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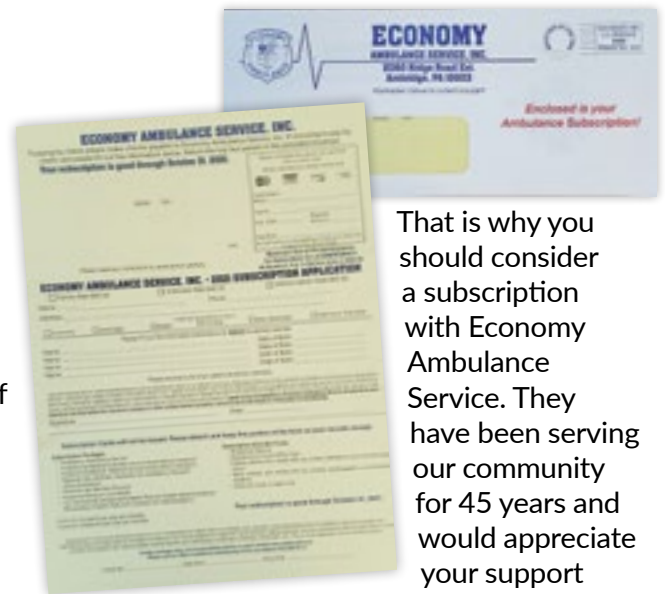
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AMBULANCE SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Economy Borough Residents, did you receive this envelope in the Mail? Inside the envelope did you read over your annual subscription renewal? This subscription will save you the high cost of Emergency Ambulance Transportation. Did you know that some ambulance transports to the hospital can cost over \$1,000? Did you know that many Health Insurance Plans do not cover Ambulance Service? Did you know that Emergency Medical Services are not covered by your local tax dollars?



That is why you should consider a subscription with Economy Ambulance Service. They have been serving our community for 45 years and would appreciate your support through their annual subscription drive, and it saves you the worry of a high ambulance bill. If you have lost yours, call them at 724-266-9111 to receive an additional form.



The Recreation Board put on two Movie Nights this past summer. Pictured here is *Scooby!* Next year they will have at least one movie at Recreation Drive and others at the Municipal Park. If you'd like to be on the Recreation Board call the Borough Office.

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ECONOMY AMBULANCE EMS WEEK FOOD DRIVE

EMS Week is normally the third week of May every year. This week is normally to honor all the Paramedics and EMT's for the hard work they do all year long. While Economy Ambulance did recognize their staff, they also wanted to give back to the community that supports them.

So this year during EMS Week they sponsored a food drive. It was a great success. Bruster's Ice Cream was there that day also and everyone who made a donation also received a Free Ice Cream Cone. Donations were given to Good Samaritan Food Pantry.



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ECONOMY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (NON-EMERGENCY)

Station 1	724-266-3714	Social Hall	724-266-1116
Station 2	724-266-0417	Hall Rental	724-333-0683
Station 3	724-869-4381		

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS (NON-EMERGENCY)

Economy Ambulance	724-266-9111
Emergency Management	724-876-0377
Game Commission	724-238-9523
Property Tax, Nicole Thompson	724-390-0226
Sewage Authority	724-869-3201



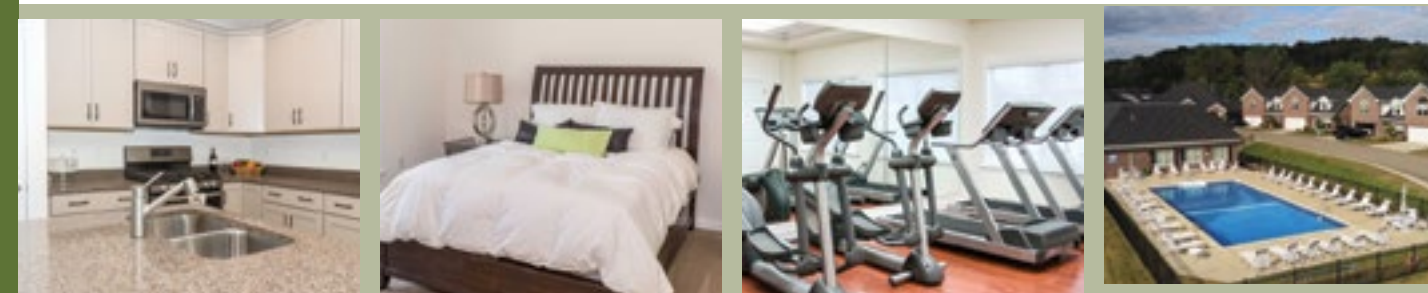
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Clean Streets, Clean Streams!

What do you do with your leaves in the fall?

Leaves and branches that get raked or blown into our streets or onto sidewalks inevitably get washed into our storm drains. Any lawn waste that enters the storm sewer system ends up in our local waterways, the primary drinking water source for many county residents.

How do you dispose of your leaves in autumn can save money, help your gardens, and prevent water pollution in your local streams. This may sound like a tall order from the little brown leaf that falls on your lawn, but fallen leaves have the potential to be a great resource as well as a large problem for water quality.

Dead leaves are harmful to streams because they contain phosphorous and nitrogen, chemicals that are released when the leaves break down, which can cause harmful algae blooms and increase local water pollution levels. Leaves that get washed from the storm drains into local waters also use up oxygen in the water as they decompose, depriving fish and other wildlife of the oxygen they need to survive. Also, large quantities of leaves raked into streets can clog the storm drains, causing flooding in your neighborhood.

The good news is that these problems are preventable (with additional bonuses for gardeners!). Reusing leaves on your own property helps lower municipal cleanup costs and adds to the beauty of your own yard.

Mulch

Prevent weeds and save money by using chopped up fallen leaves as mulch for vegetable and flower gardens, and around shrubs and trees. Dead leaves provide food for earthworms and microorganisms that benefit your garden. They also lighten heavy soils, help soils, help sandy soils retain moisture, and help insulate sensitive plants from the cold.

Compost

Composting is a free way to create rich soil! Skip municipal leaf pick-up and compost your leaves for next year. Put leaves from your roof gutters as well as from your yard in a compost bin. Place composted leaves in your vegetable gardens and flower beds in the spring to add rich nutrients to the soil.

If mulching or composting is not feasible for leaf collection, see the Borough's website for drop off instructions and rates. Proper leaf collection can have a big impact on our waters and in our community -one pile at a time.



UPCOMING EVENTS

CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION

Will take place on the following Mondays: October 26th, November 2nd, November 9th, November 16th, November 23rd and November 30th. Call the Borough Office by the Friday before the Monday you want leaves retrieved. 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. 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 permit only (\$25 per calendar year) which includes curbside brush chipping by appointment. Please call the Borough Office for more details.



Halloween 2020



Trick or Treat is scheduled for Thursday October 29th from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Have a happy and safe Halloween!

REMEMBER

to set your clocks back on November 1st!



SANTA'S SCHEDULE

The reindeer will be resting but Santa and the Economy Volunteer Fire Department won't be leading up to Christmas. Santa will be visiting your neighborhood atop a fire truck on the days listed below (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 14th CWR from VFD Social Hall to Bock; Woodcroft to Ridge Ave; Ridge Ave; CWR from Ridge to Dunlap Hill thru Ridgewood Plan; CWR to Liberty Hills; Liberty Hills; Orchard Ln.

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

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

Tuesday December 15th Friel Rd, BSC Rd incl Bouril Trailer Ct, BSC to Amsler, to Orchard Estates, Chestnut Ridge Plan, Campbell, Compton, Compton Hgts, Valley Rd, Wallrose Hgts to Cliff, Cliff.

Shady Hollow, Silver Fox, Dogwood, Walnut to Bock, Bradford Park Rd to Shortcut, Foxglove, Bradford Park Square, Shady Spring, Mary Reed incl all side roads.

Bock to Woodcroft to incl all roads to the left of Bradford Park Road, Golden Grove, Sunset, Winterset, Pineview, Clover, Green Forest, Rock Rose.

Wednesday December 16th CWR from Social Hall to BSC to Edgewood, to Woodlawn, Davis, Maude Davis, Hoenig Rd.

Ridge Road Ext incl side roads.

GARBAGE PICKUP & RECYCLING; CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP:

For all holidays though-out the year, if your normal pickup occurs on the holiday (or any day after the holiday) your pickup will be delayed one day. Christmas trees will be picked up free of charge by Valley Waste throughout the month of January. Trees need to be placed near the road and be free of all ornaments and cannot be in plastic bags.



IT IS FLUSHABLE?

FLUSHABLE WIPES ARE NOT FLUSHABLE

So-called "Flushable" wipes are anything but they cling to everything. Which means they can cause costly clogs in your sewer lateral and/or the sanitary sewer system.

To avoid "flushable" wipe backups, the sanitary sewer system would have to provide a flow of at least four feet per second. Our system was designed for a self-cleansing flow or a minimum scouring velocity of two feet per second.

Therefore "flushable" wipes are a huge problem. AND, if you are one of the 68 customers using a grinder pump, you are way more likely to have an issue with clogs if you flush baby wipes or other personal hygiene products down the drain.

OTHER THINGS YOU SHOULD NEVER FLUSH DOWN YOUR TOILET OR POUR DOWN YOUR DRAIN:

Cat Litter	Cotton Balls or Swabs
Grease or Motor Oil	Prescription Pills
Tampons or Sanitary Napkins	Chewing Gum
Egg Shells or Seafood Shells	Washing Machine Lint
Diapers	Tissues or Paper Towels
Strong Chemicals	Hair
Condoms	Plastic Objects
Dental Floss	Potato Peels

Under the PA Governmental Immunity Statute, EBMA has limited legal liability for sewer backups. The maintenance of internal plumbing and sewer service lateral lines is the responsibility of the property owner. If you have a backup, call a plumber immediately. If your plumber discovers the blockage is beyond the lateral, please call us immediately 724-869-3201. ■

REMINDERS FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

No Impact Home Based Business: There are 10 requirements this type of business must meet to qualify. They can be found in the Borough's Code by going to www.economyborough.org; go to Ordinances, go to the last chapter #180 then to 180-78. The final requirement is to register annually in January with the Zoning Officer to verify the requirements are being maintained.

Food Truck Vendors: A Mobile Food Vendors License is required to operate a Food Truck in the Borough, which are issued by the Code Enforcement Officer.

Accessory Uses (garages, sheds, decks, pools, fences, etc.): all require a permit from the Code Enforcement Officer.

Driveway Permits: are required for all new driveways to ensure they are safe and have proper sight distance. Drainage also must be accounted for. Existing driveways can be repaired or paved without a permit.

GREETINGS FROM YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Over the years' time changes everything, but in just a few months our life's have taken a drastic change. The event that has caused this is called Covid-19. Our everyday habits have taken a 90-degree turn. But rest assure your fire department is here to serve and answer calls that are given to us. We may have changed the way we respond but every call receives the attention needed to handle the incident.



Additional equipment has been provided to keep our responders safe during the pandemic. The trucks are cleaned and wiped down after returning from a call. Also, we purchased a new dryer system that can have bunker gear ready to use within two hours of washing it. The old system we used required up to 24 hours to put back in service.

Our department in order to stay up to date with equipment has replaced several trucks and remodeled another piece of apparatus. We have decided to replace the fire chief's SUV with a Ford F-150 pickup. It will have a cap on the back and is equipped with a roll out tray for easy to use communication equipment and diagrams, maps used at incidents. The pickup is better to handle off road and rugged terrain than the SUV.



In addition, Station 1 just put into service a new Ford F-250 pickup up which replaces the old squad truck which was rusting too much and too costly to repair. It also has a roll out tray to carry equipment used at many incidents.

Station 2 is replacing a Suburban with a new Ford F-250 pickup. It is equipped with a tow bar to pull the ATV trailer used for search details.

Finally, Station 3 just replaced the body on the squad. It carries a variety of equipment including cutting tools, back packs with air tanks and a tow bar to pull our search and rescue trailer. All these updates are to ensure our department will be able to handle different types of incidents we are responding to.

Fire Chief Ted Brickner is reminding residents numerical addresses need to be posted on houses or property to be seen by all public safety personnel. By wasting a few minutes trying to locate a person asking for help delays all response times. Please for your safety post house numbers. Also, it is the law when an emergency vehicle is responding to a call with lights and sirens activated you must pull to the side of the road. Failure to comply is \$250 fine plus costs.

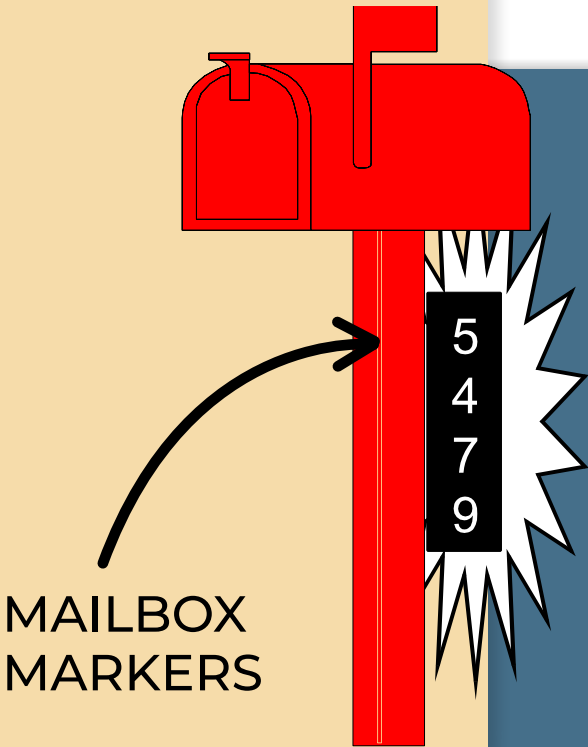
Prepare for our Santa drive, the fire department will be driving Santa around our community for three nights to cover the community. The purpose is two-fold: 1. For the children to visit Santa and receive a bag of treats 2. To collect food for the needy we deliver to the food bank every year. Santa will be in the Borough Monday December 14-15 and 16. Please mark it on your calendar. ■

ECONOMY FIRE DEPT.
STATION #3

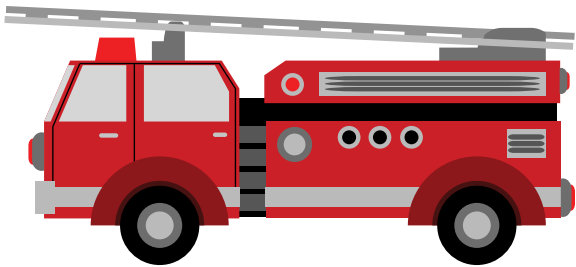
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