



# EBENSBURG BULLETIN

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## COUNCIL ADOPTS 2016 BUDGET

Borough Council has adopted a \$5,099,110 budget for 2016. The budget avoids any tax increases for the 6th consecutive year. 2016 is expected to be a relatively quiet year in town, with no major capital improvement projects planned. Still, there will be some smaller improvements undertaken.

1) The downtown streetscape will see several improvements. Several of the trash receptacles, streetlight bases and sign pole bases are rusting or have peeling paint. We will be removing many of those for repainting.

2) In response to the last community survey and frequent comments, Council will be adding flowers to the downtown streetscape. Hangers and hanging baskets will be added to the light poles in just the four 100 blocks from the center of town. In future years, additional hangers and baskets could be acquired to expand the display.



The large hanging baskets are very common in downtowns, are very visible, and will be a popular addition. They will require frequent watering. The borough already possesses the equipment needed for frequent watering, but will be looking for volunteers to help with the planting of the flowers and the ongoing care.

3) The police department will be receiving new computer hardware, software upgrades and new office flooring.

4) Many worn traffic signs were replaced during 2015, and many more will be replaced in the coming year.

5) A backhoe and two public works vehicles will be replaced in 2016.

6) The drainage systems for the reservoirs are in disrepair. They do not present any danger and are not normally needed, but when needed they must work properly. Approximately \$100,000 will be spent replacing those systems.

7) The stormwater improvement project along North Beech Street was begun in 2015, but work was suspended due to a permitting issue. That work will be completed this spring.

8) Patrons have asked for additional deck chairs at the swimming pool, and those will be added this summer.

9) A pavilion at Lake Rowena will be replaced.

While the above list of projects sounds like a busy year, that is relatively mild compared to the larger projects undertaken in recent years.

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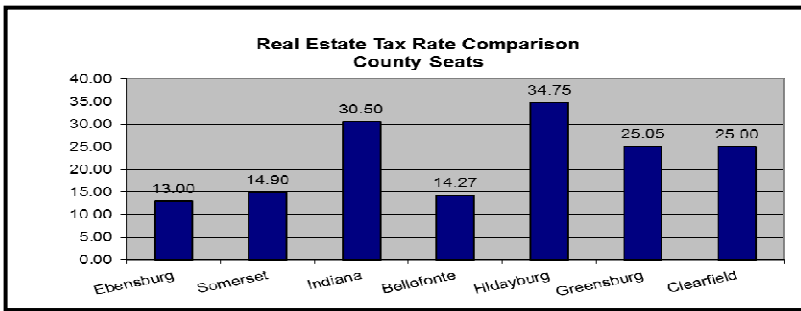
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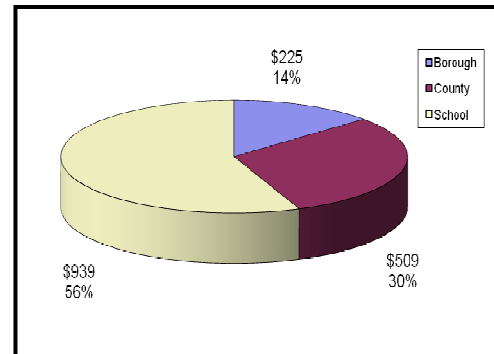
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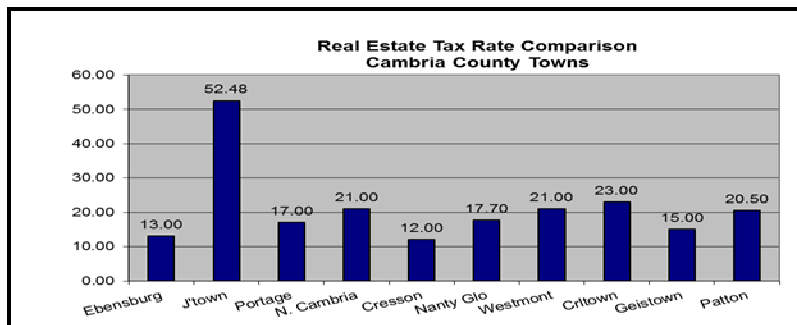
## HOW DOES EBENSBURG'S REAL ESTATE TAX COMPARE TO OTHER SIMILAR TOWNS?



Ebensburg's real estate tax is lowest of other county seats in region.



The borough real estate tax represents only 14% of the total property tax bill paid by borough taxpayers. Thirty (30%) percent of taxes paid by borough taxpayers goes to county government (29.5 mills), and fifty-six (56%) percent goes to the local school district (54.25 mills).



Ebensburg's real estate tax is second lowest of other similar towns in Cambria County.

### RATE ADJUSTMENTS

There are two fees that are scheduled to be adjusted in 2016. The adjustments are not recently enacted, but rather were previously scheduled to occur in January 2016. Both will appear on the customer's first bill in 2016.

The stormwater fee, originally adopted in September 2014, was implemented at 50% of the full rate. The full residential rate was to be \$96/year. When enacted in 2014 Council chose to implement the fee in a two-step approach. It was first only \$48/year, and increased to the full \$96 this year.

The garbage collection fee is established under a 3-year contract with Lee Disposal. In 2016 it will increase from \$16.85/mo. to \$17.85/mo.

### Garage Sale & Other Signs

**REMINDER** – Posting signs for garage sales, lost & found or any other purpose on telephone poles or sign or light posts is **PROHIBITED**.

Get a permit before holding any type of yard sale. They're FREE!

The permit explains the rules regarding what type and number of signs are permitted. Signs attached to utility or street poles are removed by borough staff as soon as they are noticed. Don't waste your time and money. Do it right.



## FROZEN WATER LINES

The Ebensburg Municipal Authority has adopted a new policy regarding the thawing of frozen water lines. The Authority will provide thawing service to customers with frozen water lines, subject to the following. The first time that the service is required in any given year is free. Any subsequent visits in any given year will be charged at the rate of \$35/man hour with a minimum charge of \$55. In the case of plastic service lines, the customer will be required to have installed, at their expense, a straight direct port into the service line from inside the building, through which heating tubes may be inserted. The Authority reserves the right to require the customer to correct any conditions causing repeated freezing. Any equipment required, such as a welder, to complete the thawing will be charged at an hourly rate as well. In the rare cases in which it is learned that it was the main that froze, there will of course be no charge.

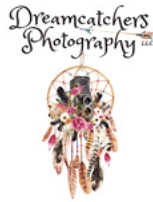
## EBENSBURG WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES



167 Zeaman Drive  
814-472-9119

**FINE WINE &  
GOOD SPIRITS**

NEW LOCATION  
300 Walmart Drive  
814-472-1495



3133-63 New Germany Rd.  
814-846-5148



127 S. Center Street  
814-266-3226



NEW LOCATION  
818 W. High Street  
814-471-6750



4390 Admiral Peary Hwy.  
814-472-7740



### Ebensburg Main Street Partnership Gives Back

The Main Street Partnership works diligently each year to bring a diverse schedule of events to the Ebensburg community. These events include Art in Bloom, Wheels & Wings, Concerts in the Park, PotatoFest and many others. We are often asked what is done with the money raised from these events. We are happy to report that all money raised is put right back into our community to continue these events and to help fund different projects. This year, some of the projects funded include: a donation toward the new Christmas decorations throughout our downtown, a donation toward a 4 x 4 utility vehicle purchased by the borough, sponsorship of a bench to be placed at the new all inclusive playground, and sponsorship of a sign and landscape project, also at the new playground.

More importantly though, the goal of these events is not to make money. The goal is to create a thriving community of businesses and residents and to bring thousands of visitors into Ebensburg each year to shop, eat and stay here.

So, thanks to all of you who help make these events happen. They wouldn't be possible without our sponsors, donors, volunteers and all of you who come out to support and enjoy them with us!

### EBENSBURG BOROUGH POOL RATES

Pool Opening:

**May 28, 2016**

Open weekends only until  
summer break.

### 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

#### 2016 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

#### 2016 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  |

## MEET EBENSBURG'S NEW RECREATION DIRECTOR

Samantha "Sam" Kemock has recently joined the borough staff as the new recreation director. Sam is an Ebensburg native and a graduate of Central Cambria High School. She received her Bachelors degree in Marketing/Management from Penn State and went on to complete a Masters degree in Human Resource Management at Saint Francis University. Sam comes to the borough from New Pig Corporation, in Tipton, where she has worked as an e-commerce marketing associate for the past two years. She and her husband Matt live in Ebensburg.

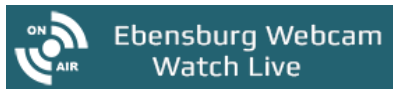
Please join us in welcoming Sam in her new role!



*"I am truly honored and humbled to have been appointed as the new Recreation Director of Ebensburg. Growing up in this town, I remember using the YPCC, Swimming Pool, Lake Rowena and the Memorial Fields on a regular basis. I am very excited to now be in a position where I can develop and manage these places so that the residents of this community can continue to enjoy them for years to come!"*

## EBENSBURG WEBCAM UPDATES

The Ebensburg Borough website, [www.ebensburgpa.com](http://www.ebensburgpa.com), now has a live streaming video of four different sites located within the borough. Additional cameras were installed over the summer in multiple locations, four of which can now be seen live online. The camera views accessible through the website are the Borough Swimming Pool, Memorial Field, the Tennis Center outdoor courts with an overlook of Lake Rowena and Penn Eben Park gazebo. Look for the button seen below on the homepage of the website to access the live video feed.



Ebensburg Webcam



## *Ebensburg Borough Ordinance requires that property owners clear sidewalks after the end of a snowfall within 24 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.
- DO NOT shovel snow into streets and alleys - it's against the law! Pile snow into your yard.
- Clear curb cuts at corners and crosswalks.

### 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 if you are unable or 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.



## Ebensburg Borough Police Now Equipped with Body Cameras

The Ebensburg Borough Police Department has begun using body cameras. The cameras were donated by Ebensburg Moose Lodge.

The use of body cameras affords several benefits to both the police and citizens:

- The necessity to record every interaction with residents is bound to minimize complaints about police officer behavior and the unnecessary use of force, because interactions are captured for everyone to see.
- Use of the cameras while on-duty provides hard video evidence of decisions made by officers in high intensity situations.
- Video recorded by body cams protects against any false accusations, misconduct, or abuse against officers.
- Increases transparency and accountability of officers.
- May help prevent and de-escalate confrontational situations between officers and civilians.
- May help provide valuable evidence in obtaining accurate witness and victim statements.
- Video footage captured may help speed up court proceedings by providing indisputable proof of situations. This may lead to a reduction in court expenses due to an increase in pre-trial plea bargains or possibly an increased rate of convictions.



## RESURFACING OF ALL STATE ROADS

PennDOT expects to award a contract in March for resurfacing of all state roads in Ebensburg Borough. That includes all of High Street, Center Street and West Highland Avenue. The old surface of the roads will be milled down prior to resurfacing.

The project is scheduled for completion in spring 2016. Of course the pavement milling will result in noise, dust and traffic snarls, but the temporary inconvenience will be well worth it. As much work as possible will be scheduled during nighttime hours so that there is less traffic to deal with.



## NEW COUNCIL MEMBER ELECTED

At the end of 2015, Council member Joe Lutz decided to not seek reelection, and his term on Council came to an end. Joe was recognized for his outstanding service to Ebensburg, and the role that he played in improving our town.

Beginning a new term on Borough Council is John Cobaugh. We wish him much success in his new role.

## EBENSBURG SEEKING HISTORIC DESIGNATION

An effort was begun in the mid-1990s to obtain a National Register Historic Designation for portions of the borough. Dr. Jack Coleman spearheaded that project, but the effort was abandoned in 1998 due to frustration with the process. Borough staff and volunteers have discussed renewing this project for the past two years.

Such a designation enhances marketing of the borough, without limiting any rights of property owners. The only instance in which changes to historic properties are restricted is when the property owner wishes to obtain grant funding or wishes to utilize historic tax credits.

The process for obtaining the designation is in fact a very complicated one, requiring the use of an experienced consultant. Preservation Pennsylvania is a private, non-profit organization that assists individuals, businesses and government entities in preservation-related efforts. Borough Council has engaged Preservation Pennsylvania to prepare and submit the required nomination documents to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. They will be working throughout town to gather data on historically significant properties.

The project will involve the compilation of existing data from the 1990 project; a field survey to update and photograph the historic property inventory; research and field views to discuss comparable historic districts in the region; a public meeting to solicit input; preparation of the nomination form; review by the local historical society; and submittal and resubmittal, as necessary. The nomination process would begin in January and take approximately one year to complete.





# 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](http://www.yppccrec.com)

### **\* SPECIAL \***

PURCHASE 3 MONTHS & RECEIVE THE 4TH FREE = \$81  
 PURCHASE 6 MONTHS AND RECEIVE 2 MONTHS FREE = \$162  
 PURCHASE 9 MONTHS AND RECEIVE 3 MONTHS FREE = \$243

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.....\$27.00  
 Seniors (55 yrs.+ ).....\$20.00  
 Students.....\$20.00

### **Family Rate:**

2 Adults + 1 Student: \$55  
 (\$10 for each additional student)  
 Drop In Rate.....\$8/Day or \$25/Week

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

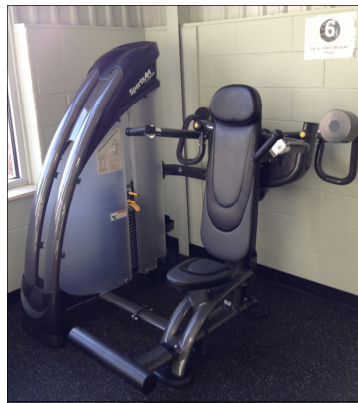
- 24-Hour Access to the Ebensburg Health & Wellness Center\* (*Available with the minimum purchase of a 3 month membership.*)
- Gymnasium
- Member Discounts on Recreation Department Programs and Activities.

## **NEW FITNESS EQUIPMENT AT THE YPCC**

In mid-October, the weight room at the YPCC received a full makeover complete with new flooring, new equipment and all new machines. Prior to the upgrade, the fitness equipment at the YPCC had been donated to the facility more than 10 years ago and was due for replacement.

We invite you to stop by and take a look at all the improvements! The new state-of-the-art equipment is suitable for experienced and novice users.

Stay tuned for even more facility updates, a new website and new programming coming soon to the YPCC!

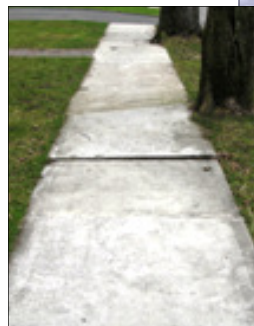




## SIDEWALK LIABILITY

Property owners are responsible for the condition of the sidewalk in front of and beside each property. Whether your sidewalk is one of the older sidewalks, or it was installed as part of one of the more recent neighborhood projects, the sidewalk is now YOUR responsibility.

If any sidewalk slabs ever heave or break, the owner needs to make repairs. If you chose to reinstall a brick sidewalk, you must care for it, assuring that weeds and grass do not grow through it, and that the bricks remain level. All snow and ice must be cleared from the sidewalks, including at the corners.



# 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](http://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

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| 1 hour private lesson   | \$50 |
| 1/2 hour private lesson | \$31 |

#### Clinics/Group Lessons

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| 1 hour clinic | \$12 |
| 1 1/2 clinic  | \$17 |

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| *1 hour private lesson   | \$54 |
| *1/2 hour private lesson | \$33 |

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| *1 hour clinic     | \$13 |
| *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 27th, 1pm - 4pm & 5pm - 8pm  
Young Peoples Community Center

## **18th Annual 'Art in Bloom' Spring Art Show\***

Saturday, April 23rd, 12pm - 6pm &  
Sunday, April 24th, 11am - 4pm  
Cambria County Courthouse

## **HeartChase**

*Hosted by the American Heart Association*  
April 23rd, 9:30 am - 11:30 am  
Young Peoples Community Center

## **12th Annual 'Wheels & Wings'\***

Thursday, June 23rd, 5pm - 10pm  
Downtown Ebensburg

## **Movie in the Park**

Friday, July 8th, 8 pm  
Veterans Memorial Park

## **Downtown Shutdown\***

Friday, July 29th, 6pm - 11pm  
Center of Downtown Ebensburg

## **Ebensburg Homecoming\***

Saturday, July 30th, ALL DAY  
Ebensburg Area & Lake Rowena

## **Farmer's Market\***

Every Saturday, 9am - 12pm  
July 9th - September 17th  
Penn Eben Park

## **Concerts in the Park\***

August 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, 6pm - 9pm  
Penn Eben Park

## **Cambria County Fair**

Always Labor Day Week  
September 4th - 10th  
Cambria County Fairgrounds

## **25th Annual PotatoFest\***

Saturday, September 24th, 9am - 5pm  
Downtown Ebensburg

## **Ebensburg Turkey Trot**

Hosted by Ebensburg Area Running Club  
Thursday, November 24th  
[www.ebensburgrunners.org](http://www.ebensburgrunners.org)

## **11th Annual Dickens of a Christmas\***

Friday, December 2nd - December 4th  
Downtown Ebensburg

*\*Sponsored by Ebensburg Main Street Partnership*

**[www.ebensburgmainstreet.com](http://www.ebensburgmainstreet.com)**

**Interested in volunteering? Call 472-8414**