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WEST HIGH STREET IN 2015

West High Street will see much activity and many changes in 2015.



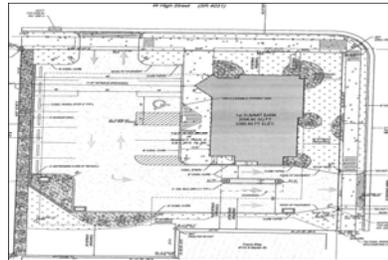
First, the bridge near the current Sheetz store will be replaced. PennDOT expects to begin the project soon. One lane of traffic will remain open at all times, regulated by a temporary traffic signal. The Ghost Town Trail, under the bridge, will also remain open during the project.

Sidewalks will be included on both sides of the new bridge, and a turning lane will be added for those turning onto New Germany Road. The bridge replacement project will last the entire construction season.

Second, Sheetz will be building a new store on the current site of Falchini Beverage. Seven existing buildings will be razed to make room for the new Sheetz store and gas pumps. It will occupy all of the space between Triumph Street and the Fastenal building. This project will also begin very soon.



Third, Falchini Beverage is moving to the opposite side of West High Street. Two older rental houses have already been razed, and a new building is being constructed.



Fourth, 1st Summit Bank is constructing a new branch office on West High Street at Marian Street, the site of the former Gulf station.



BOROUGH INSTALLS NEW MULTI-SPACE METERING SYSTEM IN PENN EBEN LOT

You may have noticed a new metering system in place in the Penn Eben parking lot. The new system replaced 22 digital meters that were moved to other areas of town where there was a non-working meter. The Ebensburg Borough Police Department and borough officials made the decision to invest in the new system after experiencing maintenance issues with the digital meters. The new system is battery powered with a solar panel mounted on top. It will accept quarters and \$1 bills only and will require users to print out a receipt and place it on the dashboard of their car.

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DOWNTOWN TRUCK TRAFFIC

Isn't there something the borough can do about all of the truck traffic???

The short answer is "No". The Borough has no authority to tell trucks where they can and cannot go. Route #22 provides a by-pass around town for much of the traffic but it is a longer route, it involves traffic lights at the bottom of a hill, and they cannot be forced to use it.

The Mayor, Council members and borough staff all agree with you. The trucks are dirty and loud. They are a real inconvenience in any residential community. But complaining about trucks in Ebensburg is like complaining about the weather; there isn't really anything we can do about it.

Borough Council considered taking over state-owned High Street and Center Street from PennDOT with the intention of imposing its own restrictions. Under the law, it would have made no difference. For example, weight restrictions could not be imposed on either road without a formal engineering analysis that declared the roads could not support truck traffic. Everyone knows though that both roads can in fact support truck traffic. They were originally constructed as a concrete highway. If we could demonstrate that the truck traffic was damaging underground utilities, that could be an option. We rarely though have water leaks under those two roads. If we could demonstrate a safety concern with a pattern of accidents, that could be another option. But when was the last accident on either road that involved a truck? So even if the borough assumed ownership of Center Street and High Street, we would not be permitted to impose any regulations limiting truck traffic.

We are often asked about limiting the use of "jake brakes" on the trucks. We are not permitted to do that either. A jake brake is a recognized safety device on a truck. It is intended to slow the truck down without undue wear on the conventional brakes; but they are loud. If the grade of a hill is less than a certain percent slope, we could restrict jake brakes. But the hill going down East High Street is too steep, and we are not permitted to impose the restriction.

Truck traffic is a problem in Ebensburg; there is no denying that. But every possible solution has been thoroughly studied and considered.



REMINDER - PERMITS REQUIRED

There are certain things that you need to obtain a permit for. Some of the more common are garage sales (free), building renovations, signs and fences. A required permit is not one of those things that you want to plead ignorance for and seek forgiveness later. Before doing a project, check with the borough office to see if a permit is required before investing any money in a project.

YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS IN THE CROSSWALK - IT'S THE LAW!

Section 3542 of the Motor Vehicle Code requires all drivers to yield to pedestrians at non-signalized intersections. Failure to yield carries a fine of \$50 and 2 points.



Stormwater Management

As announced last year, the new stormwater fees have been enacted, and have been appearing on everyone's bi-monthly utility bills. Those funds are held in reserve, to be used only for stormwater related matters. During 2015 there will be several stormwater projects undertaken in order for residents to feel relief from recurring localized flooding.

First, in conjunction with the new sidewalk project, new stormwater basins will be added along West High Street near Park Street, and along Rowena Drive down to Lake Rowena.

Second, a new drainage system will be installed on East Triumph Street east of Caroline Street. This area sees high standing water during most rain events, damaging yards, driveways and garages.

Third, a new drainage system will be constructed on Beech Street and Julian Street in the area of the fairgrounds.

And finally, design will begin on a broad stormwater improvement project, aimed at correcting many of the flooding problems that occur around town. This will be a multi-million dollar project. Once design is complete, efforts will be made to acquire funding for this project. For now, this will remain in the design phase. Actual construction could be several years away.

EBENSBURG WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES



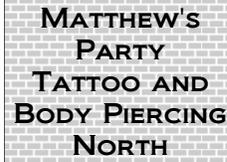
313 W. High Street
814-419-8090
www.ebensburgfitness.com



222 Jamesway Road
814-472-4239



925 Rowena Drive
814-270-7238



117 S. Center Street
814-619-1657



1104 W. High Street
814-419-8299
www.foxspizza.com

"Welcome to Ebensburg" Signs

Thank you to the American Legion for sponsoring the newest Welcome to Ebensburg sign along Route 422 below Bishop Carroll. This is the third such sign to be erected. There are still two other planned entrance signs remaining. If any other organization or business wishes to contribute toward the cost of additional entrance signs, contact Dan at the borough office at 814-472-8780. Other signs are planned on North Center Street near the former middle school and South Center Street near Agway.



YARD WASTE DUMPSTER

The yard waste collection dumpster will be moved to a new location in 2015. Currently at the rear of the municipal building, access is often blocked by borough vehicles. The amount of traffic in and out of the dumpster is posing a hazard.

In 2015, the dumpster will be placed at the rear of the YPCC. Security cameras there will continue to monitor for any illegal dumping.



EBENSBURG BOROUGH POOL RATES

Pool Opening:
May 23, 2015

POOL HOURS

MONDAY - SATURDAY
12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY
12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Daily Admission Rates	Resident
Adult (19 yrs. - 64 yrs. old)	\$6.00
Child (4 yrs. - 18 yrs. old)	\$4.00
Senior (65 yrs. +)	\$4.00
Twilight (After 6:00 PM)	\$4.00

Resident Rates	2014 Fees
Individual (19 yrs. - 64 yrs. old)	\$120.00
Individual - Child (4 yrs. - 18 yrs. old) / Senior (65 yrs. +)	\$100.00
2 Person Pass	\$160.00
3 Person Pass	\$185.00
4 Person Pass	\$205.00
5 Person Pass	\$225.00
Additional Dependents	\$20.00
Nanny/Babysitter (must be bought in conjunction with a family membership)	\$25.00

Non-Resident Rates	2014 Fees
Individual (19 yrs. - 64 yrs. old)	\$150.00
Individual - Child (4 yrs. - 18 yrs. old) / Senior (65 yrs. +)	\$130.00
2 Person Pass	\$185.00
3 Person Pass	\$205.00
4 Person Pass	\$225.00
5 Person Pass	\$245.00
Additional Dependents	\$20.00
Nanny/Babysitter (must be bought in conjunction with a family membership)	\$25.00

2015 SIDEWALK PROJECTS

At the same time that all of the other changes along West High Street are occurring, the Borough will be undertaking a new sidewalk project. Our project includes new curbing and sidewalk on West High Street between the downtown and New Germany Road, on South Center Street between Ogle Street and the Ghost Town Trail, and on Rowena Drive from Tanner Street to Lake Rowena. PennDOT recently approved a \$500,000 grant for this project. The sidewalk project is expected to be bid in February, with construction beginning when the winter weather breaks.



Borough Council thanks everyone in advance for their patience throughout 2015. Conditions along West High Street will look much worse before they begin looking better. There will be traffic delays, dirt, dust and mud, but in the end West High Street will be completely transformed, and it will have all been worth the temporary inconvenience.

WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES

OPPOSITE SIDE PARKING

- Remember that "opposite side parking" is in effect from 12/1 to 3/31. From 8 am to 5 pm EVERY day, parking is permitted ONLY on the south and east sides of the streets. Between 5 pm and 8 am, all vehicles are to be moved to the north and west sides of the streets.

PREPARING FOR A STORM

- Crews are often dispatched to clear the catch basins so the melting snow can run off. You may wish to avoid a potential problem and also be of assistance to your neighbors by cleaning off the catch basin or shoveling out a nearby fire hydrant.

BOROUGH STREETS

- Center Street, Highland Avenue, and High Street are State roads and are maintained by PennDOT. The Borough's top priority are the main streets that have the heaviest year-round traffic such as Julian & Caroline Streets and Horner & Ogle Streets.

STAY INSIDE

- After a snowstorm, crews have many hours of work to complete their snow clearing operations. The less traffic on the streets means that they will be able to clear more quickly and completely. The Borough will be aware of impending snowstorms and will alert crews beforehand.

TIME FRAME FOR CLEARING STREETS

- With two trucks on the streets, it takes approximately four hours to cover every street. If snowfall is heavy, the priority is given to the main routes. Smaller streets may wait a long time until the plow eventually gets there.

DRIVEWAYS

- The snowplow WILL deposit snow at the end of your driveway. This is a reality of snowplowing, and it cannot be helped. The Borough cannot shovel ridges or wind rows from your driveway that are left from plowing, nor can crews plow private property.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- Our public works department does a terrific job every winter of keeping our streets safe.
- Remember that trained crews work round-the-clock during snowstorms. Often times they are working over-time, weekends and holidays to keep the streets open and passable. If there is a problem concerning street conditions, call the Public Works Department at 472-7811.

Shoveling Sidewalks

Keeping our sidewalks free of ice and snow is the neighborly thing to do, and it's the law. For your own benefit and to help your neighbors, people pushing strollers or using wheelchairs, and the many people in Ebensburg who walk, please do your part.

Ebensburg Borough Ordinance requires that property owners clear sidewalks after the end of a snowfall within 12 hours.

When you shovel snow and clear ice

- Shovel the sidewalks on all sides of your property, the full width of the sidewalk down to the bare pavement.
- Remove all ice from sidewalks. After the sidewalk is cleared, sprinkling a little sand can help prevent slipping on frosty sidewalks.
- Pile snow into your yard. It's against the law to shovel snow into streets and alleys.
- If you have a corner property, clear curb cuts at corners and crosswalks to the street gutter.

Avoid a ticket

- If the Borough receives a complaint or discovers that a sidewalk is not properly cleared, the property owner will be issued a citation with a fine.

Remember

- You are responsible for clearing ice on your sidewalks as well as snow. Ice can be more dangerous and intimidating than snow.
- The sooner and more completely you shovel, the less likely ice will form.
- Arrange for someone to shovel while you are on vacation.

Need help?

- Make arrangements in advance to have a friend, neighbor or firm take care of your shoveling for you.

Want to go the extra mile?

- Are there neighbors on your street who are elderly, have a disability or may have a hard time shoveling for any reason? Work with your neighbors to give a hand and ensure your entire block is safe and accessible to all.



SIGNING UP FOR THE CUSTOMER PORTAL

By signing up for the **Borough of Ebensburg Customer Portal** you will be able to view, print, and pay your bills online. You will also be able to view your bill, payment and usage history.

Steps to sign up for the Customer Portal:

- 1 Go to the following website: <https://ebensburg.authoritypay.com>

- 2 Click on **Set Up Online Access**

- 3 Enter your Account Number and CID which can be found on your bill. You will also need to enter a valid email address and password.

- 4 Click **Create Account**

A Registration Confirmation window will appear. No action is needed on this window.

- 5 You will also receive an email confirmation. You must click on the link provided in this email to complete your enrollment.

- 6 You can then click on the link to take you to the Portal Login Page

PLEASE NOTE: After signing up, your water bill will be available on the website along with your consumption and history. With this method, you can “go green” and receive a paperless bill or continue to receive your bill by mail. When making payments, you must enter your bank routing number and bank account number. The payments will post to your bank account at the end of the month when the payments are due.



Ebensburg Borough Health & Wellness Facility

HOURS OF OPERATION

MON - SAT: 8 am - 9 pm & SUN: 12 pm - 9 pm

PHONE: 814-472-4277

www.yppccrec.com

* SPECIAL *

PURCHASE 3 MONTHS & RECEIVE THE 4TH FREE!

PURCHASE 10 MONTHS AND RECEIVE 2 FOR FREE!

Regular exercise, proper nutrition, stress management and other good lifestyle habits are more important to you now than ever before. At the same time, it is more difficult to find the time in today's fast-paced society to focus on your physical fitness and wellness. The Ebensburg Borough Health & Wellness Facility is ideal for those who can devote three to five hours a week to improving their physical fitness because it offers first-rate equipment in an intimate state-of-the-art facility at a fraction of the cost of other centers.

Monthly Gym Membership Fees:

Single/Adult.....	\$22.00
Seniors (55 yrs.+)	\$15.00
Students.....	\$15.00

Family Rate:

2 Adults + 1 Student: \$45
(\$10 for each additional student)

As a member of the Ebensburg Health & Wellness Center, you can exercise on the following machines:

- Body Solid and Life Fitness selectorized resistance machines
- Powertec and Powerhouse Grip free weights
 - Octance elliptical cross-trainers
- Vision treadmills and stationary bicycles

Through the Ebensburg Recreation Department, members are able to use other services and facilities such as:

- 24-Hour Access to the Ebensburg Health & Wellness Center*

** Available with the minimum purchase of a 3 month membership.*

- Gymnasium
- Member Discounts on Recreation Department Programs and Activities.

Young Peoples Community Center Basketball Leagues – Winter 2015 “Let Us Help Take Your Game to the Next Level”

YPCCBL operates instructional/recreational leagues that provide area youth a quality, structured basketball program that develops individual and team skills. We offer programs, leagues, clinics and tournaments for ages 3 through 15 years old. We encourage our coaches to offer positive instruction to players rather than negative criticism. The YPCC stresses the value of team play, the value of sportsmanship and the importance of maintaining a positive attitude.

- 10 Game Schedule w/ Playoffs
- Competitive Teams from Cambria, Somerset, Blair and Indiana Counties.
- Various Age Specific and Skill Level Programming
- PIAA Officials

Visit www.yppccrec.com or call 814-472-4277 for more information.

WINTER PARKING ENFORCEMENT

The Ebensburg Borough Police Department reminds all residents to check the winter parking hours which began on 12/1 and will end on 3/31. Signs are posted at the beginning of each block indicating parking hours. The purpose of the winter parking ordinance is to have two lanes of traffic open for plow trucks and one curb lane for parking. Please move your vehicle by the change-over time. When you move your vehicle, do not park directly across from your neighbor who has not moved their vehicle yet. This will block the street and make it difficult to drive past both vehicles. Thank you for your cooperation.



EBENSBURG TENNIS CENTER



The winter tennis season is in full swing at the Ebensburg Tennis Center. If you are looking to tune up your game or just get started, the center offers individual and group lessons by USPTA certified professional Jamie Taylor.

The tennis center offers court rental for play on the indoor and outdoor courts. The center is open for member and non-member play. Tennis memberships at the Ebensburg Tennis center will provide you with 24-hour access to the facility and an online court reservation book. Listed below are membership costs; memberships are based on an annual fee.

Need a partner to play with? Join one of our "flex" leagues. Play in a singles or doubles league. Leagues are available for players of all ages and ability levels. Play unlimited tennis with our "All You Can Play Pass". Members pay a one-time rate for unlimited play during specific hours, 7 days a week.

Visit the USPTA award winning ebensburgtenniscenter.com or call 814-471-2980.

Fall/Winter All You Can Play Pass

Cost:

Single - \$340

Family - \$520

Pass runs from Sept 14 - May 23.

- * You must be a member to have an AYCP Pass.
- * You may reserve a max of two hours at one time.
- * You may reserve courts one week in advance.
- * Pass is only for the indoor courts.

Fall/Winter Court Rates for Indoor Play

Mon - Fri	9 am - 4 pm	\$22
	4 pm - 9 pm	\$24
	9 am - 9 pm	\$10

Sat - Sun	9 am - 1 pm	\$21
	1 pm - 7 pm	\$19
	7 pm - 9 am	\$10

- *All tennis rates are based on an hourly rate.
- *You may play as a non-member three times per year.
- *Non-members will pay an additional court fee of \$4.



TENNIS LESSON RATES

Private Lessons		Clinics/Group Lessons	
1 hour private lesson	\$50	1 hour clinic	\$12
1/2 hour private lesson	\$31	1 1/2 clinic	\$17
*1 hour private lesson	\$54	*1 hour clinic	\$13
*1/2 hour private lesson	\$33	*1 1/2 hour clinic	\$19

*Prices are for students who are non-members of the tennis center.

TENNIS MEMBERSHIP RATES

Single	- \$150
Family	- \$195 (includes immediate family members)
Junior	- \$60 (17 and under)
*Out of Town Membership	- \$65 Single
*Out of Town Membership	- \$115 Family

*Out of town memberships are for anyone living outside a 40 miles radius from the center. All membership run one calendar year, unless other wise specified.

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Ebensburg Community Events

Wine Time in the Mainline

Sponsored by Ebensburg Rotary Club
February 28th, 1pm - 4pm & 5pm - 8pm
Young Peoples Community Center

17th Annual 'Art in Bloom' Spring Art Show*

Saturday, April 25th, 12pm - 6pm &
Sunday, April 27th, 11am - 4pm
Cambria County Courthouse

HeartChase

Hosted by the American Heart Association
April 25th, 9am - 11am
www.heartchase.org
Young Peoples Community Center

11th Annual 'Wheels & Wings'*

Thursday, June 25th, 5pm - 10pm
Downtown Ebensburg

Downtown Shutdown*

Friday, July 24th, 6pm - 11pm
Center of Downtown Ebensburg

Ebensburg Homecoming*

Saturday, July 25th, ALL DAY
Ebensburg Area & Lake Rowena

Farmer's Market*

Every Saturday, 9am - 12pm
July - September 19th
Penn Eben Park

Concerts in the Park*

August 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th - 6pm - 9pm
Penn Eben Park

Cambria County Fair

Always Labor Day Week
September 6 - 12
Cambria County Fairgrounds

24th Annual PotatoFest*

Saturday, September 26th, 9am - 5pm
Downtown Ebensburg

6th Annual Ebensburg Turkey Trot

Hosted by Ebensburg Area Running Club
Thursday, November 26th
www.ebensburgrunners.org

10th Annual Dickens of a Christmas*

Friday, December 4th - December 6th
Downtown Ebensburg

**Sponsored by Ebensburg Main Street Partnership*

www.ebensburgmainstreet.com

Interested in volunteering? Call 472-8414