



# EBENSBURG BULLETIN

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## Ebensburg's Historic District Listing

Ebensburg Borough staff and officials received notification in September that their nomination for listing on the National Register of Historic Places had been approved by the National Park Service.

The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of properties that are recognized for their significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering and/or culture.

Ebensburg's period of significance spans 162 years, ranging from 1799 to 1961. Its areas of significance fall into commerce and architecture. There are three distinct eras in Ebensburg's history:

- 1799-1850 saw Ebensburg's early settlement and its importance as turnpike route, securing its position as a center of commerce and service for travelers along this major east-west route;
- 1850-1915 brought the completion of the railroad, railroad era tourism and the rise and impact of the automobile;
- 1915-1961 started with the devastating fire of 1915 and then the rebuild as an automobile oriented commerce, which changed travel and spending habits until the opening of the US 22 downtown bypass in 1961

The district is bounded roughly by Highland Avenue, West Street, Sugar Street and Triumph Street. It includes 422 contributing buildings and sites and 161 noncontributing. Buildings that contribute to the historic district retain integrity; their form and/or architectural details reflect their construction during the 1799-1961 period of significance. Buildings whose materials have changed, but without altering the overall design, still contribute to the historic district. The noncontributing properties were either constructed after 1961, or have been altered to an extent that they no longer reflect their historic appearance.

Under Federal Law, the listing of a property in the National Register places no restrictions on what an owner may do with their property up to and including destruction, unless the property is involved in a project that receives Federal assistance, usually funding or licensing/permitting.

The complete nomination can be viewed, along with a property inventory, and select photographs through [EbensburgPA.com](http://EbensburgPA.com).

### Council Adopts 2020 Budget

Borough Council has adopted a \$5,892,610 budget for 2020. The budget avoids a tax increase for the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. There are several projects planned in 2020 including:

- 1) Recoating of downtown signposts, trash receptacles and benches as needed
- 2) Police will convert from paper citations to electronic.
- 3) Replacement of a pickup truck and dump truck.
- 4) Security systems at the water treatment plant will be upgraded.
- 5) Water line replacements on Arbor Street and North Spruce Street.
- 6) Equipment upgrades at the water treatment plant.
- 7) Upgrades at the swimming pool including new deck chairs, tile repairs and new chlorine feeder.
- 8) Repairs at Lake Rowena including a French drain, pier repairs and new concession stand.



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#### Borough Council

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## A Successful 2019

Council and staff were able to complete many projects during 2019:

1. Replaced the large 1999 International dump truck.
2. Installed stormwater collection at east end of Ogle Street.
3. Installed stormwater collection on West Lloyd and South Julian Streets.
4. Replaced a sewer main along Virginia Street.
5. Obtained a historical designation for entire downtown.
6. Installed a new water main on Laurelbrook Road in Crestwood Estates.
7. Coordinated simultaneous projects replacing gas, sewer and stormwater lines.
8. Completed installation of new curbs and sidewalk on Caroline Street, Triumph Street and Marian Street.
9. Milled and resurfaced all streets in southern half of town.
10. Replaced a zero-turn mower.
11. Completed conversion to LED of all streetlights and parks.
12. Replaced a Ventrac mower.
13. Obtained a grant to raze a blighted house on East Ogle Street.

## EBENSBURG WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES



1661 Wilmore Road  
Phone: 814-472-4509



Ebensburg Outpatient Center  
139 Cook Road  
Phone: 814-472-6005



NAILS & SPA

300 Walmart Drive, Ste. 100  
Phone: 814-419-8468



4490 Admiral Peary Highway  
Phone: 814-419-7008



NEW LOCATION:  
927 Rowena Drive  
Phone: 814-472-4691



Ebensburg Mini Mall  
3135 New Germany Road  
Suite 34  
Phone: 814-419-8731

## WATER TREATMENT OPERATIONS

Effective February 1<sup>st</sup>, operation of the water treatment plant will be contracted to Inframark, a company that specializes in the operation of local water and sewer utilities. Inframark has been operating the Borough's sewage treatment plant since 2003.

The regulations applicable to water treatment are ever changing, and the availability of certified operators is very limited. Inframark provides the level of expertise necessary to assure that the quality of water on Ebensburg's system is of the highest quality.



## EBENSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

Ebensburg Borough welcomes two new members to Borough Council this year; Mr. Jeff Ball and Mr. Mike Owatt.

The newly elected Councilors will take the seats vacated by Ms. Susan Barber and Mr. John Cobaugh.

Borough Council meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.





## Ebensburg Borough Health & Wellness Facility

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 9 am - 9 pm  
 Saturday 10 am - 9 pm  
 Sunday Noon - 9 pm

Phone: 814-472-4277  
[www.yppccrec.com](http://www.yppccrec.com)

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.
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**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.yppccrec.com](http://www.yppccrec.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.yppccrec.com](http://www.yppccrec.com)

Ebensburg Borough Pool	Hours of Operation:
Opens May 23, 2020	Monday - Thursday 12 pm - 7 pm
	Friday - Sunday 12 pm - 6 pm

Daily Admission Rates	
Adult (18-54 yrs old)	\$6
Child (4-17 yrs old)	\$4
Senior (55+ 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 RESURFACING

After having excavated in the south side of town for the sewer, gas, stormwater and sidewalk projects, all streets south of High Street have been milled and repaved, leaving no sign of all the work that occurred. The same will happen in other areas of town as the various projects are completed.

In 2020, as soon as the gas and sidewalk projects are completed in the northeast quadrant, bids will be sought for milling and resurfacing of those streets. Complete paving in the northwest quadrant will not occur until the sidewalks in that area are completed in 2021. Borough Council has been reserving funds for several years in order to be able to afford to complete the necessary street resurfacing.

## 2020 CENSUS - BE COUNTED!

The 2020 Census is fast approaching. Your participation in the census, and a full and accurate count, is very important to your local community. First, the census is the basis for equal political representation under the Constitution. Second, State and Federal dollars are allotted based on the number of people counted in the census.

BE COUNTED! It's easy. It's safe, It's important. For the first time ever, the Census Bureau will accept responses on-line, but you can still respond by phone or mail.

Together, we can ensure that our community receives the resources it needs.

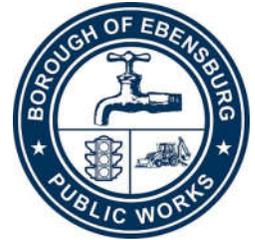
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Learn more at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov).

## SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

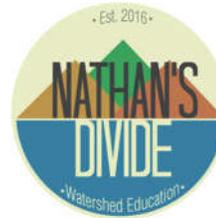
The borough-wide sewer project is finally completed. Some of the yards were reseeded late in 2019 and will likely require some additional work in the spring. The contractor will return to make any final yard repairs.

All customers should have received by now their notice to complete their own sewer repairs. The rate of compliance thus far has been excellent.



## NATHAN'S DIVIDE NATURE CENTER PROJECT

Efforts are underway to open Nathan's Divide Nature Center — a center dedicated to outdoor recreation and environmental education. The center would be located alongside Ebensburg's upper reservoir, behind the Cambria County Transit Authority. The next step to making this center a reality is to coordinate a marketing and financial feasibility study, and a detailed comprehensive plan for the development of the project.



*- Our mission is to create a nature center focused on watershed education to promote a positive sense of place and environmental responsibility.*

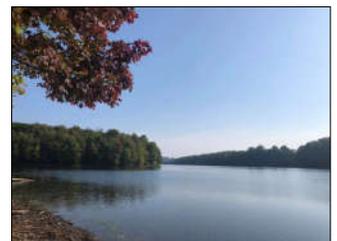
The results of the plan will answer important questions such as:

- How much will the project cost and where can we get the funds to build and maintain the project?
- Who will be the users? How far will they travel to visit?
- What indoor programs and displays will enhance the visitor experience?
- What outdoor recreation is most valuable to the visitors and the communities served?
- How large is the visitor center, and can it be used all year?

Organizers are seeking volunteers who may be interested in serving on the board of directors for Nathan's Divide and are looking for ideas for raising start up funding.

Donations will be used to pay for a Comprehensive Plan which would include a Feasibility Study for the nature center buildings and displays, and the Master Trail Plan with a link to the Ghost Town Trail Extension. The initial donation goal is raising \$45,000 to pay for the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan will provide the information on initial construction costs and estimates on lifetime costs and benefits of the project.

A fund has been established at the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies to move this project forward, and donations may be made through the website at [www.nathansdivide.org](http://www.nathansdivide.org).



## **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 you're 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.
- Sprinkle 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.

## **ONGOING SEWER SYSTEM MONITORING**

The purpose of the recently completed sewer project was the elimination of Inflow and Infiltration (I&I), or stormwater and/or ground water runoff, that was entering the system and causing overflows of sewage directly into Howell's Run.

It is critically important that we continue to monitor our sewage collection system in order to assure ongoing compliance. Certificates of compliance issued during the sewer project are good for a five-year period. After that, properties must again be pressure tested prior to any property transfer.

Staff will continue to monitor flows in the sewage system and make spot inspections of viewports. Any efforts made to illegally allow stormwater into the sewer system will be detected and are punishable with fines. Such efforts might include drilling holes in view port caps in order to drain low lying areas, removing or loosening a viewport cap, connecting a downspout to a sewer line, or connecting a sump pump to a sewer line.



## **PEOPLES NATURAL GAS PROJECT**

Peoples Gas has completed the installation of new gas lines in areas south of High Street. Work will continue in the northeast quadrant of town, and they will then continue into the northwest quadrant through 2020.

## **SIDEWALK AND CURB PROJECTS**

As soon as Peoples Gas completes their gas line replacement work in the northeast quadrant of town, bids will be awarded for new sidewalks and curbs on East Horner, East Crawford, East Sample and North Carolina Streets.





**PRO DISPOSAL 2020 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. Weekly pick-ups happening after a scheduled holiday will be moved forward one day.

**2020 GARBAGE COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**New Year's Day - Wednesday, January 1, 2020**  
**Memorial Day - Monday, May 25, 2020**  
**Independence Day - Saturday, July 4, 2020 (no change)**  
**Labor Day - Monday, September 7, 2020**

**Thanksgiving Day - November 26, 2020**  
**Christmas Day - Friday, December 25, 2020\***  
*\*Thursday collection will remain the same, Friday collection will be picked up on Saturday.*

**2020 SPRING CLEAN UP DATES - Thursday Pick Up - April 30th & Friday Pick Up - May 1st**

**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.

**Ebensburg Main Street Partnership - Join the Fun!**

Is your business a member of the Ebensburg Main Street Partnership? If not, we ask that you consider joining for just \$50.00 a year! The Partnership works hard toward making Ebensburg an enjoyable, desirable and fun place to live and work.

Here are just some of the accomplishments of the Partnership this past year:

- Received National Accreditation for 5th straight year.
- Recognized as one of the top five performing programs in the state.
- Approved for a \$50,000 grant from the PA DCED to assist businesses with matching grants for façade projects.
- Secured grants for events, event marketing and a National Register District Historic Marker.
- Assisted members with business promotions, advertising, ribbon-cuttings and events.
- Hosted business networking events and Volunteer Appreciation Night.
- Hosted thousands of visitors at events like Wheels & Wings, Downtown Shutdown, Homecoming, PotatoFest, Dickens of a Christmas and more.
- Purchased pedal boats for use at Lake Rowena.



Visit us at [ebensburgmainstreet.com](http://ebensburgmainstreet.com) for more information!

**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](http://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.

**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 Danae Koss at [dkoss@ebensburgpa.com](mailto: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

# 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 & Samantha Fulcherio.

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](http://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 8th thru May 16th, 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

2019 has come and gone and I can no longer accept tax payments for that year. If you owe real estate taxes from 2019, 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 school per capita tax for 2019, Berkheimer Associates will contact you with the amount due. If you moved during 2019 (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.



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# Ebensburg Community Events

## Art in Bloom Spring Art Show\*

Saturday, April 25, 12 pm - 6 pm &  
Sunday, April 26, 11 am - 4 pm  
Cambria County Courthouse

## HeartChase

*Hosted by the American Heart Association*  
April 25, 9:30 am - 11:30 am  
Young Peoples Community Center

## Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

Monday, May 25, 10 am  
Veteran's Memorial Park

## 16th Annual Wheels & Wings\*

Thursday, June 25, 5 pm - 10 pm  
Downtown Ebensburg

## Movie in the Park\*

Friday, July 17, 8:30 pm  
Veteran's Memorial Park

## Downtown Shutdown\*

Friday, July 24, 6 pm - 11 pm  
Center of Downtown Ebensburg

## Ebensburg Homecoming\*

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

## Concerts in the Park\*

July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21 & 28 - 6 pm to 9 pm  
Penn Eben Park

## Farmer's Market\*

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

## American Legion County Fair

Always Labor Day Week  
September 6 - 12  
Cambria County Fairgrounds

## 29th Annual PotatoFest\*

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

## Fall Foliage Bike Ride\*

Sunday, October 11  
Ghost Town Trail

## Halloween Parade & Trick-or-Treat

Saturday, October 31

## Ebensburg Turkey Trot

*Hosted by Ebensburg Area Running Club*  
Thursday, November 26  
[www.ebensburgrunners.org](http://www.ebensburgrunners.org)

## Small Business Saturday\*

Saturday, November 28

## 15th Annual Dickens of a Christmas\*

Friday, December 4 - Sunday, December 6  
Downtown Ebensburg

*\*Sponsored by Ebensburg Main Street Partnership*