



EBENSBURG BULLETIN

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EBENSBURG CITIZEN SURVEY RESULTS

Borough Council recently conducted a survey of the citizens. A total of 1,300 surveys were mailed. We had a response rate of 31%, which is considered very high.

Overall, the survey responses were very good. Residents expressed overwhelming satisfaction with many borough services, facilities and projects.

The most interesting and helpful portion of the survey responses is always the written comments. Borough Council has been provided with copies of each and every comment and suggestion, whether positive or negative. The staff takes these comments very seriously. The ideas for many previous projects came from earlier surveys, and we received plenty of new ideas this year. Some of these are already being looked at and discussed such as a dog park, improved social media, and park and restroom maintenance. Additionally, the following items have or are in the process of being implemented:

- **"Additional Flowers"** - Hanging baskets have been placed on each corner of the 100 blocks of High & Center Streets. Staff will budget for and plan to add more each year.
- **"Better Crossing at the Ghost Town Trail"** - Council has just approved funds for a matching grant that will allow trail crossings to be remarked, and will also add trail signage directing users to downtown.
- **"Updates to Borough Website"** - A new and improved borough website has just been launched. See page 4 for more information.
- **"Add Silver Sneakers Program"** - The YPCC was recently approved as a Silver Sneakers Fitness Program site. See page 7 for more information.
- **"Crosswalk Safety"** - New crosswalks throughout the downtown will be completed in late summer. With the increased visibility of the new crosswalks, we hope this will help with current failure to yield to pedestrians. We will also continue to better enforce crosswalk safety with warnings and citations.
- **"Why Move to Ebensburg?"** - We are in the process of creating a marketing and promotional document on reasons why someone would want to call Ebensburg "home." Many of the items we included were positive comments expressed by residents in the citizen survey. We will share this via the website when completed.

A complete report on the survey results is posted on the borough's website, www.ebensburgpa.com.

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CHLORINATION BY-PRODUCTS

The Ebensburg Water System has had to notify customers over the past few months of an issue dealing with high levels of byproducts of the disinfection process. Those byproducts are Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5).



Natural organic matter (NOM) is common in any surface water source. When combined with chlorine, byproducts such as TTHM and HAA5 are formed. The chlorine effectively treats the disease-causing microorganisms, but the disinfection byproducts are distributed throughout the system.

Time, temperature and pH contribute to the levels of byproducts. Ebensburg's Saltlick system is especially prone to higher levels of byproducts because of the low flows through that portion of the system. Longer storage times will contribute to higher levels of byproducts. Ebensburg already keeps the water level in the Ogden storage tank relatively low and regularly flows water from the system, but those efforts have not helped.

This problem is affecting only a handful of customers along the Route 22 corridor near the airport. That area is served by water purchased from the Greater Johnstown Water Authority's Saltlick Reservoir in Mineral Point. The remainder of our water system, including customers in the borough, are served by water from Ebensburg's own reservoirs, and treated at our own water treatment facility. Those customers are not affected at all by byproducts. Unfortunately, if the high level of byproducts are detected anywhere in the distribution system, then all customers on the system must be notified.

The Johnstown Water Authority is undertaking measures to assure that the water produced in their treatment process at the Saltlick reservoir contains the lowest levels of disinfection byproducts possible. They utilize the particular intake from the reservoir that produces the lowest levels of NOM. They are pre-treating with activated carbon to reduce the amount of NOM prior to chlorination. They are using the lowest practical chlorine dose, and aerating their storage tank.

Our own Municipal Authority will be installing aeration and/or mixing equipment on our Saltlick storage tank that will control the levels of byproducts. The latest test results show that the level of byproducts is now within guidelines. But until the running annual average of those test results drops below the threshold for notification, we will need to continue issuing public notifications.

There is no need for customers to boil water or take any other precautions. Again, only customers near the airport are affected, and we hope that the problem is soon resolved.

STREET PAVING

Borough Council has not undertaken any street resurfacing projects in 2015 or 2016 because of the amount of excavation that will be performed during next year's sanitary sewer project. It of course does not make any sense to resurface borough streets when they are scheduled to be dug up soon.

Instead, Council has continued to put aside the funds each year that would have been used for street resurfacing, in order that they can afford to resurface streets as needed following the sanitary sewer project.

~ TAX COLLECTOR CORNER ~

Keep in mind that school real estate tax bills and per capita bills were mailed on July 1st.

If you did not receive your bill, please contact the tax collector at 814-846-4764. If you are paying at discount, the bills must be postmarked by August 31, 2016.



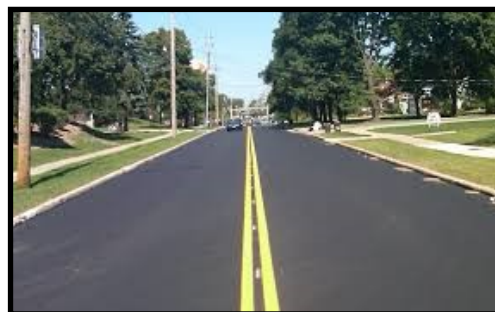
STATE ROAD RESURFACING

PennDOT will be resurfacing all State-owned roads within Ebensburg Borough during 2016. Those include all of High Street, Center Street and West Highland Avenue. The existing surfaces will be milled down and a new coat of blacktop applied. The upcoming wastewater project is not expected to greatly impact the State roads. Because the State funding is available now, and the condition of the State roads is so poor, it is necessary to move forward with this project now.

In preparation for this project, PennDOT will remove the brick-patterned concrete crosswalks in the downtown area. Those areas will be blacktopped with the rest of the street, and then white thermo-plastic crosswalk markings will be applied.

Following the project, our own borough crews will reapply the parking space markings. Several parking spaces will be deleted to improve crosswalk visibility, and to more clearly delineate the two lanes on West High Street at the red light in the center of town.

Much of this resurfacing project will be performed during the overnight hours so that traffic is impacted as little as possible. PennDOT and the Borough appreciate your patience during this much needed project.



Concerts in the Park

AUGUST 5



Full Kilt

Sponsored by Allegheny
Chesapeake Physical
Therapy

AUGUST 12



JILL & LEAH
GONTKOVIC

Sponsored by
McCall Motors

AUGUST 19



Wolves in Sheep's Clothing
Sponsored by
Wessel & Company

AUGUST 26



GHOSTOWN REVELRY
Sponsored by Rotary
Club of Ebensburg

Ebensburg Sewer Project

All customers were recently mailed information explaining the upcoming wastewater improvement project. In addition, a series of three public meetings were conducted to further explain the project, and to answer any questions that customers might have had.

This project is currently being designed. We expect to receive permit approval from DEP early in 2017. If PENNVEST funding can be approved in the spring of 2017, construction should be able to begin next summer.

Because this is such a large and costly project, and so much of the borough will be involved, Borough Council and the Municipal Authority have asked the staff to take extra measures to keep the customers fully informed about the project. Information about the project will be made available on the borough's website, and it is likely that additional public meetings will be held when we get closer to actual construction.

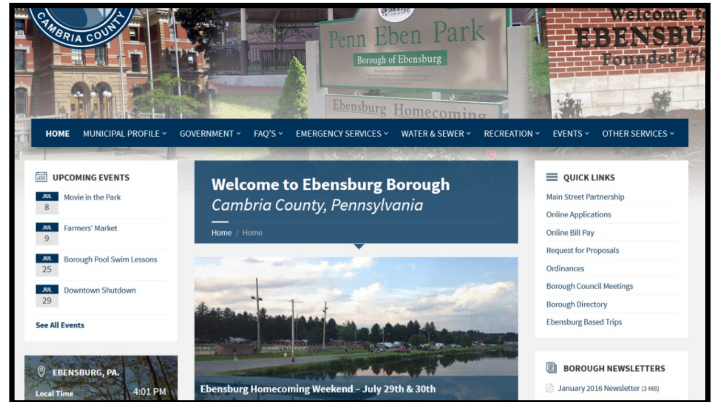


Borough Launches New & Improved Website

Ebensburg Borough has recently launched a new and improved website! As you see here, the look and design of the new website has been improved to feature a newer and fresher look.

The structure of the site is laid out much the same as it was, however the site has much more customization and several new features that we think will benefit our residents, as well as out-of-towners planning to visit the area.

One of the new features is the "Upcoming Events" section of the site. This is one of the first things you see and it outlines all events being planned by the borough, Main Street Partnership, YPCC and Tennis Center. This will be a "go to" section to see what's happening in town.



Another new feature is the "Photo Galleries" section. This section allows us to set up a variety of galleries for different Ebensburg areas that we want to showcase on our site. For example, there are currently galleries set up for Ebensburg Recreation, Ebensburg Events and the Ebensburg Tennis Center.

Some additional new resources on the site include an up-to-date listing under "Other Services" of all of Ebensburg's dining, lodging and local and regional attractions.

We invite all our residents to take a look at the new site and let us know what you think. If there is something you'd like to recommend that we add to the site, let us know! We want this to be an informational tool for our residents.

What is That Green Stuff on the Trees?

We have had lots of calls this year about the green moss growing on tree trunks. That is Lichens, and it's nothing to worry about. Lichens is a non-parasitic plant-like organism found on bark and other hard surfaces. It grows especially in damp areas. Left alone, they pose no danger to the tree. On the other hand, attempts to remove them will often harm the tree. There is no chemical means to control Lichens.

Lichens on trees can be compared to beards on people. Sometimes it makes them look even more distinguished than they are.



EBENSBURG WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES



1ST SUMMIT BANK
512 W. High Street
814-472-0888
www.1stsummit.com



Eckardt's Barbershop
406 W. High Street
814-569-9921

Hometown Collision - Coming Soon!

300 Tanner Street
814-421-8042

Rowland Tax Service

927 W. High Street
814-472-0612

The Lake Inn

1001 Rowena Drive
814-472-9400



Lease a US Flag from Ebensburg Rotary

If you've noticed more flags around town, it's thanks to the Ebensburg Rotary's "Lease a Flag" program. Rotary members have been placing flags throughout Ebensburg just prior to our national holidays - Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July, Veteran's Day and in observance of September 11th. The flags are 3'x5' on a 10' staff and they are placed in an anchor pipe permanently placed in front yards. The program is only open to residents of Ebensburg and Cambria Twp. For more information, visit www.ebensburgrotary.com.



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.



Homecoming Schedule Saturday, July 30th

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 Never Enough	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.

Ebensburg Swimming Pool Information

Daily Admission Rates

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.)	

Member Pricing

	Resident	Non.-Res.
Individual	\$120	\$150
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

Monday –Thursday 8 pm - 10 pm
Friday, Saturday & Sunday - 6 pm - 8 pm

Private Pool Rental Fee Schedule

50 People or less - \$150.00
More than 50 People - \$200.00
All fees include lifeguards



This year's Farmer's Market will begin on Saturday, July 9th and will end September 17th. 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. In 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 23 and runs thru September 10. 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





Ebensburg Borough Health and Wellness Facility

SUMMER HOURS OF OPERATION

MON - FRI: 8 AM - 9PM / SAT: 10 AM - 10 PM / SUN: 12 PM - 8 PM

PHONE: 814.472.4277 www.ebensburgpa.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:

Single/Adult.....\$27.00
Seniors (55+)/Military/Student.....\$20.00

Family Rate:

2 Adults + 1 Student: \$55
(\$10 for each additional student)

SILVER SNEAKERS FITNESS NOW AVAILABLE AT YPCC

The Young Peoples Community Center is proud to now offer the Silver Sneakers fitness program.

This program allows eligible senior members to join the Young Peoples Community Center at no cost to them. By joining the YPCC, senior members have access to a variety of different fitness equipment and senior focused exercise classes in a relaxed and social environment. Stop by or call the Young Peoples Community Center or check with your insurance company to see if you are eligible for this great benefit.



EBENSBURG POTATOFEST CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

This year will mark the 25th Anniversary of the Ebensburg PotatoFest! What started off as a small town sidewalk sale has grown into one of the region's largest and most popular fall festivals.

While the event brings a day full of food, fun, shopping and entertainment, it also brings thousands of visitors into our downtown who come to spend money in our restaurants, stores, local businesses and with our vendors. The economic impact reaches even beyond that with overnight stays, added employment shifts, increased supply purchases and, of course, any return visits that are generated by contacts made at the event. In short, the PotatoFest has helped grow our local economy for the last 25 years and, we hope, for many more years to come!



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Ebensburg Community Events

Downtown Shutdown*

Friday, July 29th, 7pm - 11pm
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

25th Annual PotatoFest*

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

Cambria County Fair

Hosted by Cambria County Legion Recreation Association, Inc.
~ Always the Week of Labor Day ~
September 4 - September 10
www.cambriacofair.com

Fall Foliage Ride*

Sunday, October 9th, 2 pm
Ghost Town Trail

Ebensburg Turkey Trot

Hosted by Ebensburg Area Running Club
Thursday, November 24th
www.ebensburgrunners.org

Dickens of a Christmas*

Friday, December 2nd - December 4th
Downtown Ebensburg

**Sponsored by Ebensburg Main Street Partnership*

www.ebensburgmainstreet.com

