



EBENSBURG BULLETIN

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EBENSBURG AREA EMS OPENS NEW HEADQUARTERS

Ebensburg Area EMS has a new home at 800 West High Street. The new facility, with 10,500 square feet reserved for the ambulance service, replaced the 3,500-square-foot facility at 100 North Caroline Street.

The \$1.3 million project included purchase of a vacant West High Street building – once a grocery store and more recently a bakery – and extensive renovations inside and out.



“This project is certainly the boldest and most progressive move the Ebensburg Area Ambulance Association has made in its history since incorporation in 1968,” said Executive Director Barry Blake. “We are very proud of this!”

“We have also made many improvements over the last 5 years to our patient care capabilities, education, staffing and equipment, all for betterment of the community and people who live here,” added Blake.

Ebensburg Area EMS serves Ebensburg and Cambria Township and has been designated as the Borough of Ebensburg’s primary EMS Agency.

Congratulations to the Ebensburg Area EMS on your new location, and, on behalf of the community of Ebensburg, thank you for years of exceptional service!

Former Prison Property Development Plans are Underway

As you may have heard, an interested developer has a plan in place to develop the former Cambria County Prison property. The developer, Mr. Sheldon Piepenburg, a local resident of Allegheny Township, has been working diligently to bring the “Old Stone Prison Brewery” to the community of Ebensburg. His intended use, as you can see from the name, will be a microbrewery complete with a craft beer garden, restaurant, outdoor dining and coffee shop.



Mr. Piepenburg has engaged the services of Leonard S. Fiore, Inc. and OGP Architects, LLP on the project. He has also reached out to the Borough, the Cambria County Historical Society and other local and state agencies. His goal is to preserve the history of the property through the restoration process and to create a community asset and tourist destination.

The intended timeline is to close on the property by the end of 2015, begin work in January of 2016 with a completion and grand opening planned for October of 2017.

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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD'S CURB APPEAL

"Curb appeal" is the overall attractiveness of the exterior of a property when viewed from the street. Every real estate agent knows how important that is when a property is being offered for sale. Regardless of how nice a home is on the inside or how well it is constructed, without curb appeal, a potential buyer won't even get out of the car. Like books, homes and neighborhoods are typically judged by their cover.



Curb appeal does not only apply to each individual property, but to the general neighborhood as well. It really doesn't matter how attractive a particular property is if the neighbor's grass is six inches high, if the shrubs are overgrown, or if the house needs painted. Unfortunately, poor exterior maintenance on just one property reflects poorly on all properties on the street, in the neighborhood, and even across the entire borough.

In fact, one of the principal reasons that property values are so much higher in some areas of the county than they are in other areas is neighborhood-wide curb appeal. Drive through Bedford, Hollidaysburg or State College and notice how neatly-kept the properties are. Properties in those communities are extremely well-maintained, and that is positively reflected in the town's image and ultimately, its property values.

Of course, prospective homeowners seek other factors as well, such as good schools, professional emergency services, excellent recreational facilities, year-round special events, easy highway access, etc. Lucky for us, Ebensburg Borough already has all of those things. But while the vast majority of property owners in Ebensburg already do an outstanding job with property maintenance, there are a few that should do more.

The bottom line is that nobody should have to be mailed a formal notice to know that it's time to cut the grass. Nobody should have to be told that trimming, edging and weeding is part of lawn maintenance. And everyone should realize that mowing the tree lawn space between the curb and sidewalk is also part of mowing the lawn.

Ebensburg is also home to many rental properties as well. Owners of these properties cannot leave property maintenance solely up to the tenants. Checks should be made periodically that the lawn is being maintained, that junk is not being allowed to collect on porches or in yards, and that the tenant is maintaining the property as the owner would keep their own. It is recommended that landlords incorporate basic language into their leases that specify how a tenant is to maintain the exterior of a property. In the end, a visitor to Ebensburg should not be able to tell simply by driving by if a property is owner-occupied, or if it is rental.

Please, let's all try to do the little things that contribute to an attractive community and increase property values. Sweep/shovel the sidewalks. Trim the little shoots that grow at the base of trees along the street in front of your property. Periodically add fresh mulch around your shrubs and trees. Treat the weeds that grow in the tree lawn between the curb and sidewalk. Store junk and other items inside a garage or shed.

It is difficult to increase a property's value overnight in preparation for a sale. The best way to increase property values and maintain them at a high level is for everyone to work together every day on an ongoing basis to improve curb appeal across town, and to form and enhance a reputation that properties in Ebensburg are well-kept. Over time, individual sale prices will increase, and the comparable values used to appraise future sales will increase. Even if you are not planning to sell your home in the near future, you can still enjoy a sense of pride in helping to keep your neighborhood looking great.

We often hear from those visiting Ebensburg how attractive the town is. Former residents that return for events and visits express surprise at all of the improvements they see, such as new parks and sidewalks and street trees. It all comes down to image. Each and every property, whether commercial or residential, owner-occupied or rental, contributes to that overall image one way or the other.

SIDEWALK PROJECT - Rowena Drive, W. High Street & S. Center Street

PennDOT has awarded a \$1.2 million contract to Gordon Delozier, Inc. for construction of the borough's 2015 sidewalk project. PennDOT is involved in the administration of this year's project because all of the work involves State highways.

Delozier started work on June 10th in the Rowena Drive section, where new sidewalks and curb are being installed on both sides of the road between Tanner Street and the Lake Rowena bridge. Work in that area is expected to take about one month, and then Delozier will move to West High Street. Prior to Delozier beginning the sidewalk work, borough crews installed a new stormwater system in that area.

The work on West High Street will mean new curbs and sidewalk between Beech Street and the new bridge. Before that work begins, you will see borough crews replacing several stormwater basins and adding higher capacity tops to the basins. While the new curbs are formed, borough crews will be installing electrical conduits and making preparations for new Victorian streetlights to be added in that section of town.

The work on West High Street will take most of the summer. Once completed there, Delozier will move to South Center Street, where curbs and sidewalks will be extended down to the Ghost Town Trail.

The entire sidewalk project is expected to be completed by October 30th.

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

Concerts in the Park

AUGUST 7



JILL & LEAH GONTKOVIC
Sponsored by
Wessel & Company

AUGUST 14



NEVER ENOUGH
Sponsored by
Allegheny Chesapeake
Physical Therapy

AUGUST 21



GHOSTTOWN REVELRY
Sponsored by
McCall Motors

AUGUST 28



FLOOD CITY BRASS
Sponsored by Rotary
Club of Ebensburg

Ebensburg's Sign Maintenance Plan

All municipalities are required to implement a traffic sign maintenance plan. That plan includes inventorying all signs, assessing them for compliance with applicable standards including retro-reflectivity, replacing signs as necessary, and removing signs that are unnecessary.

Ebensburg's own Brianna Wasser is being employed this summer by the borough to undertake this planning. She is inspecting each and every sign (stop signs, parking signs, street name signs, etc.) and sign post and evaluating its condition. Public works crews will then replace signs and posts as she deems necessary.

The end result of this process will be that all signs within the borough will be logged, those that need to be replaced will be replaced, and all other signs will be scheduled for replacement in coming years. This allows the borough to budget capital improvement funds for future sign replacement, assures public safety long term, and assures that all traffic signs within the borough are at all times compliant with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.



Borough Website is Best in the State

Ebensburg Borough's website, www.ebensburgpa.com, has been recognized as the best borough website in the Commonwealth!

Our website is constantly updated, and contains a wealth of information that is useful to our residents. You can find on the website information related to each and every event.

Council provides all meeting agendas and minutes, the annual budget and audit, and all ordinances. There is a section for frequently asked questions regarding zoning, building permits, garbage and recycling, taxes and many other subjects.

There is a very informative section on water and wastewater service including water conservation tips, sewer inspection policies, etc. The website also allows customers to pay their bills on-line.

There is a section addressing community functions such as utilities, the library, hospitals, real estate, etc. All applications are available on the website. Past copies of this newsletter can also be found there.



If you haven't used Ebensburg Borough's website, check it out today and see why ebensburgpa.com was voted #1. You may also follow "Ebensburg Community Events" on Facebook and Twitter.



Ebensburg Borough Police Get New Cruiser

Ebensburg Police have taken delivery of a new police cruiser. The Dodge Charger is an all-wheel drive model. Chief Wyland hopes that the all-wheel drive feature works well enough for the department that, when the time comes to replace the current 4-wheel drive SUV, another Charger can be substituted. The Charger is a significant cost-savings over an SUV.

Ebensburg Welcomes New Businesses

AIG Financial Network

101 West High Street - 814-266-6002
www.aig.com

Ebensburg Pet Paradise

206 E. High Street—814-659-3530
www.ebensburgpetparadise.com

Let's Dance Ebensburg

526 W. Ogle Street - 814-472-0950
www.facebook.com/letsdanceebensburg

Legends Strength and Fitness Warehouse

324 Tanner Street - 814-659-2677
www.facebook.com/legendwarehouse

Our Station House

807 W. High Street - 814-472-8911
www.facebook.com/ourstationhouse

Paw Prints LLC

138 Lovell Avenue - 814-243-7478
www.facebook.com/pawprintsllcebensburg

Up-N-Running

208 W. High Street - 814-472-2200
www.runpa.com

Visual Element Media

Ebensburg - 412-865-7055
www.visualelementmedia.com

PUSH OUT THE PUSHER

“Push Out the Pusher” is a tip line service where people can anonymously tell police about local drug activity in their area. The Hotline phone number 1-800-548-7500.

The program is sponsored by Cambria County Crime Stoppers and gives cash awards for tips leading to the arrest of drug dealers. Local police, district attorneys and other public officials urge you to help keep our town safe by reporting any known drug activity in our area. The program has led to more than 280 arrests in Cambria County since it started in July 2014.



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!**



HOMECOMING SCHEDULE SATURDAY, JULY 25TH

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

| 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-9 pm | Basket Raffle & 50/50 | Lake Rowena |
| 8-11 pm | Live Music by Flood City Brass | Lake Rowena |
| Dusk | Fireworks | Lake Rowena |

- 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.

Ebensburg Swimming Pool Information

Daily Admission Rates

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| Adult (19-64 yrs. old) | \$6.00 |
| Child (4-18 yrs. old) | \$4.00 |
| Senior (65+ yrs. old) | \$4.00 |
| Twilight* | \$4.00 |
| *(6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Monday through Friday.) | |
| *NEW* - Lap Swimmer* | \$50 |
| *Ask about Hours for Lap Swimming | |

Membership Rates

| | Resident | Non.-Res. |
|------------------|----------|-----------|
| Group of 2 | \$160 | \$185 |
| Group of 3 | \$185 | \$205 |
| Group of 4 | \$205 | \$225 |
| Group of 5 | \$225 | \$245 |
| Add. Dependents | \$20 | \$20 |
| Nanny/Babysitter | \$25 | \$25 |

Private Pool Rental Availability

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| Monday -Friday 8 pm - 10 pm |
| Saturday & Sunday - 6 pm - 8 pm |
| Private Pool Rental Fee Schedule |
| 50 People or less - \$150.00 |
| More than 50 People - \$175.00 |
| Additional Hour - \$25.00 |
| All fees include lifeguards |



This year's Farmer's Market will begin on Saturday, July 11th and will end September 19th. 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 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 24 and runs thru September 12. 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

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

SUMMER SPECIALS

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





Ebensburg Borough Health and Wellness Facility

HOURS OF OPERATION

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

PHONE: 814.472.4277

www.ypccrec.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 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:

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

Family Rate:

2 Adults + 1 Student: \$45

(\$10 for each additional student)

Your Stormwater Dollars at Work

Funded by the recently enacted stormwater fees, several stormwater projects are already underway, one will begin very soon, and others are in the preliminary planning stages.

An entirely new stormwater system has been installed on East Triumph Street. This will correct the recurring flooding that has plagued properties in that area. The components of this project were adequately sized so as to accommodate later stormwater improvements planned in the south-east corner of town.

In conjunction with the sidewalk improvement project, a new stormwater system has already been installed on Rowena Drive, and new stormwater basins have been installed along West High Street.

In the very near future, a stormwater improvement project will begin on North Beech Street near the fairgrounds. This will correct flooding experienced in that neighborhood.

Borough officials have met with representatives of PENNVEST to discuss grant and loan funding that may be available for a major combined stormwater and wastewater project all across town. The cost estimate for this project is \$9.1 million. If funding can be arranged, the project can be designed during 2016, with a construction goal of 2017.

West High Street in 2015

The January newsletter informed you of several upcoming projects on West High Street. As everyone can see, those projects are now underway.

First, the bridge near the current Sheetz store has begun. The bridge replacement project will last the entire construction season.

Second, all seven buildings on the former Falchini property have been razed to make room for the new Sheetz store. Construction on the new building is expected to begin very soon. Contractors are already working to reroute water and stormwater lines around the property.

Third, Falchini Beverage has completed its move into their newly constructed building on the north side of West High Street. Their new site has more than adequate parking, and is a welcome improvement to the neighborhood.

Fourth, Summit Bank will soon begin construction of a new branch office on West High Street at Marian Street, the site of the former Gulf station.

And finally, Ebensburg Area Ambulance Association has completed their move into their newly renovated building.

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Ebensburg Community Events

Movie in the Park*

Friday, July 10th, 8:30 pm
Veterans' Memorial Park

Downtown Shutdown*

Friday, July 24th, 7pm - 11pm
Downtown Ebensburg

Ebensburg Homecoming*

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

Farmer's Market*

Every Saturday, 9am - 12pm
July 11th - September 19th
Penn Eben Park

Concerts in the Park*

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

24th Annual PotatoFest*

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

Cambria County Fair

Hosted by Cambria County Legion Recreation Association, Inc.

~ Always the Week of Labor Day ~

August 30 - September 5
www.cambriacofair.com

Fall Foliage Ride*

Sunday, October 11th, 2 pm
Ghost Town Trail

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

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www.ebensburgmainstreet.com

