



EBENSBURG BULLETIN

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A Successful 2018

Council and staff were able to complete many projects during 2018:

- 1) Hired a fifth full-time police officer.
- 2) Updated Borough Council protocols and Code of Ethics.
- 3) Paid off the swimming pool debt three years early.
- 4) Acquired a blighted property and arranged a grant for demolition.
- 5) Awarded a new three-year contract for garbage, adding weekly recycling.
- 6) Constructed a mobile event stage.
- 7) Undertook design for an upcoming sidewalk project.
- 8) Repaired the municipal building façade and bricks.
- 9) Replaced a pick-up truck.
- 10) Negotiated a new AFSCME labor agreement.
- 11) Continued project of assessing historical significance for historic designation.

Ebensburg's Main Street Partnership Program

Did you know that Ebensburg's Main Street Partnership is one of only 25 main street programs in Pennsylvania that is accredited by the National Main Street Center?

It's true! Each year, the partnership completes and submits an application for accreditation. To be considered, programs must follow a strict set of guidelines set forth by the NMSC. Ebensburg will again apply this month for 2019.

The success of our Main Street program is in large part because of the support we receive from our nearly 200 business members and our community at large. Each year, local and area businesses pledge their support by rejoining for an annual fee of just \$50.00. These funds, as well as profits and sponsorships from events held through the year, are the revenue stream that keeps our Main Street program going. If it weren't for the Partnership, we wouldn't be able to support community enhancement and beautification projects or host our annual schedule of community events, as follows:

- 1) Art in Bloom, Farmer's Markets, Wheels & Wings, Movie in the Park, Downtown Shutdown, Homecoming, Concerts in the Park, PotatoFest, Fall Foliage Ride and Dickens of a Christmas
- 2) Volunteer of the Year & Volunteer Appreciation Night
- 3) Small Business Saturday Retail Promotion
- 4) Community Projects - Fire Ring & Seating Area at Lake Rowena, Christmas Decorations, Light Post Banners, Wayfinding Signs and more
- 5) Purchase and planting of downtown hanging flower baskets

If your business is interested in joining, or would like more information about the Partnership, please email or call dkoss@ebensburgpa.com or 814-472-8414.



FIRE RING AT LAKE ROWENA



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Council Adopts 2019 Budget

Borough Council has adopted a \$5,927,480 budget for 2019. The budget avoids a tax increase for the 9th consecutive year. Although the staff expects to be very busy throughout the year with the sewage improvement project, there are several projects planned in 2019 including:

- Complete street resurfacing projects south of High Street following completion of wastewater & gas projects.
- Install showers in the YPCC restrooms.
- Undertake replacement of sidewalks and curbs on South Caroline, South Marian and West Triumph Streets.
- Complete wayfinding signage along Ghost Town Trail.
- Replace a small pick-up and dump truck.
- Complete the conversion of Victorian streetlights to LED.
- Repair the Tanner Street bridge.
- Replace stormwater basins in preparation for paving following sewer project.
- Conclude formal designation of historic district.

EBENSBURG BUSINESS RELOCATIONS



948 W. High Street
Phone: 814-472-9355



South Center Commons
416 S. Center Street, Ste. 1
Phone: 814-471-7700



318 W. High Street
Phone: 814-846-5017

EBENSBURG WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES



Magley Professional Bldg.
1100 West High Street
Suite 105
Phone: 814-414-4167



300 Prave Street
(YPCC Back Entrance)
Phone: 814-419-8646



117 S. Center Street
Phone: 814-419-8356



Ebensburg Commons
ALDI Plaza
4474 Admiral Peary Hwy.
Phone: 814-475-2163



Ebensburg Mini Mall
3135 New Germany Road
Suite 32
Phone: 814-941-7770



Ebensburg Commons
ALDI Plaza
4482 Admiral Peary Hwy.
Phone: 814-419-4992



201 W. High Street
Phone: 814-419-8087



Yellow Canary Winery
Coming Soon!
623 W. High Street
Phone: 814-419-8648



Ebensburg Borough Health & Wellness Facility

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 9 am - 9 pm

Phone: 814-472-4277

Saturday 10 am - 9 pm

www.ypccrec.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 & Sheila. Classes are open for drop-ins at a rate of \$5.00/class or \$30.00/month. 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	\$30
Seniors (55+ years)	\$25
Student/Military	\$25
Family (1 Adult & 1 Student)	\$50
Daily Fitness Drop in	\$5
Open Gym 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 \$10.

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.

Bike Rental Program: In a partnership with Ebensburg Bicycle Shop owner, Tim Illig, and Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority, the YPCC started a bike rental program in 2018. Rentals can be hourly (\$8/adult or \$6/youth) or full day (\$32/adult or \$24/youth). Rentals include a helmet and anyone under the age of 12 is required by PA law to wear a helmet. A waiver of liability must be signed before renting. Check out more details of the program at www.ypccrec.com.

Pavilion Rentals – The Borough rents out three pavilions at Lake Rowena and two at the Ebensburg Borough Swimming Pool. The cost to rent a pavilion is \$50.00. Call the YPCC to check availability and to make a reservation.

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 Pools – 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 Borough Pool is available for after hour private party rentals. In addition to the outdoor Borough Pool, the YPCC is also managing 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.ypccrec.com

Ebensburg Borough Pool	Hours of Operation:
Opens May 25, 2019	Monday - Thursday 12 pm - 7 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

WASTEWATER PROJECT

Nearly all work associated with the sewer project is completed in those areas south of High Street. As soon as weather allows, the paving sub-contractor will return and continue with paving the excavated areas. Landscaping of yards and disturbed areas will likely begin in April.

Work is continuing in the northeast corner of town, and will progress toward the northwest corner through spring and summer. The sewer project is scheduled for completion in mid-summer.

As a reminder to customers in areas where work has yet to begin... do not undertake any work on your own sewer lateral until instructed to do so by the Borough. Once the contractor completes work in your area, AND has successfully tested the new sewer main to your connection, AND has completed restoration of property, you will receive a certified letter from the Borough instructing you to proceed with your own pressure testing and/or repairs. The letter will also prescribe a deadline for you to comply. 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.

It is difficult to predict when the contractor will be working in any given area of town, or on a particular street. An anticipated work schedule is available every week on the borough's website (www.ebensburgpa.com) or Facebook page.

PEOPLES NATURAL GAS TO REPLACE GAS LINES

Peoples Natural Gas is set to begin the replacement of gas mains and individual gas lines in February. They will work first in areas south of High Street, where the sewer project has already been completed. They will be digging new ditches in the streets, but the ditches will be only one foot wide. The new gas service lines to each property will be pulled through existing service lines, minimizing the need to dig up private properties.

This project will begin on South Caroline Street, South Marian Street and West Triumph Street in order to assure that all utility work is completed in time for the upcoming sidewalk project.

Peoples Gas is coordinating their work with the other Borough projects, but the Borough is not directly involved in their project. All notices regarding the gas line replacement project will come to you directly from Peoples Gas Company.



STREET PAVING SCHEDULE

Council has not resurfaced any streets for the past five years, knowing that many would be excavated during the sewage project. In areas south of High Street, the streets will soon be excavated again for the gas line replacement project, and some will be disturbed yet again when the new curbs are installed.



The good news is that all of that work will be completed in the coming months, and we will be ready to resurface streets south of High Street this fall. We expect to mill the existing blacktop from curb to curb, and resurface all primary streets in that section of town.

Sewer work, followed by gas line work, will continue throughout 2019 in areas north of High Street. New sidewalks and/or curbs will be installed during the spring and summer of 2020, and those streets will be resurfaced in Fall 2020.

Borough Council has planned ahead for this expensive street resurfacing project. Funds that would have been spent earlier for routine street resurfacing have been saved, and Council will have approximately \$650,000 available on hand for street paving.

Sign-up for Our Email List of Ebensburg Happenings

Would you like to receive emails with specials, events, promotions happening at our local businesses? Contact Dana Koss at dkoss@ebensburgpa.com and request to be added to the Ebensburg Main Street Partnership email distribution list. Emails contain information on Ebensburg events, as well as sales, events and promotions happening with our Main Street business members.



Sign Up for
our Email List

SAVE YOURSELF A TRIP TO THE OFFICE!

Sign-Up for Automatic Water/ Sewer Bill Payment via ACH



If you find yourself rushing around at the end of the month trying to get your bills paid, consider signing up to have the funds automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the last day your payment is due.

Next time your in the office, just ask for the ACH application form to fill out to have your water/ sewer bill auto-deducted from your bank account. Don't forget to bring your checkbook as you'll need to provide your bank account and routing number. You can also find the form on the borough website in the "Quick Links" box under Online Applications.

If you'd like the application emailed or faxed to you, just call the office at 814-472-8780 and let us know. Save yourself the worry of having to mail or drop the check off on time, and sign up today.

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.

If you are looking to hire someone to help with shoveling, contact the borough office for a list of names at 814-472-8780.



SEWER LINE TESTING

The initial notices requiring the testing/replacement of sewer laterals outside of the project area were mailed in March 2017 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. All but three of those customers have completed the required work, and enforcement action has begun for those three.

In August 2017, a second batch of notices was mailed to the remaining customers in non-project areas including those 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.

Beginning in May 2018, the Borough began mailing notices to customers within the project area, as the project progressed through neighborhoods. Those customers are being given six months to gain compliance, and good progress is being made. Thus far, six batches of notices have been mailed, each containing approximately eighty customers.

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.

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.



PRO DISPOSAL 2019 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

1288 Washington Avenue, Summerhill, PA 814-487-7033

Reminder: All garbage & recycling must be curbside by 6 am regardless of the day it is being picked up.

2019 GARBAGE COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New Year's Holiday - Tuesday, January 1, 2019	Labor Day Holiday - Monday, September 2, 2019
Memorial Day Holiday - Monday, May 27, 2019	Thanksgiving Day Holiday - November 28, 2019
Independence Day Holiday - Thursday, July 4, 2019	Christmas Holiday - Wednesday, December 25, 2019

2019 SPRING CLEAN UP DATES - May 2 & 3, 2019

COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLES

The following materials are recyclable:

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

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The Cambria County Solid Waste Authority, located at 507 Manor Drive in Ebensburg, accepts electronics for recycling during business hours - Monday - Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. You may contact their office with any questions at 814-472-2109.

2019 SIDEWALK PROJECT

The upcoming sidewalk and curb project will be undertaken in two phases. First, in March 2019 a contract will be awarded for those areas south of High Street. This project includes new sidewalks and/or curbs in the 100 and 200 blocks of South Caroline Street, and all of South Marian Street and West Triumph Street. The sidewalk and curbs should be completed by mid-summer.

Phase 2 of the sidewalk and curb project will involve North Caroline Street, East & West Horner Street, East & West Crawford Street, and East & West Sample Street. This project will not begin until spring 2020.



RELAXED WINTER PARKING CONTINUES

The winter parking regulations will continue to 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.

RETIRE YOUR OLD GLORY

A "Retire Your Old Glory" collection bin is located in the Ebensburg Borough office lobby. Anyone is welcome to bring their old American flags in to deposit them for proper disposal.



The cost of the bin 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.

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 professionals Jamie Taylor & Brandon Statler.

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 - \$160

Family - \$210 (includes immediate family members)

Junior - \$65 (17 and under)

***Out of Town Membership** - \$70 Single

***Out of Town Membership** - \$125 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.



TAX COLLECTOR CORNER

2018 has come and gone and I can no longer accept tax payments for that year. If you owe real estate taxes from 2018, you can contact the Tax Claims Office at the Cambria County Courthouse at 814-472-1445 to set-up payments. If you did not pay your per capita tax for 2018, Berkheimer Associates will contact you with the amount due. If you moved during 2018 (in or out of Ebensburg Borough), be sure to contact the tax office to update your information so your current year tax bills are mailed to the correct address. The Ebensburg Borough Tax Office phone number is 814-846-4764. The Tax Collector's Office Hours, beginning March 1st are Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Shovelers and Grass Cutters

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.



STANDARD
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Johnstown, PA
PERMIT 5

Ebensburg Community Events

21st Annual 'Art in Bloom' Spring Art Show*

Saturday, April 27th, 12 pm - 6 pm &
Sunday, April 28th, 11 am - 4 pm
Cambria County Courthouse

HeartChase

Hosted by the American Heart Association
April 27th, 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Young Peoples Community Center

Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

Monday, May 27th, 10 am
Veteran's Memorial Park

15th Annual Wheels & Wings*

Thursday, June 20th, 5 pm - 10 pm
Downtown Ebensburg

Movie in the Park*

Friday, July 12th, 8 pm
Veteran's Memorial Park

Downtown Shutdown*

Friday, July 26th, 6 pm - 11 pm
Center of Downtown Ebensburg

Ebensburg Homecoming*

Saturday, July 27th, ALL DAY
Ebensburg Area & Lake Rowena

Concerts in the Park*

August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th 6 pm - 9 pm
Penn Eben Park

Farmer's Market*

Every Saturday, 9 am - 12 pm
July 6th - September 21st
Penn Eben Park

Cambria County Fair

Always Labor Day Week
September 1st - 7th
Cambria County Fairgrounds

28th Annual PotatoFest*

Saturday, September 28th, 9 am - 5 pm
Downtown Ebensburg

Fall Foliage Bike Ride*

Sunday, October 6th
Ghost Town Trail

Ebensburg Turkey Trot

Hosted by Ebensburg Area Running Club
Thursday, November 28th
www.ebensburgrunners.org

14th Annual Dickens of a Christmas*

Friday, December 6th - Sunday, December 8th
Downtown Ebensburg

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www.ebensburgmainstreet.com

Interested in volunteering? Call 472-8414