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ECONOMY COMMUNITY DAY

The Economy Borough Community Day was held on September 20, 2025, 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, 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 60 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 sponsorships that helped make this event possible, the vendors who took part in the event, and the continued support of the community, who show up each year to make Community Day a success. Look for next year’s Community Day date in the Spring/Summer newsletter. ♦



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CONCERT & MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE PARK

Economy Borough previously held Concert & Movie Nights in the Park this past summer at Jeffrey Meddock Recreation Park. Concert in the Park was hosted by the Economy Borough Recreation Board, included food trucks and invited everyone to bring their pets, blankets and lawn chairs for a great evening of music. For the most current information on future Concert & Movie Nights in the Park events, check the Economy Borough website and the Economy Borough Recreation Board Facebook page.



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Little Free Library®

Exciting news!!! Economy Little Free Library is growing! Three new locations have been installed in the community, adding to our current locations inside the Economy Borough building and in Recreation Park next to the pavilion. These stand-alone LFLs are outside Economy Volunteer Fire Station #1 on Conway Wallrose Rd. and Station #2 on Ridge Road Ext. Our third location is outside the Borough building. All three stand-alone LFLs were thoughtfully installed as part of an impressive Eagle Scout project undertaken by Anthony Speicher. His dedication and hard work have greatly enhanced our community, as well as LFL, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to him for his invaluable contributions to this initiative. With all three new LFLs, they now provide 24/7 access to books of various genres that will appeal to all ages.

The motto of the Little Free Library is **“Take a Book...Share a Book”** with the goal of promoting the love of reading in our community. Stop by, browse, and find

your next great read! If you enjoy mystery, historical fiction, romance, memoirs, sports, non-fiction, or fantasy, we have a vast selection available. Lots to choose from for your little ones as well. Large donations of books are accepted at the borough building Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Individual book donations can be made at the four stand-alone libraries. Follow us on Instagram @economyfl. Contact us at economyfl@gmail.com with any requests or suggestions. **Happy Reading!!**



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ECONOMY BOROUGH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Earned Income Tax (EIT), Berkheimer	866-701-7206	

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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	833-742-4868
Property Tax, Amy Miller	724-390-0226
Sewage Authority	724-869-3201

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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*

UPCOMING EVENTS



Halloween

Trick or Treat will be on Thursday, October 30th 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 2nd. 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 27th, November 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and December 1st. 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



Saturday, December 6th
from 9am-11am

SAVE THE DATE! Breakfast with Santa will be on Saturday, December 6th 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!**



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 Rd; BSCR = Big Sewickley Creek Rd.

Monday, December 15th

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 16th

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 17th

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

Be a Good Neighbor — Scoop the Poop!

We have had several requests for signs to remind residents who walk dogs to always clean up after them. This should be common sense and common courtesy but if not Borough Ordinance 223 can be used to help enforce the practice.



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.

You do not have to apply every year. If you recently had a deed change, contact my office to determine if you need to reapply. If you are interested in finding out more or would like an application please email the tax office at economytaxcollector@gmail.com Applications must be filed with the Beaver County Assessment Office, 810 3rd Street Beaver, PA 15009 by March 1, 2026 for school property tax relief for the tax year beginning July 1, 2026.



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MEET YOUR MEDICS

This fall we would like to introduce to you Michael Guraly. Mike has worked for Economy Ambulance since 2009. Mike started at Economy as a part-time Emergency Medical Technician and transitioned to full-time in July of 2021. He is now a Crew Chief at Economy EMS. While he is a steady EMT for his partners, one of his biggest accomplishments at Economy Ambulance has been to prepare new units for Licensure. For several years now Mike has overseen supplies. This has made it very natural for him to accomplish this difficult task. The Department of Health has a very specific list of supplies and equipment that each unit must carry. The new smaller trucks have made it a challenge to squeeze all these necessary supplies on board. But Mikey, as his fellow crew members call him, has done it with ease.

Mike is very involved in his community as well. He had been a Fire Chief for the Pine Run Volunteer Fire Department for many years and is now a Captain with the newly formed New Sewickley Fire District.

Mike is coming up on his favorite time of the year. Mike is an avid hunter. Most recently Mike and his team were the National Triple Crown Champions for 2025, for the International Bowhunting Organization.



Economy Ambulance Service Subscription Time

Just after Labor Day, you should have received your 2026 Ambulance Subscription. Ambulance Subscriptions save you money, typically cutting your out-of-pocket expenses in half, and provide your local EMS Service with working capital. Over the last year, they purchased a new 2024 Medix Ambulance pictured below. This replaced their 2008 Unit. They also now have Power Load Units in all their trucks. If you remember from last year's article, these Power Loads cut down on employee injuries.

If you have accidentally misplaced your 2026 subscription, you can call their office at (724) 266-9111 and request a replacement or sign up right on the phone. You can also get one by visiting www.economyambulance.com.



Trauma Wars

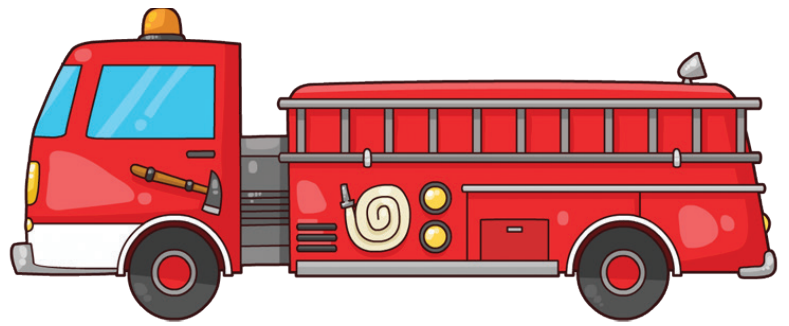
This past August, Economy Ambulance started what they hope will be an annual event. Training coordinator, Jessica Brown, worked for three months to accomplish this very intense training event. This all-day activity involved several groups of Economy Ambulance employees responding to a simulated trauma event. Crews had to respond from station, treat and package the patient eventually transporting to a simulated hospital setting. A team of four evaluators critiqued the teams. All crews took the simulated activity very seriously. At the end of the day, a champion was crowned. The 2025 Champions were the team of Robert Szymoniak, Caron Baker and Kristen Cook. Besides winning a small prize, their names will be enshrined on a plaque at the station. At the end of the day, all participants got to enjoy a barbecue.



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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. *Do not blow or rake leaves into drainage areas as they could clog drainage pipes or culverts downstream. Also do not blow or rake leaves onto any of our streets.*

WHEN IN DOUBT, CALL

All too often the Code Enforcement Office responds to calls and/or complaints related to demolitions, new construction or remodeling, only to find the proper permits were not issued. If you have a construction project in or around your home and are not sure if a permit is required, it is best to call and ask. The number for the Code Office is 724-869-4779. You can ask for John at extension 5. He will be happy to answer your questions.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT

Chapter 58 of the Economy Borough Code requires that all houses and businesses be conspicuously numbered with a street address. For those buildings that cannot be seen from the road, the mailboxes are to be numbered. The Economy Volunteer Fire Department sells reflective numbers for \$30, please call the Borough Office for more information.

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.



Fire Department responded to Mass Casualty Call

On Saturday, August 23, 2025, our department received a call for a school bus rollover on Shaffer Road. This occurred at 9:55am. Additional updates kept pouring in and reported that there were 30 injuries. Economy Police and Economy Ambulance personnel arrived quickly and gave a size up which turned into a mass casualty incident. It was the first time an incident of this type took place in Beaver County in 2025. Our fire chief arrived in his command vehicle to help set up what resulted in multiple agencies being called to the scene. These were junior high students from Aliquippa enroute to their football game. Fire departments from Aliquippa, Baden and Brighton Township were called for assistance as they are trained to provide medical care in these types of cases. Economy personnel requested additional crews from Butler and Allegheny county

to help in transporting 21 victims to various hospitals. Also one patient was life flighted to a Pittsburgh hospital. This accident demanded quick action from various departments. Fire Chief Ted Brickner stated he was impressed with the response and help all these agencies gave to this incident. He was especially proud of his men and women in our fire department. The Chief explained this is why we practice regularly so when these types of calls come into our department we know how to handle the situation.

Also 11 days later we were called to another serious accident. This was a UTV side by side that came out of a wooded area and turned over on a hillside. Two patients were treated at the scene and transported to a Pittsburgh hospital. One patient had serious injuries.



BRUSH FIRE REMINDER



Last spring, we reminded our residents to be cautious burning materials in your yard. A large brush fire resulted in when a camper caught on fire and spread into a wooded area. Mutual aid was requested from neighboring departments as the fire spread and was out of control for a period of time.

Fire Prevention week was held nationally October 5-11. Our department visited students in the elementary school and showed our equipment to them. They were also instructed how to escape a fire if it took place in their house. It is time to check your smoke and CO detectors.

Inspect your fire extinguishers for the expiration date. It may be time to replace it.

PREPARING FOR WINTER

Time to check your chimney for use this winter.

Follow these simple steps:

1. Inspect the fire place for signs of wear and cracks. Clean out and ash or debris.
2. Check the exterior of your chimney for visible cracks of missing
3. Check for water damage and leaks. One sign is the appearance of moisture inside the fire place, also a musty odor is a clear sign of a problem.

Fire Chief Ted Brickner stated by taking care of these issues it can prevent a serious house fire. Every year, we respond to several reported chimney fires.

PREVENTING SANITARY SEWER BACKUPS

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; tampons or sanitary napkins; diapers; condoms, cotton balls or swabs, chewing gum; tissues or paper towels; plastic objects; grease or motor oil; egg shells or seafood shells; strong chemicals; dental floss; prescription pills; washing machine lint; hair; potato peels.

Under the PA Governmental Immunity Statue, 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 at (724) 869-3201.

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.

Borough Manager Travis Cavanaugh—5 Years
Sr. Patrolman Nicholas Aschley—10 Years

Patrolman Zachery Potts—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).



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.

The Economy Borough Tax Office cannot collect the county taxes, prior year taxes, or Per Capita taxes.

If you have a change of address, please contact both the tax office and the Beaver County Assessment office. The county prints the real estate taxes and references the address on record.

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:

Amy Miller, Tax Collector Economy/AASD - 724-390- 0226
economytaxcollector@gmail.com

Sandie Egly, Beaver County Treasurer - 724-770-4540 (county)

Beaver County Assessment Office - 724-770-4480



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