



# EBENSBURG BULLETIN

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## **EBENSBURG BOROUGH HAS 6,500 EYEBALLS - LET'S USE THEM!**

You don't have to wear a badge to play an important role in public safety.

For example, a resident sees some activity on her street that just doesn't seem right, and calls 9-1-1. When the borough police arrive a few minutes later, a man acting suspiciously jumps into a car and speeds off. He is later arrested for stealing from vehicles parked in the caller's neighborhood.



Ebensburg Borough has one of the most professional and respected police departments. But that's not always enough. "No police force can guarantee public safety, no matter how many officers you have on the street," explained Ebensburg's Police Chief Terry Wyland. "We need the residents to be the eyes and ears of the community. Residents need to call when things just don't look right."

"When your gut is telling you something is not right, you're usually right," he noted. Maybe it's something you can't put into words, when you're seeing or hearing something that just doesn't fit your neighborhood."

It might be a van driving slowly or erratically through a neighborhood, perhaps at an odd hour. It could be people you don't recognize going in and out of the woods or a building. It does no good in the morning if, after finding multiple cars broken into, neighbors report that they heard noises during the night. The time to call is when you hear the unusual noises.

For many residents, there is a reluctance to call 9-1-1 solely on the basis of suspicion or gut feeling. That hesitation can be reinforced by the 9-1-1 operator's standard response, "What is the nature of your emergency?" But what if you're not sure it's an emergency? "Call anyway," Wyland advises. The dispatcher's response is simply a national standard; not something meant to discourage callers from reporting suspicious behavior.

Ebensburg Borough benefits from the good rapport between its police officers and the community. Trust has everything to do with the willingness of people to report. Ebensburg's officers know that they work for the residents. They also want to work "with" the residents.

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# DUMPSTER ETIQUETTE

The Borough receives from time to time complaints about garbage littering the ground that has been blown out of open or overfilled dumpsters. The problem seems most apparent on properties bordering the Ghost Town Trail, and the litter reflects poorly on the borough.

Dumpsters are required to have lids, and the lids are to be closed. This prevents trash from being blown out of the dumpster, but also helps prevent rain water from collecting in the dumpster.

The following are the rules applicable to all dumpsters within the borough:

- A. The property owner shall arrange to have a dumpster emptied at least once every week.
- B. The property owner shall keep dumpster lids tightly secured except when in use, and shall keep the area around the dumpster clean and free of any refuse, garbage, spillage or overflow.
- C. Dumpsters shall have no holes in the bottom except for a drainage hole, which shall be equipped with a secure plug.
- D. If painted, the paint shall be kept in good condition; and be kept free of graffiti.
- E. Dumpsters shall be constructed of fire resistive metal, except that a dumpster with a capacity of less than one-half cubic yard may be constructed of plastic, and except that the lid of any dumpster may be plastic.
- F. Dumpsters shall be equipped with a cover so that, when not in use, material will not blow from the container, nor will significant amounts of water accumulate in the waste dumpster so as to cause leakage.
- G. The name of the hauler responsible for the placement, emptying or removal of the waste dumpster must prominently be displayed thereon.



If your dumpster requires the lids to be repaired or other maintenance, contact your garbage vendor. If your dumpster isn't large enough to handle the amount of trash being disposed of, ask about a larger dumpster, or arrange for more frequent pickup.

## **SEWER PRESSURE TESTING**

Customers that will eventually be connected to the new sewer system do not need to worry yet about testing of their sewer lateral. Once they are connected to the new system, they will then receive a notice to have their sewer lateral pressure tested.

In the meantime, pressure testing of sewer laterals in other areas of the system has already begun. Property owners in the Elderwood section of the borough and the industrial park section of the township have received notices to have their testing completed by September 30. Customers in different sections of the system will be required to bring their own sewer laterals into compliance at different times, staggered so as to not overwhelm the available contractors.

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.

## **PRE-SALE TESTING**

Pressure testing of the sewer lateral is now required prior to the transfer of any property within the service area. This requirement is never waived, so be sure to plan far enough ahead before scheduling a sale closing.

The procedures for a pre-sale test can be found on the borough's website at [www.ebensburgpa.com](http://www.ebensburgpa.com).

## **TAX COLLECTOR CORNER**

Keep in mind that school real estate tax bills and school per capita bills were mailed on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Per capita bills are for all borough residents 18 years of age or older. If you did not receive your tax bill, please contact the tax collector at 814-846-4764. If you are paying at discount, the bills MUST be post-marked by August 31, 2017.

## RETIRE YOUR OLD GLORY

Retire Your Old Glory is a community-based campaign to collect and properly retire American flags when they are no longer usable. The office is frequently asked about how and where to properly dispose of old flags.

The program provides a bin to be placed in the lobby of the borough building into which residents can deposit old flags. The cost of the program was underwritten by American Legion Post #363 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4963.

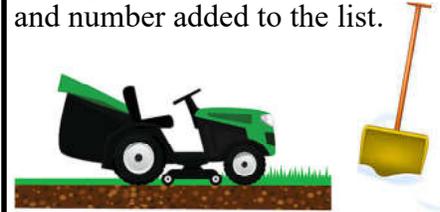
Boy Scout Troop 98 has agreed to manage the program on an ongoing basis. They will periodically collect the flags and ceremonially dispose of the flags.

Anyone is welcome to bring their old American flags to the borough office and deposit them into the collection bin for proper disposal.



## SHOVELERS AND GRASS CUTTERS CONTACT LIST

The borough office often receives calls from residents searching for someone to hire to shovel sidewalks in the winter or cut grass in the summer. The office staff would like to maintain a list of persons interested in performing such work. Anyone interested in picking up some work shoveling or mowing can call the borough office and have their name and number added to the list.



## CONCERTS IN THE PARK

**AUGUST 4**



**JILL & LEAH GONTKOVIC**  
Sponsored by  
McCall Motors

**AUGUST 11**



**MATT OTIS & THE SOUND**  
Sponsored by Pivot  
Physical Therapy

**AUGUST 18**



**Third Wheel Acoustic Band**  
Sponsored by  
Wessel & Company

**AUGUST 25**



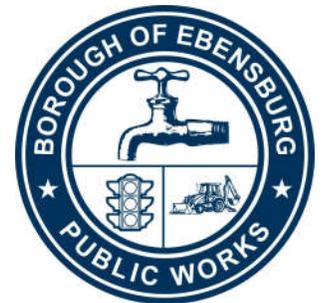
**GHOSTTOWN REVELRY**  
Sponsored by Rotary  
Club of Ebensburg

## Ebensburg Sewer Update

The design for the sewage collection system project is complete, and has been submitted to DEP for permitting. Our funding application cannot be submitted to PENNVEST until DEP has approved the permit.

It is unlikely that the project will be able to begin before 2018. It will be fall before the permit is approved by DEP. The review of the funding application will require several months. Assuming the project receives funding, bidding and award will require several more months. Construction is not likely until 2018, and that assumes that the project is funded in the initial application submission.

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.



## BOROUGH PROJECTS UNDERWAY

Much of the staff's time this year is being consumed with preparations for the upcoming sewer project. But Ebensburg residents will notice several smaller projects occurring.

- The hanging flower baskets in the center of town were a popular addition last year. This spring, the number of baskets was doubled, and extended a bit further out from the center of town.
- The small water reservoir remains drained in preparation for the installation of a new drain valve. The necessary parts will be delivered in August, and borough crews will then install the new valve. By doing this project in-house, borough crews will be saving rate payers \$50,000 from the contracted price.
- The stormwater improvements along Beech Street near the fairgrounds continued through last winter as weather permitted. Those will be wrapping up very soon. This project will allow increased stormwater flows during heavy rains to be automatically diverted away from Beech Street.
- New perimeter fencing is being installed around the east ward playground below the courthouse and the center ward playground behind Holy Name Church. The old chain link fence is being replaced with black ornamental fence. The center ward playground is also being improved with new safety surface material.
- The YPCC gym floor will be receiving a face lift later in the summer. The floor surface will be sanded, repainted and refinished. This project will require that the gym be closed for a full week.

## EBENSBURG WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES



100 West High Street  
814-846-5971



101 W. High Street  
814-846-5957



437 S. Center Street  
814-419-8179



620 W. High Street  
814-472-4900



107 S. Center Street  
703-957-8684



169 Mini Mall Road  
814-419-8337



4952 Admiral Peary Hwy, Ste. 2  
814-846-5976

# Meet Ebensburg's New Recreation Director

Dirk Johnson has recently joined the borough staff as the new recreation director. Dirk has lived in Ebensburg for the past 16 years with his wife and four children. His past experiences in recreation have been with the local AYSO Region for 6 years as the Regional Commissioner, President of the Sparklers Cheerleading Boosters, a squad that developed out of the YPCC, and current President of Red Devil Hockey Association. He is also a certified PIAA Soccer Official. Please join us in welcoming Dirk in his new role!



"Living and raising a family in Ebensburg Borough, I think of the YPCC, playgrounds, swimming pool, and other recreation facilities as valuable resources for the community. We are truly fortunate to have so many options available for the kids and families living here. As the new Recreation Director, I'm extremely excited to continue what has been successful in the past, while bringing new ideas to the facilities, programs, and the community."

## Homecoming Schedule Saturday, July 29th

Time	Event	Location
8am	Community Yard Sale	Throughout Ebensburg
8 am - 3 pm	Community Yard Sale	Bishop Carroll HS
9am - 12pm	Farmer's Market	Penn Eben Park
9 am	Homecoming 5K	Ghost Town Trail - YPCC
9 am	Book & Bake Sale/ Flea Market	Ebensburg Public Library
9 - 11 am	Kid's Fishing Derby	Lake Rowena
9 am - 5 pm	Free Tennis	Ebensburg Tennis Center
10 am-12 pm	Curve Baseball Clinic	Lake Rowena Field
10 am	Homecoming Duathlon	Ghost Town Trail - YPCC
11 am	Yoga in the Park	Veteran's Park
11 am - 3 pm	Community Days-Music, Food, Cruise-in, Give-aways	Freedom Ford (Fri. 6 - 10 & Sat. 11 - 3)
1 pm	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: Night Train	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](http://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 Thursday.)	

Pool Passes	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 Swimmers or less - \$150.00  
More than 50 Swimmers - \$200.00  
All fees include lifeguards

**Free admission with valid military ID.**



This year's Farmer's Market will begin on Saturday, July 8th and will end September 23rd. 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, delicious home baked goodies and, new this year — chicken, pork, whiskies, brandies and vodka.

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](http://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





# Young Peoples Community Center

## HOURS OF OPERATION

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

PHONE: 814.472.4277

www.ebensburgpa.com

**\* SPECIAL \***

PURCHASE 3 MONTHS & RECEIVE THE 4TH FREE!  
PURCHASE 9 MONTHS AND RECEIVE 3 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 YPCC is ideal for those looking to improve 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

~ See website for current group and family rates. ~

~ Members 18 and older may purchase a key fob for 24-hour access. ~

## **EBENSBURG TENNIS CENTER CELEBRATES 10 YEARS!**

Join us at the Ebensburg Tennis Center on August 19, 2017 for our 10 year Anniversary Celebration. There will be free Junior and Adult Tennis Round Robins. The Junior Round Robin will be for children ages 9 to 17, from 10 am to 9 noon and the Adult Round Robin-all levels of play are welcomed-will be from noon to 2 pm, members and non-members are encouraged to attend. After the Round Robins there will be a barbeque lunch followed by a tennis exhibition match at 3:00 pm - both the barbeque and watching the tennis match are free to the public. There will be free tennis from 9 am to 5 pm for members and non-members on the inside and outside courts. Racquets and tennis balls will be provided for those who need it; it asked that all people who decide to play tennis have tennis appropriate shoes. I hope everyone is able to attend the 10 year Anniversary Celebration Day Party and take part in the days tennis festivities!

## **EBENSBURG CHAIR & SUMMER BUCKET LIST**

While you're out and about this summer, be sure to stop by Lake Rowena and visit the Ebensburg Mayors' Chair! The Ebensburg Main Street Partnership came up with the idea for the chair as a destination spot for both residents and visitors of Ebensburg. It's called the "Mayors' Chair" because a donation was made to have an engraved plaque placed on the front of the chair, listing the five mayors of Ebensburg and their terms. Special thanks to The Long Barn for donating the materials, and to Brian Dumm for designing and painting the sign.



As another way to highlight some of Ebensburg's recreational resources and local assets, the Partnership also developed a Summer Bucket List Challenge. The list includes 24 activities to do in and around Ebensburg - things like hike the Ghost Town Trail, see a drive-in movie, go camping or fishing, and get a photo on Ebensburg's new chair. Anyone who completes and records at least 20 activities can visit the Community Development office, in the borough building, for a prize!

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# Ebensburg Community Events

## Downtown Shutdown\*

Friday, July 28th, 7pm - 11pm  
Downtown Ebensburg

## Ebensburg Homecoming\*

Saturday, July 29th, ALL DAY  
Ebensburg Area & Lake Rowena

## Farmer's Market\*

Every Saturday, 9am - 12pm  
July 8th - September 23rd  
Penn Eben Park

## Concerts in the Park\*

August 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, 6pm - 9pm  
Penn Eben Park

## Ebensburg Beer & Wine 5k

Saturday, August 19th

## Ebensburg Tennis Center 10th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, August 19th

## 26th Annual PotatoFest\*

Saturday, September 30th, 9am - 5pm  
Downtown Ebensburg

## Cambria County Fair

*Hosted by Cambria County Legion Recreation Association, Inc.  
~ Always the Week of Labor Day ~  
September 3 - September 9  
[www.cambriacofair.com](http://www.cambriacofair.com)*

## Fall Foliage Ride\*

Sunday, October 8th, 2 pm  
Ghost Town Trail

## Ebensburg Turkey Trot

*Hosted by Ebensburg Area Running Club  
Thursday, November 23rd  
[www.ebensburgrunners.org](http://www.ebensburgrunners.org)*

## Dickens of a Christmas\*

Friday, December 1st - December 3rd  
Downtown Ebensburg

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