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DID YOU KNOW?

The Borough has a "Community Room" that can be rented for private parties for \$25.* It is equipped with bathrooms, a small kitchen and the legal capacity is 50, although that would feel crowded. The Community Room is located in the Community Building between the Public Works Department and the Borough Office on Conway Wallrose Road. It is available free to nonprofit public groups that have open enrollment for residents. Contact the Borough Office to make a reservation or for more details.

The Borough also have a pavilion that can be rented for \$25* behind the baseball field on the same property as the Borough Office. It is equipped with water, which we are planning to upgrade, electricity, a grill and plenty of wooden tables. Plans are being considered to add another pavilion at the playground behind the Borough Office Building and one at Recreation Drive Park.

There is also a Free Library in the foyer of the Borough Office Building. Over the years, it has grown into a quite impressive collection. Bring books or take books. The building is open from 8:30am to 4:30pm weekdays.

**Rates are subject to change*



Saturday, December 17th
from 9am-11am

SAVE THE DATE! Breakfast with Santa will be December 17th from 9am-11am at the VFD Social Hall – 3308 Conway Wallrose Road. **Reservations are strongly encouraged by calling (724) 869-4779 x2.** A pancake and sausage breakfast will be served and there will be children's entertainment, a magician and 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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MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY STAFF

Meet the people who staff the Economy Borough Municipal Authority (also known as the Sewer Authority or EBMA):

Office Clerk Mary Cay Gross

Office Clerk Mary Cay Gross started as a part-timer with the Sewer Authority in September 2006 and became full time ten years later in November 2016. Mary Cay is the face of the sewer authority, in that she is the person you usually see when you come in to pay the monthly sewage bill in person. She is also the person who answers your telephone calls when you have an issue with your bill. She has accumulated sixteen years of experience handling rate payer accounts, billing/payment processing, and no lien/dye testing requests. She provides exemplary customer service utilizing her outstanding problem solving capabilities.

Laborer Cole Hopkins

Laborer Cole Hopkins started as a summer help with the Sewer Authority in May 2018, returning again in May 2019 and again in May 2021. In this role, he assisted with GIS mapping by surveying hundreds of manholes, as grass cutting and weed whacking at the Authority's eleven Pump Stations, helping to maintain the Big Sewickley Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. Cole became a full time employee in October 2021 and is on track to becoming a **Licensed Wastewater Operator** before the end of 2022.

Chief Operator Frank Lesniak

Chief Operator Frank Lesniak was hired as a Laborer/Operator-in-Training in March 2015. He became a **Licensed Wastewater Operator** in February 2017.

Most recently, Frank was promoted to Chief Operator in March 2022. He started his career as summer helper for Sewickley Borough at the age of sixteen. Very impressive career trajectory.

Operations Manager Joe DeLuca

Operations Manager Joe DeLuca was hired in August 2018. While working with the Borough of Conway's Public Works department, he became a **Licensed Wastewater Operator** in 2007 and subsequently left to work at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the Borough of Sewickley for a number of years. He holds a CDL Class B license as well. He adeptly handles the afterhours calls and alarms and all things operations.

Authority Manager Janet Miklos

Authority Manager Janet Miklos was hired in October 2016. She holds a master's degree in Political Science. She became a **Licensed Wastewater Operator** in September 2020. She serves as a PA Water Environment Association Board Member and Editor of its quarterly publication Keystone Water Quality Manager (KWQM). Additionally she serves as the Assistant Region 10 Director and the Communications Committee Chairman for the PA Municipal Authorities Association. She is responsible for overseeing and managing the Authority operationally, administratively, and financially.

Licensed Wastewater Operators are required by the PA Department of Environmental Protection to complete 30 hours of accredited training courses every three years in order to maintain certification.

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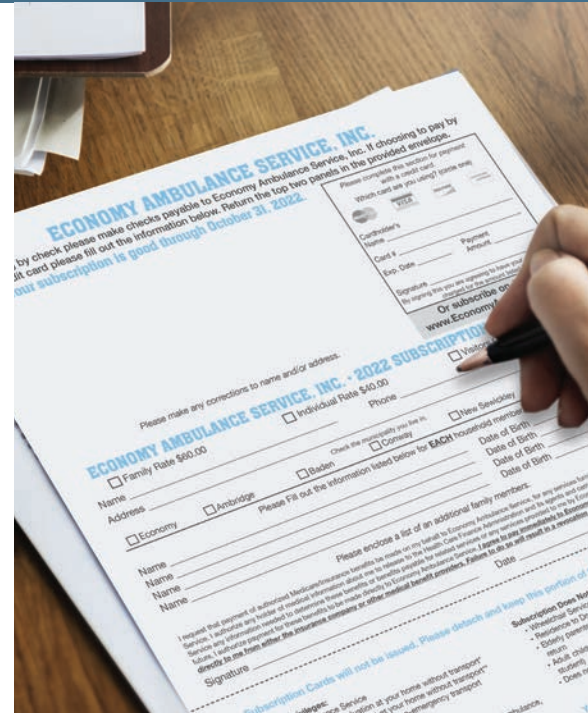
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AMBULANCE SUBSCRIPTION TIME

Around September 20th, you should have received your 2023 Ambulance Subscription Application. Why should you get an ambulance subscription? Ambulance Bills can be over \$1,000 anymore. With your ambulance subscription, you will never have a bill for over \$75 for an Emergency Ambulance Trip in our area. Have you ever fought with an insurance company? With your ambulance subscription, they do the paperwork for you. Have you ever come home from a doctor's appointment and just needed a little help getting from your car to the house? With your ambulance subscription, you get five of these per year with no fee. Your ambulance subscription also gives your local ambulance some guaranteed revenue. While not often, there are days that the ambulance never leaves the station. These may be good for the residents, but not so good for the ambulance service. Even when the crews just sit there, the expenses continue. If you would like an Ambulance Subscription, you can get one at <https://www.economyambulance.com> or by calling their office at (724) 266-9111. Always remember to call 911 when you need an ambulance.



MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF TED BRICKNER

With fall and winter upon us, fire Chief Ted Brickner requests all homeowners to be especially careful with appliances. The most common cause of house fires (58%) is cooking incidents mainly started around the range or stove. The next cause is heating appliances but the most incidents (32%) revolves around portable heating devices such as electric heaters. Wood stoves also play a part in home fires. The vast majority of these relate to a chimney that was improperly cleaned or not cleaned at all.

Important reminder from Chief Brickner: It is best to burn seasoned and thoroughly dried firewood. When burning green or unseasoned firewood the result is a lot of smoke and messy residue and soot deposits in the stove and chimney. Every year our department respond to a half a dozen calls for chimney fires.



We are very capable and have the tools to extinguish a chimney fire. Do not hesitate to call 911 if this happens to you. By prolonging a call can cause a more serious problem. Your volunteers are here to serve you.

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.



**NATIONAL
FIRE PREVENTION
MONTH
OCTOBER**

October is fire prevention month and will be conducting several activities to promote it. To start out, the Fire Department along with the police and Economy Ambulance conducted a First Responder Day in September. This was an opportunity to meet and greet your public safety personnel and be educated on the equipment all departments utilize.

In October, we will visit preschools to show the students the equipment. We will also illustrate how to drop to the floor and escape from their house in case of a fire.

ECONOMY BOROUGH UPCOMING EVENTS



Halloween

Trick or Treat will be on Monday, October 31st from 6 to 8 pm.

The fire department will be out with the police department to patrol the neighborhood for Halloween. Please remind your children to stop and watch for vehicles before they cross the street.

Daylight Savings Time – Fall Back

November 6th. Before you go to bed on Saturday night, remember to set your clocks backwards one hour!



Curbside Leaf Collection

Curbside Leaf Collection will take place on the following Mondays: October 31st, November 7th, 14th, 21st and December 5th. Call the Borough office by the Friday before the Monday you want leaves collected. 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.

Yard Waste Drop-off Container

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 (\$30 per calendar year) which includes curbside brush chipping by appointment, please call the Borough Office for more details.



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December the 17th. This will take place at the Volunteer Fire Department's Social Hall, 3308 Conway Wallrose Road from 9am-11am. **Reservations are highly recommended by calling (724) 869-4779 x2.** Join us for a pancake and sausage breakfast, children's entertainment & magician, a special guest visit and prizes. \$5 per person. Children 2 and under are free.



Santa and the Economy Volunteer Fire Department

Santa and the Economy Volunteer Fire Department: The reindeer may be resting leading up to Christmas but Santa and the Economy Volunteer Fire Department won't be.

Santa will be visiting your neighborhood atop a fire truck on the days listed below **(Please remember–Santa will be collecting canned foods for the United Methodist Food Bank)**. Call the Borough office with questions.

CWR = Conway Wallrose Road; BSCR = Big Sewickley Creek Road.

Monday, December 19th

CWR from VFD Social Hall to Bock; Woodcroft to Ridge Ave; Ridge Avenue; CWR from Ridge to Dunlap Hill thru Ridgewood Plan; CWR to Liberty Hills; Liberty Hills; Orchard Lane.

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 Avenue, School Street, Stange, Paul, Marr, Second Avenue into all of Sunset Hills.

Tuesday, December 20th

Friel Road, BSC Road including Bouril Trailer Court, BSC to Amsler to Orchard Estates, Chestnut Ridge Plan, Campbell, Compton, Compton Heights, Valley Road, Wallrose Heights to Cliff.

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

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

Wednesday, December 21st

CWR from Social Hall to BSC to Edgewood, to Woodlawn, Davis, Maude Davis, Hoenig Road, Ridge Road Ext including side roads.



Garbage Pickup & Recycling/Christmas Tree Pickup

For holidays listed below*, 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 have all ornaments removed, placed near the road and cannot be in plastic bags.

* New Years Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas

ONE-TIME BOOST TO PROPERTY TAX/ RENT REBATE PROGRAM

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program benefits Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 annually for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded.

Pennsylvanians who are approved for a rebate on property taxes or rent paid in 2021 will receive an additional one-time bonus rebate later this year. The one-time bonus rebate will be equal to 70% of your original rebate amount. Importantly, claimants do not need to take any additional action to receive their one-time bonus rebates. If you have already filed your rebate application for the 2021 claim year, the

Department of Revenue will take care of everything on the back end. You will receive your one-time bonus rebate through the same method (check or direct deposit) that you opted to receive your original rebate.

For those who qualify but have not yet applied, the deadline to do so for rebates on rent and property taxes paid in 2021 has been extended to Dec. 31.

Claimants are encouraged to file their rebate applications online by visiting my.path.pa.gov. Paper applications are also available www.revenue.pa.gov/ptrr or at my office.

For additional information about the bonus rebates, visit www.revenue.pa.gov/ptrr.

HOMESTEAD/FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION

The Taxpayer Relief Act, Act 1 of Special Session 1 of 2006, was signed into law on June 27, 2006. The law provides for property tax reduction allocations to be distributed by the Commonwealth to each school district, and the state funds must then be used to reduce local residential school property tax bills. Property tax reduction will be through a "homestead or farmstead exclusion". Under a homestead or farmstead property tax exclusion, the assessed value of each homestead or farmstead is reduced by the

amount of the exclusion before the property tax is computed. Only a primary residence of an owner may receive the homestead exclusion. For other eligibility requirements please stop by or call the Economy Borough tax office.

To receive school property tax relief for tax years beginning July 1, 2023, applications must be filed with the Beaver County Assessment Office, 810 3rd Street Beaver, PA 15009 by March 1, 2023.



GARBAGE CONTRACT

The Borough is coming to the end of the current garbage contract, so we put this service out to bid this past summer. When bids were opened in August, we received only one bid from Valley Waste. Other haulers showed some interest in bidding but when it came time to act, they opted out.

The Borough wants to advise you that there will be a significant hike in the quarterly price. For typical weekly garbage pickup at the curb and bi-weekly recycle pickup (plus household hazardous waste, electronics and bulk pickup—all by appointment), the cost will be \$75.54. This came as a surprise but unfortunately, like everything, the price is going up dramatically. On the plus side, the amount of garbage that can be put out is unlimited; no more stickers.



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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND WHY IT WILL COST EVERYONE

After decades of the Federal and State governments regulating various types of pollution, local governments are now required to monitor and clean polluted stormwater when found. Obvious pollutants like oil, paint and cleaners are among those to be monitored. When potentially polluted stormwater is detected, samples will be collected and sent to a lab. If pollution is verified the Borough is required to locate the source and mitigate it.

You may have heard that neighboring New Sewickley Township established a formal stormwater plan over the last few years to address any issues they may have. In their case the average resident pays a \$72 fee per year. Marshall Township is currently considering a formal plan.

To date, Economy has not implemented a program as robust as New Sewickley, but indications from DEP are that we may have no choice. Our approach has been to implement the program in-house. We will continue with this approach, provided we can meet Department of Environmental Protection requirements. We will keep you posted if we foresee any changes coming.

WHAT WE FEED INTO OUR STORM DRAINS CAN POISON OUR RIVERS



When the rain falls and the snow melts, a flood of water runs off our roofs, roads and yards and down into our streets. Everything the water touches is swept down those streets and fed directly into our storm drains. And then flows out into our rivers—the major source of our drinking water.

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Anything in the path of the storm water can find its way to our rivers through our storm drains.

But there is something we can do about it. In fact, a

lot of dedicated people and municipalities are working on it right now. You can help too.

Check with Valley Waste, the Borough's refuse hauler, about disposing of or recycling paint, oil and other chemicals.

Use environmentally friendly lawn and garden products. Properly dispose of oil, paints and other household chemicals. And please, don't litter the street or the landscape.

To find out more, visit our website. And discover how to keep our rivers from going down the drain.

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