow some of the meetings. Annual dues of \$10 are all it will take to get started.

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



Garbage Collection Updates



After the first quarter of Valley Waste collecting refuse and recycling in Economy, the Borough office can make the following observations.

Most residents appear to be fine with the new collection service. There have been some problems but not many considering how many homes we have.

Putting recyclables in plastic bags is no longer permitted. Recyclables must be in a loose container with the recycling logo clearly marked on the container. If not, the contents will be taken with your garbage. If anything other than cans, bottles, paper and cardboard are mixed in with the recyclables, it will be dumped into the garbage.

The Borough was surprised to find out how many residents don't want or use garbage service (over 100). Because Valley Waste based its bid on collecting garbage from all residents, those who use the service will see a small increase in 2019 due to those not paying for the service. **The Borough has noticed an increased use of its large dumpsters for home refuse and even remodeling contractors. This is a theft of services, which will be prosecuted.**

The first quarter saw very little use of Valley Waste's Household Hazardous waste collection, likely due to the weather. Just a reminder that this is part of the service as well as electronics - tv's, computers, etc. These items are collected on the second Saturday of each month and you have to call ahead.



PLAYGROUND GRAND OPENING DAY!

Everyone is invited to come and join us on

Saturday, June 16th
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Economy Borough Municipal Authority GIS Updates

EBMA is in the process of updating its GIS capabilities. What is it and more importantly, what does that mean to you?

First, let's briefly discuss what GIS is. GIS stands for Geographic Information System. A GIS map is a very powerful tool used to locate and manage assets. In EBMA's sewage system, those assets include 95 miles of pipe and more than 3,000 manholes.

Through cloud-based software known as ArcGIS Online, this pipe and manhole data will be accessible to staff from anywhere. In addition, this service allows editing and analysis as well as data sharing amongst other entities' assets such as the Borough's storm drains, the Water Authority's hydrants and the County Assessment Office's parcel data.

By clicking on a symbol for a manhole, for instance, staff can get a table showing not only the location but the number, condition, the depth, type of pipe, field notes and photos.

The data is acquired using a handheld GPS laser unit with location precision to the nearest tenth of a foot.

So, what does that mean to you and your sewage? By putting the information right at our fingertips, mapping a system becomes so much more than just putting dots on a map. Think about it as a way to keep tabs on the sewer system to:

- Assist emergency personnel in times of crisis
- Report back to other utilities where assets are during major construction projects or even when your neighbor is digging up bushes near your lateral
- Aid officials in making informed decisions and plan better for improvements and repairs to existing assets
- Determine potential tie-ins for new developments

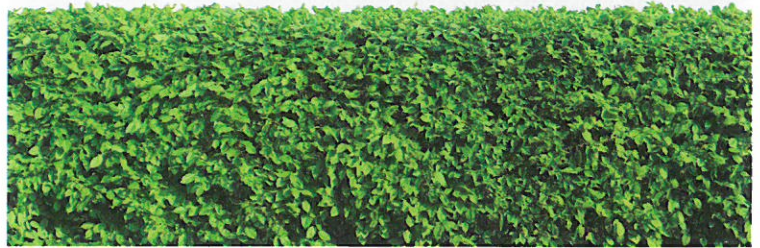
All of which leads to keeping sewage rates steady by making sure everything continues to flow to the treatment plant as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

Public Works Department

Keep roadside landscaping trees and bushes pruned often throughout the season so that the sidewalk, road vision and travel are not impaired.

- Never dump anything into our storm drains.
- Road construction season is here. Please keep alert and be patient for everyone's safety.
- Spring clean-up – Borough roads are swept one time a year beginning in April until completed.

Thank you for your cooperation! Have a safe summer!



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