



EBENSBURG BULLETIN

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A SUCCESSFUL 2017

Council and staff were able to complete many projects during 2017.

- 1) The wayfinding signs throughout the downtown were replaced with a new design.
- 2) New SCADA computer control systems were installed at the water and wastewater plants.
- 3) Additional hanging flower baskets were installed in the downtown area.
- 4) The original YPCC loan was paid off early.
- 5) New playground fencing was installed around the center and east ward playgrounds.
- 6) New trail crossing markings were installed on Locust, Center and West streets.
- 7) An old backhoe was replaced with a new excavator.
- 8) Paving of the courthouse parking lot was completed and a new multi-space meter was installed.
- 9) Victorian streetlights were extended to the 200 block of South Center Street.
- 10) The gym floor at the YPCC was refurbished.
- 11) The Beech Street stormwater project at fairgrounds was completed.



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Council Adopts 2018 Budget

Borough Council has adopted a \$5,633,840 budget for 2018. The budget avoids a tax increase for the 8th consecutive year. Although the staff expects to be very busy throughout the year with the sewage improvement project, there are several projects planned in 2018 including:

- 1) A design will be completed for the refurbishing of the front of the municipal building.
- 2) A pickup truck and a van will be replaced in public works.
- 3) A new lowboy trailer will be purchased, and the old trailer converted to a stage for street bands.
- 4) Security systems at the water treatment plant will be upgraded.
- 5) Additional deck chairs will be added at the swimming pool.
- 6) A tractor mower will be replaced.
- 7) Flooring and a copier at the YPCC will be replaced.
- 8) Various water system repairs will be done as time allows.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

The 3-year contract with Lee Disposal for garbage collection expired at the end of 2017. Since Mr. Lee retired, Waste Management completed the contract for the last three months. Council recently awarded a bid for a new 3-year contract to Pro Disposal of Portage Township. The new contract allowed the monthly charge to be decreased slightly, while making curbside recycling a weekly benefit instead of twice each month.

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RELAXED WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS WILL CONTINUE

Good News! The relaxed winter parking regulations within Ebensburg Borough, first tried last winter, were successful, and will be continued through this winter.

The winter parking regulations will only be enforced when deemed necessary by staff. A notice will be placed on the borough's website, www.ebensburgpa.com, announcing when the regulations are or are not in force. The same notice will be on the borough's Facebook page.

For those that may not have access to the Internet, a call to the borough office at 472-8780 is all that will be necessary to verify whether vehicles parked on the street need to be moved. During business hours, staff will be able to answer the question. After hours, callers may press "5" and the recording will inform the caller if the regulations are in effect or not.

Winter parking restrictions will be placed in effect with every forecasted snowfall. Depending on conditions, the restrictions will often remain in effect for several days following a snowfall. Crews often work for several days to push snow back from the curbs, to clear intersections, and to clear slush from the streets. Residents will be required to move vehicles until such time that the announcement on the website and Facebook is again changed. It will be everyone's responsibility to verify the current enforcement status of the winter parking regulations. Remember... because it snowed two days ago and hasn't snowed since; the winter parking regulations may still be in effect. Check the website!

The relaxed winter parking regulations require the full cooperation of everyone. It is important that the public works crews are able to maintain clear streets during winter conditions. If the relaxation of enforcement causes problems in that regard, it will be necessary to return to daily enforcement. Please work with us so that we can maintain our streets in a safe manner, while minimizing the inconvenience to you and your neighbors of moving your vehicle twice each day.

DO NOT PARK DIRECTLY OPPOSITE ANOTHER PARKED CAR. WHEN PERMITTED TO PARK ON BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET, BE SURE TO STAGGER CARS SO THAT PLOWS, FIRE TRUCKS AND AMBULANCES WITH WIDE MIRRORS CAN GET THROUGH.



EBENSBURG WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES



875 Hills Plaza Mon - Sat 8 AM - 9 PM
814-472-0824 Sun 7 AM - 6 PM



4400 Admiral Peary Highway
Opened December 21st
Mon - Thu 9 AM - 9 PM
Fri 9 AM - 9 PM
Sat 9 AM - 9 PM
Sun 9 AM - 8 PM

Ebensburg Borough Ordinance requires that property owners clear sidewalks after the end of a snowfall within 12 hours.

- Shovel the sidewalks full width to the bare pavement.
- Sprinkling a little sand to help prevent slipping on frosty sidewalks.
- DO NOT shovel snow into streets and alleys.
- Clear curb cuts at corners and crosswalks.
- Arrange for someone to shovel if you are unable or on vacation.



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 Health & Wellness Facility

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 9 am - 9 pm

Phone: 814-472-4277

Saturday 10 am - 9 pm

www.yppccrec.com

Sunday Noon - 9 pm

The Ebensburg Borough Health & Wellness Facility, located inside the YPCC, is ideal for those looking to improve their physical fitness. The facility offers first-rate cardio and weight equipment. Along with personal trainers/fitness instructors: Lisa, Justin, Russ & Sheila. The YPCC is also affiliated with SilverSneakers, Silver & Fit, Prime and Affinity. (Check with your insurance provider to see if you qualify for the benefit.)

Monthly Fitness Membership Fees:	
Adult	\$27
Seniors (55+ years)	\$20
Students	\$20
Family (1 Adult & 1 Student)	\$55
Daily Fitness Drop in	\$5
Basketball Court over 18 yrs	\$2

SPECIALS ON ALL MEMBERSHIPS

Purchase 3 months and get 1 month FREE

Purchase 6 months and get 2 months FREE

Purchase 9 months and get 3 months FREE

Anyone 18 or older can gain 24-Hour Access
with purchase of a Key Fob for \$7.

The YPCC – The primary mission of the Young Peoples Community Center (YPCC) has always been to provide activities and a safe, inviting place for the areas youth to play and hangout with their friends. While still keeping this at the core of the mission, the YPCC has evolved into a Health & Wellness Center as mentioned above. Adding various exercise classes into the daily activities at the YPCC.

There is open gym daily (hours vary) at no cost for kids under 18 to play in the gym. In July of 2017, the gym floor underwent a resurfacing to help preserve the wood floor. While it was an inconvenience to the kids and members for few weeks, the end result is fantastic. Please stop by and see it, if haven't done so already.

New for Spring of 2018: In a partnership with Ebensburg Bicycle Shop owner, Tim Illig, and Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority Program Specialist Leanna Bird, the YPCC will offer hourly or daily Bike Rentals. (See www.yppccrec.com for details.)

Tennis Center – Since its inception, Tennis Pro Jamie Taylor has been in charge. The Center celebrated its 10yr Anniversary in 2017. Even if you're not a tennis player, stop in and see the area's best indoor/outdoor tennis courts.

Outdoor Skate/Hockey Rink – Located at Lake Rowena, the rink is open year round for street or in-line hockey. There are hockey goals provided and lights for evening play too. Best part is, it's FREE and open to the public.

Swimming Pool(s) – Since it's renovation in 2011, the Boro Swimming Pool has been enjoyed by many. The area is fortunate to have a public pool that is; up-to-date, heated, kid friendly and handicap accessible. The Boro Pool is available for after hour private party rentals. In addition to the outdoor Boro Pool, the YPCC is also managing the swimming lessons and open swims at the Central Cambria High School Pool.

For additional information on all of our facilities, be sure to Like Us on Facebook or visit www.yppccrec.com

Ebensburg Borough Pool	Hours of Operation:
Opens May 26, 2018	Monday - Thursday 12 pm - 8 pm
	Friday - Sunday 12 pm - 6 pm

Daily Admission Rates

Adult (19-64 yrs old)	\$6
Child (4-18 yrs old)	\$4
Senior (65+ yrs)	\$4
Twilight (After 6:00 pm)	\$4

Resident of Ebensburg Borough Rates

Individual Adult	\$120
Individual Child or Senior	\$100
2 Person Season Pass	\$160
Add on per Person	\$25

Non-Resident of Ebensburg Borough Rates

Individual Adult	\$150
Individual Child or Senior	\$130
2 Person Season Pass	\$185
Add on per Person	\$25

STREET TREE CARE

The Borough replaces more than a dozen street trees every year because of damage done by string trimmers and lawn mowers

You wouldn't think that a little piece of string could hurt a tree -- but string trimmers don't actually use soft string. Instead, they slice through weeds and other materials with a flexible but sturdy piece of thin nylon -- nylon that can easily slice through a tender sapling's trunk, or even the thick bark of an established tree.



Trees that have trimmer damage will suffer from dieback of branches, yellowing or prematurely dropping leaves, and other problems such as insect pest infestations or diseases, which can happen when insects and fungi or bacteria enter the heartwood of the tree through the wound. In most cases, any damage to the bark of a young tree will kill the tree.

Prevent weeds from growing near the trunk of your tree in the first place by encircling it with a nice, 2- to 4-inch thick layer of mulch. The mulch will not only help prevent weed growth, but it will also help keep the soil moist and cool for the tree's benefit. The circle should be between 4 and 6 feet in diameter. Rake the mulch up to, but not touching, the trunk of the tree -- leave a couple of inches of bare ground around the trunk. No weed growth means no need to bring out the string trimmer. If you do have some weeds sneak through the mulch or grow right up next to the trunk, remove them by hand rather than with a trimmer.

Another option is to install a short piece of flexible tubing, sliced to allow expansion, around the base of the tree. The borough has recently installed those protective devices on all street trees.

Trees are a valuable asset to your property and are important to our environment. Every tree contributes to the urban forest and improves air and water quality in your neighborhood. Protect and preserve these growing assets by keeping mowing and weed-trimming equipment away from tree trunks. The damage lasts and it cannot be undone.

Chlorination Byproducts

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. But until the running annual average of those test results drops below the threshold for notification, we will need to continue issuing public notifications.

SEWAGE COLLECTION PROJECT

The much talked about sewage project is about to get underway! The design is completed, and DEP has issued all required permits. PENNVEST has approved a 1% loan covering 100% of the \$9 million project cost.

Bids for the project are being sought now, and a contract is expected to be awarded in February. Construction should begin in April, and will continue through June 2019.

Once construction begins, and as new sewage mains are installed, new taps will be provided for current customers. Current customers will not be required to pay new tapping fees. All customers will be required to have their sewer lateral (the private line between the house and the main) pressure tested. In most areas, we will not require any form of under-slab testing, but we will verify that all piping outside of the building's foundation is water-tight. We will also verify that all downspouts, driveway drains, footer drains, etc. are not connected to the sanitary sewer system.

Due to the age of the system, it is expected that most private sewer laterals will fail a pressure test and will require replacement up to the foundation. Property owners should begin planning for such an expense now. As main line construction is completed in areas, property owners will be notified when to initiate the repair or replacement and testing of their own sewer lateral, and will be provided with sufficient time to do so. The project will begin near Route 22 and move north through town.



SEWER LINE TESTING

The initial notices requiring the testing/replacement of sewer laterals were mailed in March to customers in the Elderwood and Industrial Park sections of our service area. Those customers had until September 1st to bring their sewer laterals into compliance.

That notification went so well that the Municipal Authority decided to move ahead with compliance notices to all other non-project areas. Notices were mailed in August to customers north of Highland Avenue, along Manor Drive, Crestwood Estates, New Germany Road, Route 22 and Lovell Park sections. All customers in those areas were given until July 31, 2018 to gain compliance.

The sewer lateral line from the foundation wall to the property line shall be made to conform to current regulations including a cleanout near the foundation wall and a viewport at the property line. If a viewport already exists on the property, but is not visible or easily accessible, the owner must expose the viewport. If the existing sewer lateral fails the required pressure test, then the entire sewer lateral must be replaced or otherwise made to satisfy the air testing requirement. All required testing and work performed shall be inspected by the Borough while exposed.

The air pressure testing requirement applies to all components of the sewer lateral from the foundation wall to the connection stub. All components of the sewer lateral must be air tested by pressurizing with air to a minimum of five p.s.i. and thereafter held for a period of fifteen (15) minutes with no noticeable loss of pressure.

Customers who, for any reason, do not bring their private sewer lateral into compliance before the deadline will incur a 35% surcharge on their sewer bill.

Ebensburg does not require pressure testing under the basement slab, except in those rare cases where visual examination indicates the presence of stormwater. Complete information regarding sewer testing is available on the borough's website www.ebensburgpa.com. A sewer test application is also available on the website.

NEW COUNCIL MEMBER ELECTED

At the end of 2017, Council member Joe Miller decided not to seek re-election, and his term on Council came to an end. Joe was recognized for his outstanding 12 years of service to Ebensburg, and the role that he played in improving our town.

Beginning a new term on Borough Council is Scot May. We wish him much success in his new role, and congratulate our reelected board members, Doug Tusing and Theresa Jacoby.

EBENSBURG WATER/SEWER CUSTOMERS

The Borough of Ebensburg and the Ebensburg Municipal Authority are not responsible for the backup of water or wastewater into residences, whether or not caused by blockages in the municipal system. Customers are cautioned that such backups will occur from time to time, and are advised to install a back flow prevention device to protect their personal property. Customers are further advised that homeowners insurance does not normally cover such a loss, but that additional coverage may be purchased to provide coverage for backup of water/wastewater. For additional info, contact your insurance agent.

Pro Disposal, Inc.



Pro Disposal is proud to service Ebensburg Boro's trash and recycling needs beginning in January of 2018. All residents South of High Street will be serviced on Thursday and all residents North of High Street will be serviced on Friday. Your trash and recycle will be collected on the same day.

We also offer extra bags service At \$2 a bag which can be picked up at the Boro office.

The Ebensburg Borough Recyclable Collection Program asks all residents occupying single-family and multi-family dwellings of two and three units to recycle.

Place the Containers at the Curb: Pick-up requires that containers be placed at the curb by 6:00 am on the collection day. Where there is no curb, place containers next to the roadway or berm.

Holidays: If there is a holiday during the week of your scheduled collection pickup day, your pickup will be the next day. There is Saturday pickup. Holidays that fall on a weekend will not affect weekly pickup.

COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLES

The following materials are recyclable:

- Glass Containers
- Aluminum Cans
- Steel and Bi-metallic Cans
- Plastics (#1 through #7)
- Cardboard (cereal and food boxes, gift boxes, etc.)
- Corrugated Boxes (moving boxes, packing boxes, etc.)
- Newspaper

Please note Recycling works!. We ask all residents to please recycle! Recycle.....Protect our environment!

Electronics Recycling: The Solid Waste Authority located in Ebensburg, PA - accepts electronics for recycling during business hours - Monday through Friday, 9am-4pm. Please contact the Solid Waste Authority Office for questions concerning electronics recycling at 814-472-2109.

1288 Washington Avenue Summerhill Pennsylvania 15958 (814) 736-3631

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 or call 814-471-2980.



TENNIS LESSON RATES

Private Lessons		Clinics/Group Lessons	
1 hour private lesson	\$55	1 hour clinic	\$13
1/2 hour private lesson	\$33	1 1/2 clinic	\$18
*1 hour private lesson	\$60	*1 hour clinic	\$14
*1/2 hour private lesson	\$35	*1 1/2 hour clinic	\$20

**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-mile radius from the center. All membership run one calendar year, unless otherwise specified.*

Fall/Winter All You Can Play Pass

Cost:

Single - \$360

Family - \$550

* Pass runs from Sept 10th thru May 19th, indoor only.

* 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.

Fall/Winter Court Rates for Indoor Play

Mon - Fri	9 am - 4 pm	\$25
	4 pm - 9 pm	\$27
	9 pm - 9 am	\$12

Sat - Sun	9 am - 2 pm	\$24
	2 pm - 7 pm	\$22
	7 pm - 9 am	\$12

* 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.



Reminder to All Tennis Center Members:

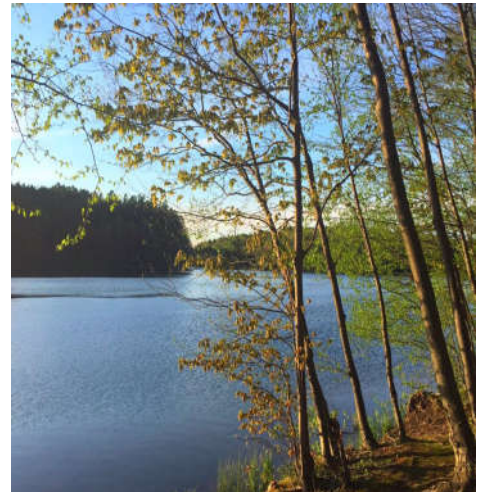
Our center policy is that you are only allowed to reserve tennis courts 7 days in advance.



RESERVOIR UPDATE

The Ebensburg Water System is served primarily by two reservoirs north of town. The large upper reservoir has always been found to be in excellent condition. The smaller lower reservoir is also in excellent condition, but the drain valve required replacement.

The reservoir was drained at the end of 2016, and we hoped to install the new drain valve then. A series of issues has delayed the machining and delivery of the new valve, and the reservoir has remained drained during 2017. The lower reservoir is not relied upon for day-to-day operations. It is possible that, by the time this newsletter is published, the new drain valve will have been received and installed. If not, this project should be completed this spring, as soon as the reservoir floor is dry enough.



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Ebensburg Community Events

Wine Time in the Mainline

Sponsored by Ebensburg Rotary Club

February 24th

The Crystal Hall, Ebensburg Mini Mall

20th Annual 'Art in Bloom'

Spring Art Show*

Saturday, April 28th, 12 pm - 6 pm &

Sunday, April 29th, 11 am - 4 pm

Cambria County Courthouse

HeartChase

Hosted by the American Heart Association

April 28th, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Young Peoples Community Center

14th Annual Wheels & Wings*

Thursday, June 21st, 5 pm - 10 pm

Downtown Ebensburg

Movie in the Park*

Friday, July 7th, 8 pm

Veteran's Memorial Park

Downtown Shutdown*

Friday, July 27th, 6 pm - 11 pm

Center of Downtown Ebensburg

Ebensburg Homecoming*

Saturday, July 28th, ALL DAY

Ebensburg Area & Lake Rowena

Farmer's Market*

Every Saturday, 9 am - 12 pm

July 7th - September 23rd

Penn Eben Park

Concerts in the Park*

August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st 6 pm - 9 pm

Penn Eben Park

Cambria County Fair

Always Labor Day Week

September 2nd - 8th

Cambria County Fairgrounds

27th Annual PotatoFest*

Saturday, September 29th, 9 am - 5 pm

Downtown Ebensburg

Fall Foliage Bike Ride*

Sunday, October 7th

Ghost Town Trail

Ebensburg Turkey Trot

Hosted by Ebensburg Area Running Club

Thursday, November 22nd

www.ebensburgrunners.org

13th Annual Dickens of a Christmas*

Friday, November 30th - December 2nd

Downtown Ebensburg

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www.ebensburgmainstreet.com