



EBENSBURG BULLETIN

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CHANGES TO WEST HIGH STREET IN 2015

West High Street will see much activity and many changes in 2015. Here is a look at what's to come:

1. The bridge near the current Sheetz store will be replaced. PennDOT expects to begin the project in spring. 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.
2. 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 in spring 2015.
3. Falchini Beverage is moving to the opposite side of West High Street. They plan to raze two existing rental houses and construct a new building near where Park Street intersects with West High Street.
4. The Borough will be undertaking a new sidewalk and curb project along West High Street between the new Sheetz bridge and Beech Street. New sidewalks and curbs will be added on both sides of the street. This project will be occurring at the same time



Proposed view from W. High Street

In addition to these changes, there are new occupancies planned but still unannounced for several of the buildings along West High Street. By the end of 2015, West High Street will have an entirely new look!

Ebensburg Borough Hires Full Time Officer

Christopher Bopp is the newest full-time police officer with the Ebensburg Borough Police Department. Officer Bopp has been a part-time police officer for Ebensburg Borough since 2012.

Officer Bopp, originally from Cambria Township, is a graduate of Central Cambria High School and the Greater Johnstown Police Academy.

Please join us in welcoming Officer Christopher Bopp!



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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

The most frequent complaint voiced by residents and heard by Borough Council has to do with excess stormwater. Ebensburg Borough simply lacks any effective means for controlling stormwater. In the few areas of town in which stormwater basins exist, the main line is not large enough to handle the heavy flows. This results in stormwater shooting up out of the ground from those mains, and large pools of flooding water in intersections. Our inability to manage the excess stormwater also results in damage to private properties including flooded garages, yards and basements.



It is absolutely necessary that Ebensburg Borough improves its stormwater management capabilities, and those improvements are long overdue. Like everything else, a project of this size will cost money. Ebensburg and other municipalities have put off doing stormwater work because the general fund budget could not handle a project of that size; a separate source of revenue was needed.

Pennsylvania's Act 68 of 2013 has corrected that situation. Stormwater management can now be administered by municipal authorities as a utility, just as our own Ebensburg Municipal Authority handles water and wastewater matters. A separate utility fee can now be established to pay for stormwater improvements.

Borough Council commissioned a study to identify the problem areas in town. The cost to fix all of those stormwater deficiencies is \$7.2 million. That is obviously more than Ebensburg can afford, with or without the new stormwater fee. They then determined which of those areas were of the highest priority. Those three priority projects have a cost of \$2.2 million. They include 1) the southwest corner of town which drains beyond Memorial Field; 2) the area along North Beech Street and North Julian Street adjacent to the fairgrounds; and 3) the entire northeast corner of town.

Concentrating on those three priority projects, the study concluded that an annual fee of \$96 was sufficient to pay for debt service associated with the project and for maintenance costs. That was critical, as Borough Council had insisted that the new stormwater fee not exceed \$100/year for residences.

The fee was determined by randomly selecting 10% of residential properties within the borough and averaging the actual amount of impervious surface that exists. All residential properties will be assessed a fee of \$96 annually. For commercial and tax-exempt properties, the actual amount of impervious surface at each and every property was measured. Those properties will be assessed a fee based on that actual impervious surface which will be, in most cases, higher than the residential fee. Simply put, as a Borough we must address these stormwater issues. Unfortunately current budgets and taxation levels do not provide the needed revenue. By assessing this fee as a utility, all property owners are rightly being asked to pay their fair share – including those who are currently exempt from paying real estate taxes. While this may create a hardship for some government agencies or non-profits, it does spread the burden across a wider pool of property owners, thus easing the load on everyone. In fact, if the needed revenue were to be sought through normal tax channels, the effective tax rate would need to increase by 8½ mils – a jump of over 65%.

There are several administrative matters to be handled over the next two months. Customers should expect to see the new stormwater utility fee added to their bi-monthly utility bill in September. Borough Council thought it was important to phase the new fee in over a 2-year period. Therefore, for the first year, the bi-monthly fee will be \$8 (\$48 annually) before rising to \$16 (\$96 annually) next year.

Visit www.ebensburgpa.com for more information.

Yield to Pedestrians in the Crosswalk!



IT'S THE LAW! In an effort to improve pedestrian safety, especially in the downtown area, Mayor Datsko has undertaken a campaign to remind drivers that the law requires them to yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk.

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.

First, the Borough installed new signs at all approaches to Ebensburg indicating that the speed limit decreases to 35 m.p.h. in town. Second, new signs have been installed at all crosswalks warning drivers of the existence of the crosswalk, and reminding them to be watchful of and yield to pedestrians. Finally, a public awareness campaign was launched in the local media informing everyone that this law will be enforced in Ebensburg.

STREET TREES

The street trees in town, just like the sidewalks, are the responsibility of the property owner to maintain. If you have one of the old large trees in front of your property, be sure that any dead limbs are removed from the tree to prevent damage to vehicles or injuries to pedestrians.

Where the borough has completed any sidewalk projects over the past decade, we have planted new street trees. The Borough makes sure that the trees remain healthy during the first few years, and we give the trees their first haircut. After that, the new trees become the responsibility of the property owner. There are cases in which a new tree dies after the first few years. The borough has continued to replace those.

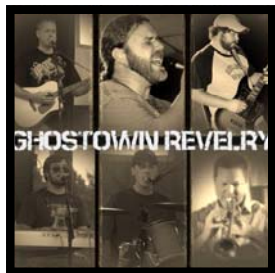
TIPS:

- Keep the trees trimmed so that they do not obstruct any traffic control signs.
- Cut at the base of the tree any small shoots that tend to grow beside the tree.
- DO NOT let your weedeater strike the trunk of the tree. If the bark on the tree trunk is cut, the tree will die. It is a good idea to mulch around the tree to avoid having to trim too close to the trunk.
- If a limb is broken from the tree, cut the limb off.
- Before cutting or planting any street tree, obtain a permit from the Borough Manager. If a tree is subsequently removed, the stump must also be removed or ground 8" below the surface. Only certain species of trees are suitable for planting beside streets and sidewalks.

Remember that the tree lawn, the grass area between the curb and the sidewalk, is your responsibility to care for. Those areas should be mowed every time you mow your lawn, including any necessary trimming.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

AUGUST 1



GHOSTTOWN REVELRY
Sponsored by
Wessel & Company

AUGUST 8



NEVER ENOUGH
Sponsored by
Allegheny Chesapeake
Physical Therapy

AUGUST 15



ACOUSTIC STEW
Sponsored by
McCall Motors

AUGUST 22



**J.D. Eicher &
The Goodnights**
Sponsored by Rotary
Club of Ebensburg

DOWNTOWN SHUTDOWN RETURNS

The Downtown Shutdown will once again be held the Friday before Homecoming on July 25th. Springleaf Financial of Ebensburg will sponsor this year's event, and the entertainment will be Pittsburgh & Youngstown, OH based quartet—J.D. Eicher & The Goodnights. The bands pop rock style of music has garnered favorable comparisons to Coldplay, The Script and The Killers. The band will be set up on the 100 block of South Center Street. We hope everyone will come out and enjoy the show! Show time is 8 pm to 11pm.



STREET PAVING

Borough Council will be undertaking a relatively large street resurfacing project later this summer, expected to cost \$210,000. The following streets are to be resurfaced.

<u>Street</u>	<u>From/To</u>
Reddinger Street	Entire Length
Poplar Street	Ogle Street to Lloyd Street
East Lloyd Street	Poplar Street to Reddinger Street
East Ogle Street	Caroline Street to East end
North Caroline Street	High Street to Roland Street
Roland Street	Caroline Street to Margaret Street
Tibbott Street	Margaret Street to Caroline Street
Arbor Street	Entire Length
Margaret Street	Highland Avenue to Arbor Street



Street resurfacing will not occur until at least August. It is necessary to complete a small water project prior to paving.



Trail Town Program Expands to Ebensburg

The Progress Fund's Trail Town Program has expanded into Ebensburg. The Trail Town Program incorporates economic development efforts around the growing numbers of trail visitors and tourism to the region and has been working in communities along the Great Allegheny Passage since 2007. These efforts include: Business

Assistance and Development, Marketing, Economic Research, Community Connections, Real Estate Development, and Small Business Loans.

A Trail Town assessment of Ebensburg has been completed and short and long term goals have been established. Some of these goals include: creating and implementing trail signage, adding bike racks at trail access and downtown, updating trail head kiosk and incorporating trail activities into community events.

The Trail Town Team will meet quarterly with community representatives. If you are interested in being part of this project, please contact Dana Koss at dkoss@ebensburgpa.com or 814-472-8414.

Ebensburg Welcomes New Businesses

Amanda Design's - Jewelry Shop

106 Tanner Street

www.amanda-design.com

Ebensburg Auto Center - 814-419-8110

226 W. High Street

www.ebensburgautocenter.com

Hoss's Family Steak & Sea House

4343 Admiral Peary Highway - 814-419-8330

Strittmatter Styles - 814-221-4488

www.strittmatterstyles.com

Twice Cherished Children's

Consignment Shop

969 Rowena Drive - 814-312-3008

We Sell Your Furniture - 814-341-8176

An Upscale Furniture Consignment Shop

Ebensburg Mini Mall

www.wesellyourfurniture.com

World Keys Realty - 814-472-8605

208 West Sample Street

www.worldkeysrealty.com

Garage Sale Sign Restrictions

Residents are reminded that there is a new ordinance in effect to limit the number of signs posted around town for garage sales. During the summer months, paper and cardboard signs are stapled to telephone poles and sign posts and never taken down until they blow down. It is not unusual to see a garage sale sign that remains months after the sale.

If you are planning any type of sale on your property, please obtain the proper permit from the borough office or website. The permits are FREE. The permit process is intended only to make you aware of the rules governing signs, and to make sure that they are removed following the sale. It's free and easy to comply with the new ordinance. There is a fine for failing to comply, and it is enforced.



OPEN BURNING REMINDER

Residents are reminded that open burning is limited by Ordinance in town. The burning of leaves or any other materials is prohibited, unless the burning is contained in a receptacle constructed for that purpose. Open burning is limited to Tuesdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Saturdays between 8 a.m. and noon.

HOMECOMING SCHEDULE SATURDAY, JULY 27TH

Time	Event	Location
8am	Community Yard Sale	Throughout Ebensburg
9am-12pm	Farmer's Market	Penn Eben Park
9am	Homecoming 5K	Ghost Town Trail @ YPCC
9am	Book Sale/Flea Market Book Signing	Ebensburg Public Library
9 - 11am	Kid's Fishing Derby	Lake Rowena
9am - 5pm	Free Tennis	Ebensburg Tennis Center
10am	Homecoming Duathlon	Ghost Town Trail @ YPCC
1pm	Tennis Exhibition Match	Ebensburg Tennis Center
6 pm-7 pm	Children's Games	Lake Rowena
6 pm	Johnstown Roller Girls	Ebensburg Skate Park
8-11 pm	Live Music by Fuse	Lake Rowena
Dusk	Fireworks	Lake Rowena

COMMUNITY Yard Sale

- Held during Ebensburg Homecoming
- 8 am to 5 pm throughout Ebensburg
- \$5 Yard Sale Registration Fee - Limited to First 50 Registrants



Anyone with an Ebensburg address may register!

To register and be placed on the map, please send your name address, phone number or email, and \$5 to:
Ebensburg Homecoming
300 W. High Street
Ebensburg, PA 15931

(Checks should be made payable to EMSP)
Only addresses and yard sale times will be published on the map. The maps will be available for pick-up at the Borough Office, at the Ebensburg Public Library and online at www.ebensburgmainstreet.com.

SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

The Summer Playground Program has returned! Throughout the summer, local playgrounds will be staffed by Young Peoples Community Center Playground Supervisors every week and will feature exciting games and activities that are sure to keep your children active and involved. The program begins June 23rd and will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 am three days a week. The schedule will be: Monday - Memorial Field Complex, Wednesday - Center Ward Playground (Holy Name), and Friday - East Ward Playground.





This year's Farmer's Market will begin on Saturday, July 12th and will end September 20th. The Market is held every Saturday, from 9 am to noon in Penn Eben Park. The Market will feature items from local growers including: fruits, veggies, eggs, herbs, fresh-cut flowers, honey, nuts and delicious home baked breads and other goodies. Follow the "Ebensburg Farmer's Market" on Facebook!



Ebensburg Tennis Center



The summer tennis season has begun at the Ebensburg Tennis Center. If you are looking to tune up your game or just get started, the center offers both individual and group lessons by USPTA certified professional, Jamie Taylor. Ask about our junior tennis program or take part in an adult clinic. Need of someone to play with? Join a "flex league". These leagues are available for juniors or adults of all ability levels. The tennis center also 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 memberships costs-memberships are based on an annual fee.

*Out of town memberships are for those who live 40 miles away from the center. Summer memberships are available. The summer membership gets you full membership privileges and began May 26 and runs thru September 14. The summer membership is perfect for students in town for the summer or someone interested in trying tennis for the first time. All memberships can be pro-rated to an annual membership after the summer memberships expire. Our membership rates are below. Visit www.ebensburgtenniscenter.com or call 814-471- 2980 for more information.

ANNUAL RATES

Single	\$150	Out of Town Single	\$65
Family	\$195	Out of Town Family	\$115
Junior	\$60		

SUMMER SPECIALS

Single	\$50
Family	\$95
Junior	\$30



* 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 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 very low fees.

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)

YPCC Aerobic Class Schedule

The following is a schedule of the "Fit Happens" aerobic classes held at the Young Peoples Community Center. These classes are in addition to your Fitness Center membership. If you have any questions concerning any of these classes, please see the brief class descriptions below or call the recreation office, (814) 472-4277, for more details. Why not try an aerobic class today and add another dimension to your fitness routine? (Schedule subject to change without notice-monthly schedules available at front desk.)

	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
8:00 AM						ZUMBA
9:00 AM						Burn & Firm
12:15 PM		Butts n' Bellies		Butts n' Bellies		
4:15 PM	Advanced Weight Training		Advanced Weight Training	Advanced Weight Training		
5:30 PM		Burn & Firm	FIX n' MIX	Burn & Firm		
6:30 PM		ZUMBA				
7:30 PM	FIX n' MIX			ZUMBA & FIX n' MIX		

INSTRUCTORS:

Lisa Parkin

Ashley Archangelo

Brandy Weir

ADVANCED WEIGHT TRAINING: Total body workout for all fitness levels, combining a high/low aerobic workout with traditional step aerobics and weight training.

BURN & FIRM: A variety of high impact step aerobics combined with total body strengthening and mat exercises.

BUTTS N' BELLIES: Burn serious calories by way of this high energy workout with target toning segments.

FIX N' MIX: Challenge yourself with this intense exercise, combining a high aerobic workout with aggressive weight and strength training. Also includes a mixture of strengthening and stretching exercises concentrating on the muscles of the abdominal area, lower back, hips, and buttocks, designed of fitness to improve posture, balance, and flexibility.

ZUMBA: The routine features interval training sessions where fast and slow rhythms and resistance training are combined to tone and sculpt your body while burning fat. Add some Latin flavor and international zest into the mix and you've got ZUMBA.

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Ebensburg Community Events

Downtown Shutdown*

Friday, July 25th, 7pm - 11pm
Downtown Ebensburg

Ebensburg Homecoming*

Saturday, July 26th, ALL DAY
Ebensburg Area & Lake Rowena

Farmer's Market*

Every Saturday, 9am - 12pm
July 12th - September 20th
Penn Eben Park

Concerts in the Park*

August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 6pm - 9pm
Penn Eben Park

23rd Annual PotatoFest*

Saturday, September 27th, 9am - 5pm
Downtown Ebensburg

Cambria County Fair

Hosted by Cambria County Legion Recreation Association, Inc.
~ Always the Week of Labor Day ~
August 31—September 6
www.cambriacofair.com

5th Annual Ebensburg Turkey Trot

Hosted by Ebensburg Area Running Club
Thursday, November 27th
www.ebensburgrunners.org

9th Annual Dickens of a Christmas*

Friday, December 5th - December 7th
Downtown Ebensburg

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