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ECONOMY AMBULANCE TURNS 50!

On September 1, 1974, Economy Volunteer Ambulance Service began operations. Prior to this date, ambulance service had been provided by eight different Funeral Homes in the area. When notice was given to Economy Borough that these eight Funeral Homes would no longer provide ambulance coverage, Economy Fire Department and Economy Borough Council took action.

The Fire Department sent 14 members to Sewickley Valley Hospital to take an Emergency Medical Technician Class. Economy Council stepped in and found funds to buy the first ambulance at a cost of \$17,991 totally equipped. In comparison, the ambulance pictured, which was delivered in June of 2024, was \$152,200 with no equipment. Today equipment can add an additional \$100,000 to the cost of an ambulance.

By June of 1975, there were 42 Emergency Medical Technicians. In addition, just like the Fire Department all were volunteers. A used Cadillac Ambulance was purchased to serve as a backup. The ambulances were housed in the Fire Stations.

Today, Economy Ambulance has five units. Besides Economy Borough, they are the primary provider for Baden Borough, Harmony Township and portions of New Sewickley. Today, there are over



Photo taken in 1974

50 employees at various skill levels being paramedics, pre-hospital RN's, A-EMT's, EMT and EMSVO Drivers.

The current staff want to thank those Volunteers who started it all. Today, with all the training requirements and time commitments, it is just unimaginable how those folks did it. They obviously sacrificed so much to make it a reality.

THE WEATHER IS CHANGING: BE PREPARED

Fire Chief Ted Brickner would like to remind our residents if you are burning wood in the fire place to keep your chimney clean. Every year, we receive several calls for a fire in a chimney. Most of the time, our fire fighters can extinguish it quickly. However, there are cases where the fire spreads to the roof and this is an issue we would like to avoid.

Chief Brickner has a few tips to avoid this situation: Use dry wood to minimize smoke and soot. Maximize air supply by keeping the damper opened. Never burn trash, Christmas limbs or cardboard boxes. You may want to schedule an annual chimney inspection. There could be soot built-up and will later ignite causing fire in the wall.

It is important to call 911 if there is any issue, and you feel unsafe. We will determine what course of action is needed to solve the problem.



A JOB WELL DONE

The fire department would like to congratulate four of our members for their outstanding service. It is unusual to find people who are willing to volunteer their time to help keep our community safe in so many situations. We are proud to salute Gary Scheib and Dave Lewandowski for 50 years of service. Also, we recognize a father/son volunteering their time. This is Myron and Mike Kowaski. Myron gave 44 years of his time and Mike has 39 years in the department.

All four individuals will be given awards by Economy Council for their dedication. Bob Sivewright, the president of the fire department stated, these are the type of volunteers who help make our department a valuable resource to serve the residents in this community.



EXPLANATION OF FIRE EQUIPMENT



While working the fire booth at Economy Community Days, several people asked us why we have so much fire equipment. According to Chief Ted Brickner, he stated the Borough has a large area to protect. We have to cover a portion of the Ohio River. Next to it is a large rail road facility, then borders a four lane state highway. Our area has a shopping plaza which includes Walmart. We cover large residential areas and also the hilly terrain with wooded areas. With all the geographical factors, such as lack of water and long distances between some residential areas, it becomes important to have the proper equipment at any moment to respond. The types of calls we answer vary from a structure fire or brush fire or an accident with entrapment to leaking fluids on the roadway. During the various seasons with storms we handle many calls for trees and power lines down on the road. Because of our borough's various hills, we receive calls for people lost or who fell over a hillside and injured.

We have three stations which are approximately five miles from each other. The following equipment is located at each station: **Station 1** has a 2015 Spartan engine which carries 1000 gallons of water. It also has a 2007 International tanker with a 3000-gallon tank and pump. **Station 2** has a 2002 Pierce engine which carries 1000 gallons of water also a 1997 Spartan Rescue which carries two sets of rescue equipment mainly used for vehicle accidents. It is equipped with a large amount of tools needed for various incidents. A 2004 Peirce 100-foot tower/ladder truck. **Station 3** has a 1997 International pumper that carries 1000 gallons of water. A squad truck with mini rescue equipment and this vehicle is used to pull our trailer equipped with an ATV used for rural areas that our engines have no capability to gain access. It is also equipped with a small pump used for brush fires.

All three stations have a squad truck with medical equipment to assist the Economy Ambulance for calls. **We have the equipment to meet all your needs.**



Engine 691



Engine 692



Engine 693



Tanker 696



Tower 690

ECONOMY AMBULANCE SERVICE SUBSCRIPTION TIME

The leaves are falling, the days are getting shorter and you should have received your yearly ambulance subscription shortly after Labor Day. This subscription can save you hundreds of dollars if you are ever in need of an ambulance for an emergency at your home. Besides saving you money when you go to the hospital, you also get one free medical evaluation, after an incident, and three free lift assists. These lift assists can be invaluable. Have you ever been released from the hospital and were not sure how you were ever going to get back in your house without assistance. Well this is where one of those free lift assists can come into play.

Although Economy Ambulance maintains a steady income throughout the year, the subscriptions also serve as a once a year boost to their budget. This is when they look into buying some piece of capital equipment like new Cardiac Monitors or even a new ambulance like the one pictured, a 2024 Ford Type III Medix. If you are in need of a subscription, please call their office at 724-266-9111 or check their website at www.economyambulance.com.



MEET YOUR MEDICS

This fall we would like to introduce to you Danyelle Kirby. Danyelle has worked for Economy Ambulance since 2017. She originally started as an Emergency Medical Technician but has now advanced to an A-EMT. An A-EMT is just one-step below a Paramedic and can do many more interventions above the EMT Level.



Danyelle has always showed great compassion for some very sick patients and family members through the years. In addition, while all Economy Ambulance employees show a considerable amount of empathy, Danyelle is taking that kind-heartedness one-step further. In August, she donated part of her liver to a complete stranger. This surgery involves giving up 65% of your liver with an expected recovery of at least six weeks for the donor. Although her fellow workers at Economy Ambulance missed Danyelle during the period of recovery, they were amazed at her generosity and kindness.

ECONOMY BOROUGH UPCOMING EVENTS



Halloween

Trick or Treat will be on Thursday, 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

Sunday, November 3rd. 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 28th, November 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and December 2nd. 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 (\$50 per calendar year) which includes curbside brush chipping by appointment, please call the Borough Office for more details.



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



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 16th

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 17th

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 18th

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



Saturday, December 14th
from 9am-11am

SAVE THE DATE! Breakfast with Santa will be on Saturday, December 14th from 9am-11am at the VFD Social Hall - 3308 Conway Wallrose Road. **Reservations are strongly encouraged by calling (724) 869-4779 x1.** 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!**

INFLOW AND INFILTRATION

Inflow is excessive storm water from roof gutter downspouts, basement sump pumps, and floor, patio, yard, driveway or foundation drains.

Infiltration occurs when ground water seeps into sewer mains and laterals through cracks, leaky pipe joints, or deteriorated manholes.

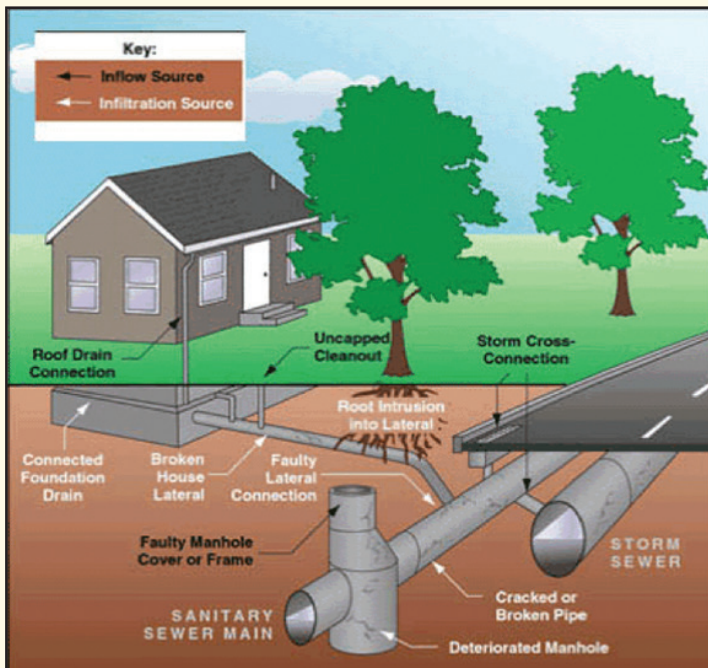
Storm water systems are designed to carry rainfall runoff and other drainage. Sanitary sewer systems are not.

The sanitary sewer system is designed of underground gravity pipes, force mains, manholes and pump stations. It conveys the sewage from bathrooms, sinks, kitchens, laundry rooms, etc. to the wastewater treatment plant. The plant filters and treats the waste and then discharges the disinfected water back into the water supply.

Inflow and infiltration affect the quantity of wastewater that needs to be treated and takes up valuable capacity of the sewer pipes as well as in the wastewater treatment plant. The worst impact of Inflow and Infiltration is when sewage overflows into the environment.

To prevent excess storm water from entering the sanitary sewer system, you can:

- Make sure caps are on sewage clean outs. The plastic caps can be easily replaced at the local hardware store.
- Ensure basement drains and sump pumps are not connected to sink or floor drain or a sewer pipe.
- Check to see if rain gutter downspouts drain into your lawn or to the storm drain.
- Avoid planting trees or shrubs over your sewer lateral as roots can damage pipe and cause leaks.
- Replace any broken, leaky or problem sections of sewer pipe on your property.



WHEN LEAVES FALL, SO DOES WATER QUALITY— THIS FALL, KEEP STORM DRAINS CLEAR OF LEAVES

While you are raking your leaves this fall, be sure to rake leaves out of the street as well, especially before storms. By disposing of leaves properly this fall, you can help maintain the water quality and health of your local waterways. Storm drains are a crucial part of the stormwater system. It is vital to keep them clear of leaves and other debris. Even though you may not live next to a waterway, leaves that pile up in your street and stormwater system will end up impacting nearby waterways.



HOW TO DISPOSE OF LEAVES PROPERLY: Take part in Economy Borough's yard waste program. Yard waste can be deposited in a bin behind the Economy Borough ball fields if you have purchased a Yard Waste Permit. You can also use a mulching mower to retain clippings and mulched leaves on your lawn to help keep them out of streets and storm drains. Leaves and other yard waste are also great for composting and can be used to fertilize flower beds and vegetable gardens next spring.

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 FIRE DEPT. STATION #3

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKER ORDER FORM

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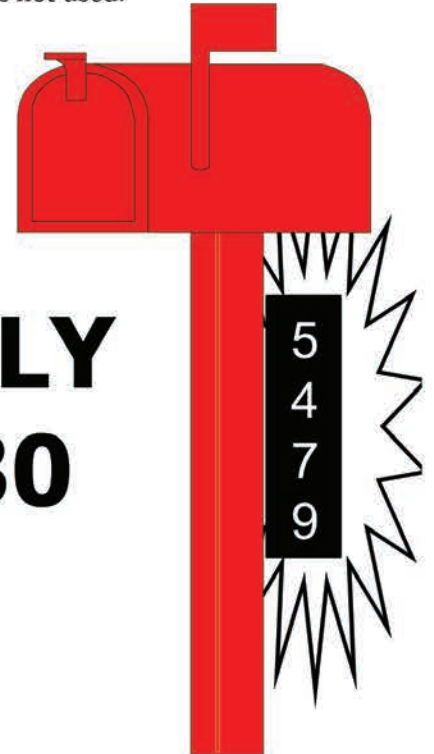
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Summer EVENTS in the Borough



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Pickleball Clinic



Concert in the Park

Economy BOROUGH 2024 COMMUNITY Day

The Economy Borough Community Day was held on September 28, 2024, from 2:00 pm to 7:40 pm. The day was filled with fun for all ages. The children who attended the event enjoyed the petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, caricature artist, touch-a-truck zone, bounce houses, and several other games. If watching the children's smiling faces having fun wasn't enough for the adults, there was a full day of live bands and over 70 vendors from the community and surrounding areas. There were also numerous food trucks, with seating under a large tent, where you could enjoy your meal. We can't forget about ending the night with the fantastic fireworks show. The Economy Borough Recreation Board is thankful for the sponsors that helped make this event possible, the vendors/food vendors who took part in the day, and the continued support of the community who show up each year to make the Community Day a success. **Look for next year's Community Day date in the Spring/Summer newsletter.**

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SNOW REMOVAL

The winter season is quickly approaching and that brings snowy weather conditions. Please allow yourself extra time and check the weather and road conditions before traveling on roadways during inclement winter weather conditions.

An increase in motor vehicle accidents occur during these times due to drivers operating their vehicle too fast for those type of conditions. Also, be mindful of the snow and ice on your vehicle. Do not travel on the roadways until all of the windows of your vehicle are clear of snow and ice. Not only is it safer for you and the other drivers on the roadways, but it is also the law. Snow or ice dislodging from your vehicle while on the roadway can result in a \$200-\$1000 fine. All parts of the vehicle, including the roof, hood, trunk, front windshield, rear windows and all side windows are required to be free from any obstruction before traveling on the roadway. **Be safe!**

Here are suggestions to follow during the winter snow season:

- * Do not drive unless absolutely necessary. Wait to give crews a chance to treat the roads.
- * Remove all vehicles from the street. Park in your driveway or yard, not on the street.



- * Do not shovel, blow or plow snow from your driveway or walkway into the street. Pile snow in your yard instead. Remind any hired snow removal service of these requirements.
- * Keep hydrants clear of snow so that they are visible and accessible for emergencies.
- * When you notice a salt truck approaching from the opposite direction, slow down and move away from the center of the road to allow for the salt spreader spray.
- * When following a salt truck, keep a safe distance back. Expect trucks to make sudden stops or turns when in the operation of snow removal.

DID YOU KNOW?



The Borough has a "Community Room" that can be rented for private parties for \$50.* 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 Road 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.

**Rates are subject to change*

ANNIVERSARY YEARS OF SERVICE

Economy Borough would like to recognize the anniversary years of service for some of the Borough employees below. Thank you all for all your hard work and dedication to the Borough.

Sgt. Jason Woods—20 Years

Sr. Patrolman Christopher Ferragonio—10 Years

Patrolman Derek Amrhein—5 Years

Road Department Laborer Raymond Andrews—5 Years

MAILBOXES

Economy Borough repairs or replaces mailboxes and/or posts that are struck by the plow blade. A paint mark or tracks from a tire is evidence of a mailbox strike. Economy Borough does not repair or replace mailboxes and or post that fall from the force of the plowed snow. Mailboxes and supporting post must be installed to withstand the rigors of snow removal, including the force of snow pushed from the street onto the roadside.

If you have trees or shrubs growing out onto the street, trim them back as not to damage the trucks and mirrors on the trucks. If you have any questions, please give us a call.



LEASED AND RENTED PROPERTIES

All Properties that are Leased or Rented in Economy Borough must be registered with the Borough Code Enforcement Officer or Borough Secretary on a yearly basis. It is the responsibility of all owners of leased/rented premises and of all persons who assist in the rental process to register with the Borough Code Enforcement Officer or Borough Secretary, the names and addresses of all persons who have leased, rented or otherwise arranged for the occupation of leased premises in the Borough. All subsequent tenants must be registered within 30 days of occupancy. Chapter 111 of the Economy Borough Code (found at www.economyborough.org, ordinances, click on blue codebook, go to Chapter 111).



PSAB BOROUGH NEWS COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

Each year, the *PSAB Borough News* presents awards to boroughs to highlight effective communication in their communities. Economy Borough was selected for *First Place* in the Newsletter category this year. Let's show gratitude to all of our article contributors, **Municipal Advertising Consultants** (buyadsfromme@gmail.com), **Trina Asterino-Nous** (trinanous@icloud.com), and Knepper Press. Thank you all for your valuable contributions.



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 household income limit is \$45,000 or less annually for homeowners. This program provides a rebate ranging from \$380 to \$1,000 to eligible applicants.

This program is supported by funds from the Pennsylvania Lottery and gaming.

Applications for 2023 Property Tax/Rent Rebates are due by December 31, 2024.

Supplemental rebates provide an additional \$190 to \$500 in relief to applicants with the most need. These rebates are automatically calculated for property owners with \$30,000 or less in income whose property taxes are more than 15% of their total income.

For those who qualify but have not yet applied, the deadline to do so for rebates on rent and property taxes paid in 2023 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.



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, call or email the Economy Borough tax office.

To receive school property tax relief for tax years beginning July 1, 2025, applications must be filed with the Beaver County Assessment Office, 810 3rd Street Beaver, PA 15009 by March 1, 2025.

REAL ESTATE TAX INFORMATION

Dates: Beaver County: **January** - December 31, - Discount = 2%, Penalty 10%

Economy Borough: **March** - March 31, of the following year Discount = 2%, Penalty 5%

School District: **July** - December 31, Discount = 2%, Penalty 10%

A discount is offered for valid payment within the first two months of the billing period/after they mail.

If you have not received an Economy tax bill, please contact the tax office.

If you have not received a AASD School tax bill, please contact the tax office.

Your Economy Borough Tax Office distributes and collects the local and school district real estate taxes. Beaver County Treasurer Sandie Egley distributes and collects the county taxes.

The local office cannot collect the county tax, prior year taxes, or Per Capita taxes.

To process your bills in a timely manner please remember to date, sign, and enter the correct amount on your checks. Unfortunately, checks not able to be deposited because of missing or incorrect information will be returned. If you have any questions, please contact me and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you, Amy.

Real Estate Taxes:

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