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### VETERANS MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION



There will be a Memorial Day Service held on May 31, 2021 at 9:00am at the Economy Borough Veterans Memorial. COVID-19 precautions will be in place for the ceremony.

The Economy Borough Veterans Memorial Association is seeking tax deductible donations to assist in funding for the replacement of the bricks currently in the memorial. The bricks currently installed are over 13 years old and are deteriorating. The Association would like to replace those bricks to keep those names memorialized.

Donations can be sent to:  
Economy Borough Veterans Memorial Association, 1000 Kenneth Campbell Way, Baden, PA. 15005.



### LIGHTS, CAMERA ROLLING...AND ACTION



Come one, come all to Movie Nights in Economy Borough. We have the dates and locations: June 18, near the ballfield behind the Municipal Building; July 16, Recreation Park; August 20 near the ballfield behind the Municipal Building. What we do not have yet are the movie titles. Those will be advertised before the dates above. Movies will start at dusk. All are welcome for free and free popcorn and snow cones will be available for the kids. Our Recreation Board needs members - if interested, call Randy at 724 869 4779 x1 or [randy@economyborough.org](mailto:randy@economyborough.org)



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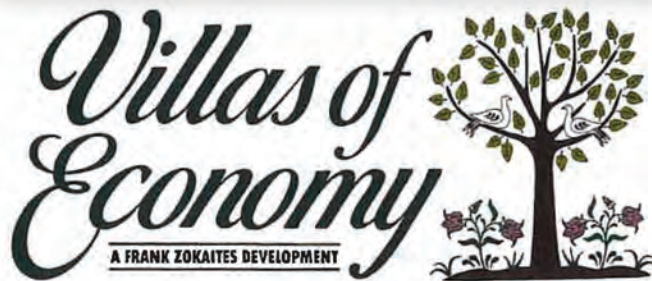
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## **ECONOMY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (NON-EMERGENCY)**

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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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# POINT OF SALE DYE TESTING

Water seeping out of a cracked sewer pipe is bad. Rainwater leaking into a sanitary sewer system is a headache. Both put a strain on wastewater treatment facilities. But an even bigger issue would be your sewage finding its way into neighboring soils and polluting groundwater.

Point of Sale Dye Testing is one way to deter inflow and infiltration (I&I). Inflow is excessive stormwater from roof gutters, basement sump pumps and foundation drains. Infiltration finds its way into sewer pipes through cracks, leaky pipe joints or deteriorated manholes through groundwater. Dye testing can detect cracked or broken laterals and improper connections to sanitary sewer system.

treatment plant then filters, treats and discharges that waste back into the water supply.

Did you know that the Economy Borough Municipal Authority (EBMA) oversees 97 miles of the area's public sewer collection system with eleven pump stations and a wastewater treatment plant?

EBMA staff and the five members of the Board of Directors take their responsibility very seriously as they work to ensure the public sewer system remains in good condition. Buildings and equipment are regularly checked for wear and tear and substantial money has been reinvested into aging infrastructure such as terra-cotta pipes.

Combating I&I never ends. According to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports, it takes an estimated \$2 to \$5 per thousand gallons to treat I&I. An annual I&I volume of 150 million gallons could cost between a range of \$300,000 - \$750,000 per year to treat.

### Why should you care?

The lateral pipe from the house to the main sewer pipe connection is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain.

Storm water systems are designed to carry rainfall runoff and other drainage. The sanitary sewer systems are not.

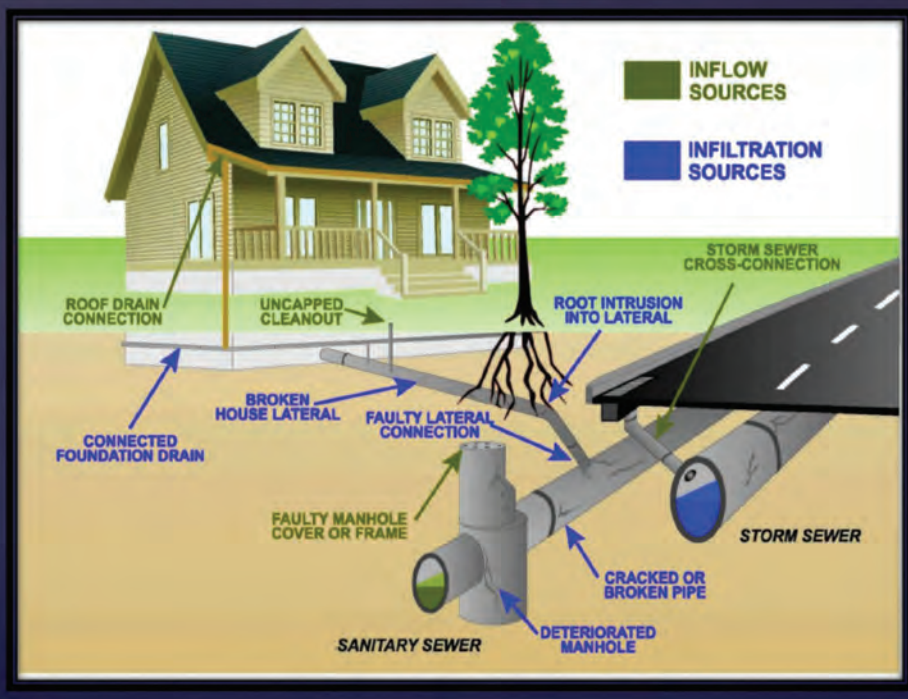
Sanitary sewer systems are also not designed to treat clear water. If nothing is done to keep the excessive storm water out,

significant upgrades will be needed. Treatment and upgrades cost a lot of money.

No one wants to spend money on something you can't even see. And, no one wants to pay more in a higher monthly sewage bill.

Point of Sale Dye Testing is one way to help stop inflow and infiltration.

## Infiltration/Inflow (I/I)



A sanitary sewer system is designed of underground gravity pipes, manholes, pump or lift stations, control facilities, and force mains that collect and transport sewage from residences, businesses and industries. It conveys your sewage from bathrooms, sinks, kitchens, laundry, etc., to a wastewater treatment plant. The wastewater



# ECONOMY AMBULANCE

## ECONOMY AMBULANCE BLOOD DRIVES CONTINUE

Pictured here is Economy Ambulance Paramedic Josh Cantella giving Blood at the most recent Blood Drive. The last drive was held on March 29th at the 9-1-1- Center in Ambridge. They collected 31 units of vital blood. The Ambulance service had been forced to postpone their drives but are hoping to start having them again every few months. If you would like to be part of this life saving effort, call 724-266-9111 and be put on the list to be notified when they have their next drive.



## LIBERTY HILLS PROVIDES MAJOR DONATION




This past winter, a group of residents in Liberty Hills inquired of what they could do for Economy Ambulance. What quickly came to mind was additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for their personnel. The next thing you have is a group of caring people raising funds to buy Economy Ambulance the much needed N95 Masks to protect their people. N95 masks not only protect first responders, they also protect the patients they are taking care of. What started off as an attempt to purchase two hundred of the much desired masks ended with a surprise donation of 500 masks. Both Economy Ambulance and the fine folks at Liberty Hills were delighted with the results.

## ECONOMY AMBULANCE DOING THEIR PART TO FIGHT COVID-19

In January of this year, the Beaver County Commissioners along with Heritage Valley Health Systems were developing a plan to vaccinate Beaver County residents. As the plan was being developed, all involved wanted to make sure the residents were vaccinated in the most efficient and safest way possible. That is how Economy Ambulance became involved. Since there is always a concern of reactions to new medications, the Vaccine Team requested

that an ambulance standby in the event someone did have some type of reaction. Economy Ambulance was happy to help out. It should be noted that Economy Ambulance was able to provide these standbys without any loss in coverage to their service area because of the dedication of their employees who stepped up to help with the fight of COVID-19. Pictured here is Economy Ambulance standing by at the Community College of Beaver County's Dome Facility.



CODE ENFORCEMENT  
GRADING ORDINANCE  
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The purpose of a Grading Ordinance is to regulate the modification of natural terrain and the alteration of drainage and to provide for erosion and sedimentation control measures to safeguard people, property and to maintain the existing ecology. This promotes the public welfare by regulating and controlling the design, construction, use, location and maintenance of grading and excavation of fill.

**Grading Permits are required for:**

Clearing, stripping, grading, construction or other activities involving the disturbance of terrain or vegetative ground cover. There are three types of permits: Minor, Standard and Major depending on the area an amount of grading taking place.

Grading Permits are **not** required for:

- An excavation that does not exceed 100 cubic yards.
- An excavation for a basement, footer, swimming pool or driveway.
- Excavation for a home where the land disturbance is under 1 acre.
- Borough projects when appropriate erosion and sedimentation control measures are followed.
- Traditional farming practices such as plowing, nursery operations, removal and transplanting of sod, shrubs and trees.
- Traditional logging operations where the stumps, ground cover and root mat are left intact.

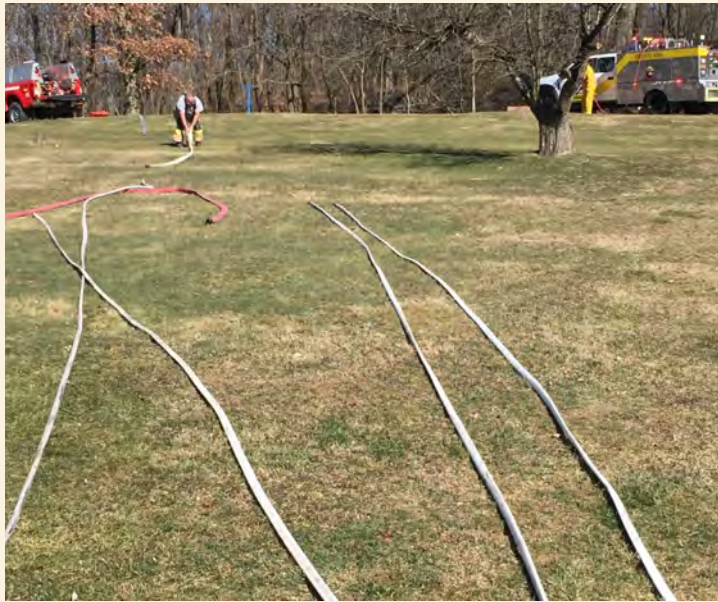
For more information call the Code Enforcement Office at 724 869 4779 x5.



# FROM THE ECONOMY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Major Fundraiser Canceled Again

The pandemic continues and is still causing issues for everyone. We had to close down our Fish Fry for the second year. It was a difficult decision for us to make but we had to put the safety of everyone first. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and we are hoping everything will return to normal by next year. It is a lot of work to run this event, but we enjoy serving the public.



## Fighting Brush Fires

Brush fire season has been very busy. This has been a rough few weeks for our department answering these calls. We responded to six incidents just in the borough plus just as many for mutual aid to other departments. One of our own calls required numerous outside departments to assist us. A hillside caught fire involving many trees that burnt. It took three hours to put the fire out and cut up these trees to totally extinguish the fire. Our department used over 1,000 feet of hose to get enough water to fight the fire. In other brush fires our department received reports houses were near many of these fires. Fire Chief Ted Brickner is asking residents to be careful when burning outside their house, especially on windy days. Many of these fires got away from the home owner when the wind just caused a small fire to take off from the person burning.

## Refurbished Squad Mini Rescue

The fire department made a wise and cost saving decision. Instead of purchasing a new squad truck, which would have cost close to \$100,000 we refurbished our 2009 vehicle. The frame and compartments were rusting out. At that time it was not safe to use. We purchased a used compartment deck and repainted the vehicle to match our color scheme for all the vehicles. This decision saved us close to \$90,000. The truck is multi-functional, it serves as a mini rescue with the tools needed for accidents. It also has medical equipment needed for life support and equipment used to enter a burning building. The photos shown here provide examples on the work needed to complete this project.





## TURN TURN TURN

Not everyone gets the opportunity to work for the same company for a career, or rarer a lifetime. Terry "Pee Wee" Kifer was one of the few who did both. Terry was born in 1958 and started working in the Borough's Road Department in 1979. Proof that he enjoyed working for the borough is that he remained employed here until his untimely death on December 7th. He was three weeks short of retirement. Terry was one of a kind to the extreme, something everyone who knew him whole-heartedly agrees. He is missed by family, friends and co-workers.

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