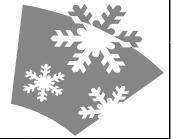




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IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS MAKE NOTICEABLE IMPACT ON COMMUNITY

2008 was a very busy year in Ebensburg Borough. Projects completed included the new Prave parking lot next to the courthouse; acquisition and development of Penn Eben Park; new sidewalks and curbs on North Marian Street and South Julian Street; the upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant; new restrooms, boat launch and paving at Lake Rowena; new stormwater lines and catch basins on Lovell Avenue; development of a regional comprehensive plan with Cambria Township and Jackson Township; installation of bike route signs through the borough; and approval of natural gas leases for borough-owned properties.

While other municipalities are struggling just to meet day-to-day expenses, Ebensburg Borough is continuing to move forward and make improvements. Borough officials believe that an ongoing capital improvement program is essential to Ebensburg's future, and that efforts must continue through these difficult economic times.

Improvements have been budgeted in the various departments of borough government in 2009. The police department will receive a new police cruiser, body armor, updated computer software and painting of the police office. The public works department

will receive a new backhoe and tractor mower, and will tackle street paving, sign replacement and repairs to the Tanner Street bridge. The wastewater department will begin efforts to eliminate infiltration from the sewage collection system. The water department will interconnect several dead end water lines and install new filter valves at the treatment plant. The recreation department will upgrade the bathhouse and install new playground equipment at the swimming pool. New bleachers and sidewalks will be installed at Memorial Field and the soccer field leveled and reseeded. New playground equipment will be installed at Lake Rowena.

While times are tough, Ebensburg Borough is able to continue to invest in its future by employing strict budgetary compliance and fiscal restraint.



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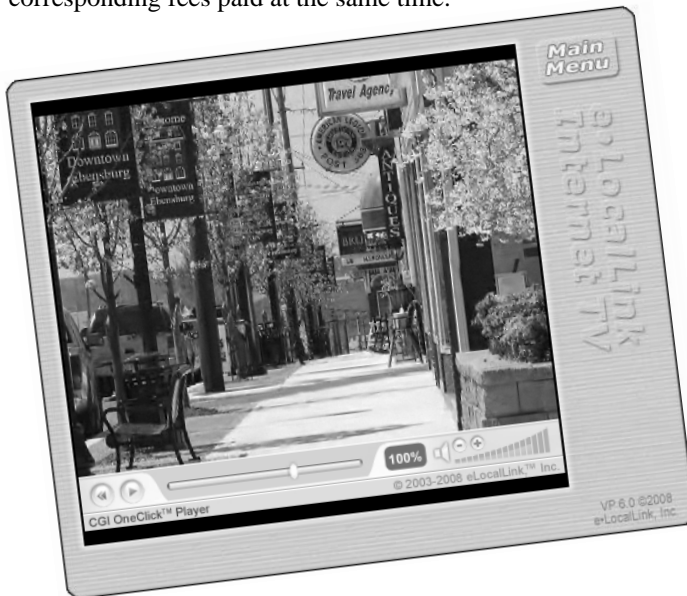
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BOROUGH WEBSITE OFFERS ONLINE BILL PAY

We have made it even easier to pay borough bills. Credit card payments are now being accepted for your utility bills or application fees on the borough's website at www.ebensburgpa.com! As always, payments will continue to also be accepted at the borough office, Monday - Friday 8am-4pm.

In addition, many residents have asked to have their bi-monthly utility bills drafted automatically from their checking accounts. Ebensburg is now able to do that as well. Just stop by the borough office to get the service established for your account, or find the proper form at www.ebensburgpa.com.

While all borough applications have been available on-line for some time, many can now be submitted electronically and the corresponding fees paid at the same time.



Visited the website lately?

If you haven't visited www.ebensburgpa.com for awhile, you really should check out enhancements made in the past year. Take a look at four great promotional videos highlighting Ebensburg. There is a complete inventory of business properties available and a calendar of events with direct links to websites for each event. In addition, we now have a live video feed from remote cameras in town.

The agenda for the monthly Council meeting is posted on the homepage by the 20th of each month. Any project specifications and proposed Ordinances are available on the homepage when advertised in the newspaper.

Ebensburg Borough's website is updated on almost a daily basis. When you get a chance, check it out and let us know what you think.

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SIDEWALKS TO BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR

Ebensburg's efforts to undertake new sidewalk improvements will continue in 2009. New sidewalks and curbs will be installed along both sides of the entire length of West Ogle Street, and the 700 & 800 blocks of West Triumph Street, between Memorial Field and High Street. The project will also include a new stormwater line and catch basins near the rear of the Falchini properties. The project is expected to begin as soon as weather allows and be completed by the end of summer. Once the project is completed, both streets will be resurfaced.

Three other sidewalk projects are still being considered by borough officials. First in line is East High Street between Caroline Street and Lake Rowena. The second priority is West High Street between Beech Street and Mylo Park. Both of those projects are on State highways and depend on receiving grant funds from the State. The third project is North Center Street and East Highland Avenue. This project depends on a consensus being reached among residents relative to trees and could be undertaken as early as 2010.

ROWENA DRIVE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT



PennDOT will soon replace the bridge on Rowena Drive that crosses the head waters at Lake Rowena. The entire bridge will be removed, and the new bridge constructed at the same site. PennDOT was not able to provide a temporary road around the project. Detour signs will direct traffic along Lakeview Road between Route #22 and Rowena Drive.

The project is scheduled to begin as soon as school is out for the summer, and completion is expected before the new school year begins.

KIMBALL PARK

The gazebo park in the center of Ebensburg has a new name! The park is now known as “Kimball Park” in honor of Mr. L. Robert Kimball. Mr. Kimball is of course the founder of L. Robert Kimball & Associates, a nationally recognized engineering firm headquartered here in Ebensburg Borough.

Mr. Kimball spearheaded the fundraising effort to construct the park in the 1990s. He has also been a generous benefactor to many of the community’s improvement projects over the years. He and the firm have been directly involved in construction of the YPCC, the Ebensburg Tennis Center, Memorial Field, the Ebensburg Hockey Rink, and downtown streetscape project. He has been a devoted citizen of Ebensburg Borough all of his life, and is always very willing to assist in so many ways to make Ebensburg a great place to live.



Photo by Bill Rogers



Recycling

One of the requests that residents made in a recent survey was for an additional day each month for recycling pick-up. Borough Council agreed that this was a good idea, and Ebensburg now collects recyclables twice each month. In addition, residents are now permitted to recycle newspapers.

Residents that wish to participate in the voluntary recycling program can pickup a blue recycling container, free of charge, at the municipal building. Recyclables are picked up at the curb on the 1st and 3rd normal garbage collection days of each month.

We had a record number of members of the Main St. Partnership in 2008! Thank you!

Ace Hardware	Greater Johnstown/Cambria County Chamber of Commerce	
Advanced Shipping Technologies	Griffith & Gress Oral Surgery, P.C.	
Advantage Foot Care Assoc.	H & R Block	
Allegheny Chesapeake Physical Therapy	Hair Expressions By Tracy	
Alternative Community Resource Program	Hall of Fame Apparel	
American Forestry Consultants	HealthSouth Rehabilitation Center -Ebensburg	
AmeriServ Financial	High Street Emporium	
Amici's Restaurant	Home Appliance Service, Inc.	
Appledale Public Golf Course, Inc.	Hoover's Garage, LLC	
Askew-Houser Funeral Homes, Inc.	Illig Telephone Sales & Service	
AtWork Personnel	It's Worth Repeating	
A-Z Travel Agency	Kaza Fire Equipment Company	
Bill Cox / The Prave Building	Kentucky Fried Chicken	
Bishop Carroll High School	Kosta's Restaurant	
Blessings Photography	L. Robert Kimball & Associates, Inc.	
C & J Falchini, Inc.	Laurel Crest Rehabilitation & Special Care Center	
Cambria Cogen Company	M & J Pub, Inc. T/A Country Garden 6-Pack	
Cambria County Assoc. for Blind/Handicapped	M & M Used Furniture Barn	
Cambria County Child Development Corp.	MacLaughlin Pest Control	
Cambria County Fair Association	Mainline National Bank	
Cambria County Industrial Development Corp.	Mainline Newspapers	
Cambria County Transit Authority (CamTran +)	Manpower	
Cambria Thrift Consumer Discount Company	Martin Oil Company	
CAMCO	Mary Kay Cosmetics/Jacqueline Mazeika, Consultant	
CAPCC WIC Program	Matevish & Matevish Funeral Home	
Capital Healthcare Solutions, Inc.	Maude Murray Events	
Chuck's Pizza	McAneny Brothers, Inc.	
Clark Powell's Restaurant	McCall Motors	
Comfort Inn	Miss Pinkerton's	
Computer Shop	Nagle Excavating	
Copy Tech Office Systems, Inc.	Northern Cambria Area Business Alliance	
Country Sisters	Northwest Savings Bank	
CPS Surveys, Inc.	Nulton Properties	
Cresson Lake Playhouse	O'Donnell Photography	
Curves - Ebensburg	O'Hara's Sign & Paint Supply	
Custom Plus Windows & Home Improvements	Organization of Professional Referrals	
Damin Printing Company, LLC	Oyaski Rentals	
Decker Diamond Jewelers	PA CareerLink / Goodwill Industries	
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Benko, Parkview Apartments	Pampered Chef / Cindy Rumbaugh, Independent Consultant	
Dr. Gregory M. Zawrotny, DMD	Pandya, Inc.	
Dr. Joseph M. Cavalier, DMD, MDS, PC	Pennsylvania Highlands Community College	
Dr. Kerry W. Kirsch	Perfect Ten Nail Boutique / Attn: Karen Kline	
Dr. Robert R. Maruca, DDS.	Philip M. Woo, Jr., DMD, PC	
Ebensburg Agway	Precision Business Solutions	
Ebensburg American Legion Post 363	Rebekah Manor Wellness Community, Inc.	
Ebensburg Animal Hospital	Rouse's Flower Shop	
Ebensburg Country Club	Saint Francis University	
Ebensburg Fishing & Hunting, Inc.	Scanlan Electric, Inc.	
Ebensburg Insurance Agency	Seymour, Pettina & Smith Investment Consulting Group of Wach. Sec.	
Ebensburg Moose / L.O.O.M Lodge 681	Shadow Box Garden Center	
Ebensburg Music Mart TV & Electronics	Shaklee	
Ebensburg NAPA Auto Parts	Shear Perfection	
Ebensburg Office Supply, Inc.	Sheetz	
Ebensburg Sears	Sherwin-Williams	
Ebensburg Woman's Club	Smorto, Persio, Webb, & McGill Law Offices	
Edgar Snyder & Associates	Southern Alleghenies Advertising, Inc.	
Edge Radio AM 1400 & AM 850	Specialty Promotions, Inc.	
Estep Realty Service	State Farm Insurance/David E. Springer	
Evans-Lantzy Insurance Agency	Strayer & Sokira, LLC. Mortgage Brokers	
Evergreen Insurance Associates, LLC	The Burns Law Firm	
Express Yourself - Pages & Light	The Castle Pub	
First Commonwealth Bank	The Cottage Restaurant & Red Carpet Inn	
First General Services	The Long Barn, Inc.	
First National Bank	The Meadows Frozen Custard	
First United Church of Christ	The Noon-Collins Inn	Veronica's Nail Salon
Forget-Me-Not Floral & Gift	Thompson's Clothing	Wal-Mart
Frank Slavinski, ChFC, CLU - State Farm Insurance Agent	Three Wire Systems, Inc.	Wellness 1st (Dr. John Brouse, D.C.)
Garfield Thomas Jr. VFW Post 4963	Tibbott's Pharmacy / Ebensburg Cleaners	Winterset Kennels
Gittings Security & Private Investigations, Inc.	Traders Guide	Wise Trailer Sales & Service
Gold Rush Jewelers & Boutique	Unishippers	Yesterday's Party
Great Land & Water Co. DBA: Festival Beverage	Vale Wood Farms	

SWIMMING POOL UPGRADE

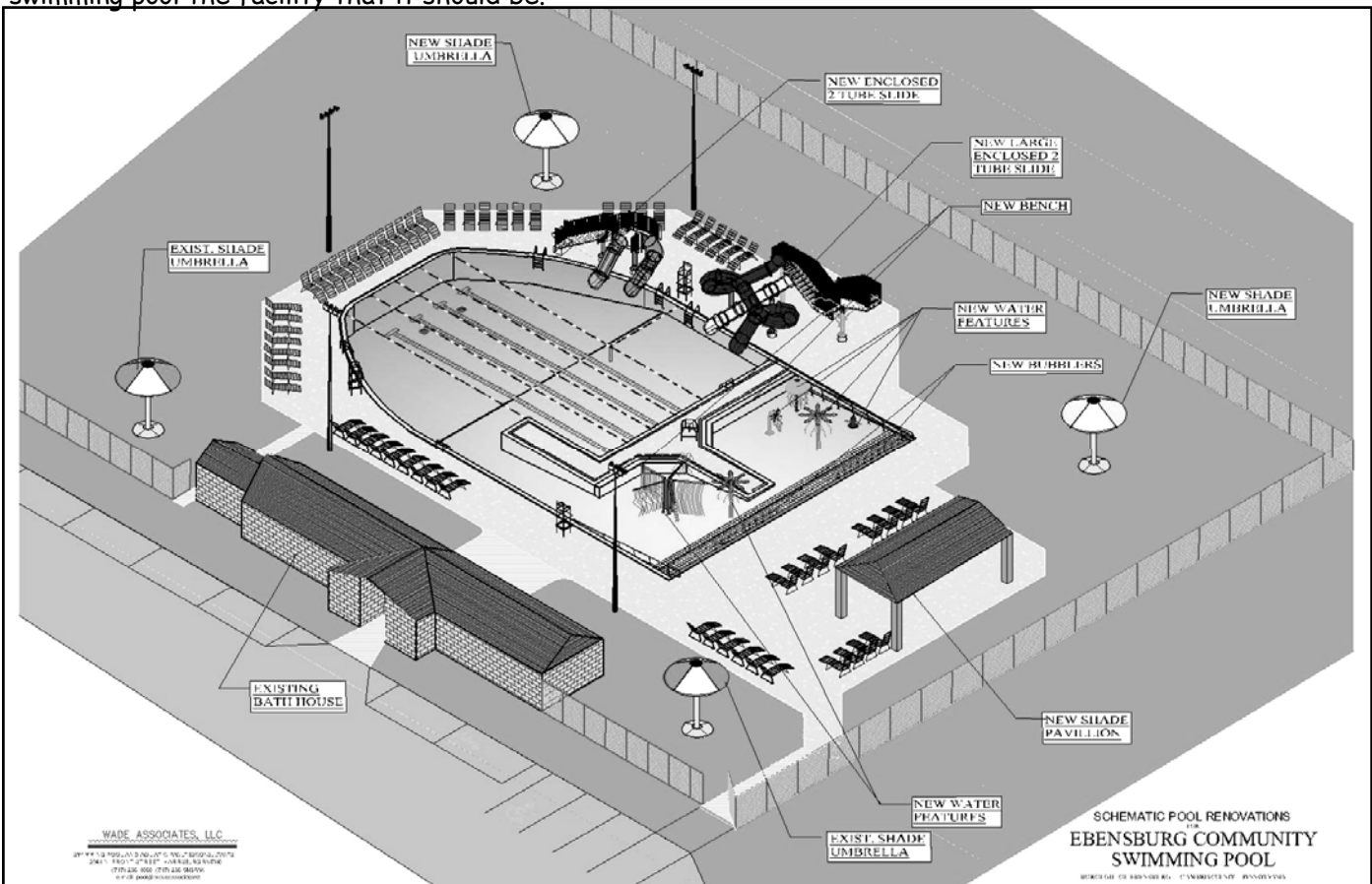
Ebensburg's swimming pool was originally constructed in 1938, making it one of the oldest pools in the state. Over the years it has received partial replacement of the gutters, filtration system and piping; but 70 years later it remains much the same as when originally built. It is long overdue for a major makeover.

Borough officials are excited about this project to overhaul one of the most used recreational facilities in the region, and judging from comments received, residents are very excited too.

The baby pool would be eliminated and instead incorporated into the main pool with play water structures. A shelter will be constructed where the baby pool currently sits. The entire pool would have "zero-depth" beach-type entry. A handicap ramp will be available into the deep end of the pool. The pool surface will be plaster and tiles, eliminating the need for \$10,000 paint jobs every year. Leaking joints would be repaired and drains made safe. The circulation & filtration systems will be brought up to current standards. Water slides and tubes will be added. The pool will be heated. New concrete decking will be installed, and 100 deck chairs will be available.

In addition to bringing the pool up to current codes and standards, the improvements are intended to increase use at the facility. The new pool will be popular with young and old alike.

This is an expensive project, estimated at \$1,000,000. Council expects to receive a grant for \$300,000 of that cost. The balance will have to be raised locally, similar to the local fundraising that made the YPCC a reality. A committee of volunteers has been formed to handle that monumental task of raising the necessary funds. If you would like to be a part of the committee, please contact the YPCC at 472-4277. This is an important project for the Ebensburg area, and everyone is encouraged to participate in efforts to make our swimming pool the facility that it should be.



24-Hour Access Now Available To Recreation Facilities

Patrons of the Ebensburg Tennis Center and YPCC are now enjoying a unique benefit; 24/7 unrestricted access to the facilities. Members are provided cards allowing them to access the buildings at any hour. Advance registration of tennis courts, fitness equipment and other amenities is now done on-line. Cameras monitor access to the properties and the lobbies. The new system, already well received by the members, cost the borough \$20,000 but will result in an annual savings of \$26,000 in labor costs.



NEWS FROM THE EBENSBURG TENNIS CENTER...



Junior and Adult Tennis Lessons-The Ebensburg tennis center has a wide range of tennis lessons available for junior and adult tennis players. There are tennis clinics that cater to all playing levels. A tennis clinic is a group lesson. People who play at a specific playing level are grouped together to do drills to improve their tennis skills. Tennis clinics are offered at many different times through the week. There are also private lessons for one on one individual instruction. The average cost of a tennis clinic is \$9.00 an hour and \$45.00 for a private lesson per hour.

Round Robins and Mixers-There are many different round robins and social tennis gatherings at the tennis center. Many of these events are centered around a special time of the year. The round robins are a nice way to meet your fellow members and find people to play tennis with. There are round robins for all levels of play. All of the social tennis events are not just for adults. We offer many different social tennis events for juniors-pizza parties and BBQ's.

League Tennis- The tennis center offers different leagues for people who might not have the time to schedule matches to play. The tennis staff puts you in a league based on your playing ability. Each week you will have a different opponent to play. Tennis leagues run for 8 or 10 weeks. There are singles and doubles leagues. Tennis leagues are available for adults and juniors.

WINTER HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Friday 9am - 9pm, Saturday & Sunday 9am - 7pm
Call 471-2980 or www.ebensburgtenniscenter.com!



Art Show Receives Grant

We are pleased to announce that a \$500 grant has been awarded to the 11th Annual "Art in Bloom" Spring Art Show. The grant is from the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies and will be used to expand advertising to Somerset and Bedford Counties.

The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies is a non-profit foundation that works with donors to develop funds that will benefit our community both now and in the future. For more information about this organization, visit www.cfalleghenies.org.

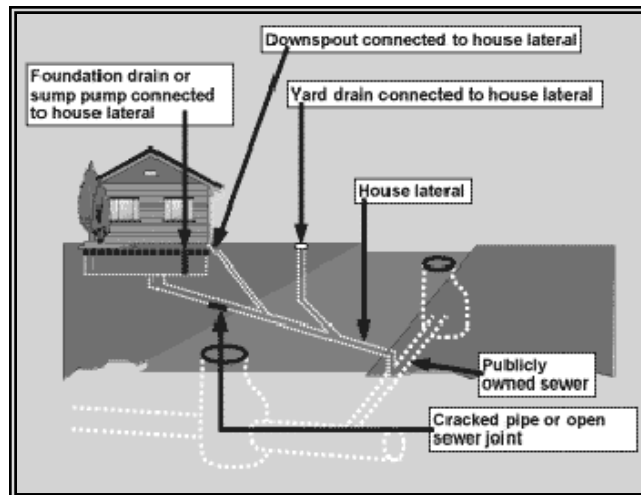
DEP REQUIRES ELIMINATION OF INFLOW & INFILTRATION

We have been saying for some time that DEP is requiring the borough to eliminate sources of inflow and infiltration (I&I) from our sewage collection system. Well, that time has come, and our efforts will begin within just a few weeks.

Infiltration is caused by illegal sources of stormwater being discharged into the sanitary sewer system. These sources can be downspouts, driveway drains, footer drains, and leaking service laterals. Borough crews will begin smoke-testing sections of town. Smoke is pumped into the sanitary sewer system and then rises out of any illegal tap identifying the locations of any drains, downspouts and leaks. Property owners that have any such illegal sources of infiltration will be required to pay to have corrections made.

A new Ordinance requires each and every property that is sold in the future to undergo a simple test of the

sewage connection prior to the close of the sale. This will in most cases involve a physical inspection or a dye test to verify that no illegal connections exist.



The \$4 million upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant was completed at the end of 2008. The plant's capacity was increased from 1.2 million gallons per day to 2.0 million g.p.d. The Ebensburg Municipal Authority was successful in acquiring \$2.4 million in grants and \$1.6 million in loans at 1% interest. In addition to the higher capacity, the plant now utilizes a ultra-violet disinfecting method rather than chlorine. Ebensburg once again has a state-of-the-art wastewater treatment facility. The DEP imposed restriction on new customers is now lifted, opening the door to future economic development in the Ebensburg region.

New Businesses!

Box Seat Video

830 West High Street
471-1019

Donatello's Restaurant

124 West High Street
472-4688

Laurel Medical Supply

405 S. West Street

Twisted Art Tattoo Shop

107 Park Street
472-4465

Wonder Hostess Bakery Outlet

800 West High Street, Ste. 1
471-1040



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2009 Calendar of Events



11TH ANNUAL ART IN BLOOM SPRING ART SHOW
April 25 (noon – 6pm) & 26 (11am – 4pm)



5TH ANNUAL WHEELS & WINGS
Thursday, June 25th (5pm-10pm)



EBENSBURG HOMECOMING
Saturday, July 25th (all day)



EBENSBURG FARMERS MARKET
Saturdays from 9am – Noon (July 25 – Sept. 19)
*New Location: Penn Eben Park



SHOTS & STOGIES

2nd ANNUAL "SHOTS & STOGIES" GOLF TOURNAMENT
Friday, September 4th - Ebensburg Country Club

POTATOFEST



18TH ANNUAL EBENSBURG POTATOFEST
Saturday, September 26th (9am-5pm)



4TH ANNUAL DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS
December 4th - 6th

www.ebensburgmainstreet.com