



# **EBENSBURG BULLETIN**

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## **Ebensburg's Water System Receives "Commendable" Rating**

The Department of Environmental Protection completed a formal and very extensive evaluation of the optimization level of the water treatment plant in March 2019.

Optimization is the process of continually improving the effectiveness of each treatment process to provide the highest level of public health protection to customers. The Ebensburg treatment plant received an overall "Commendable" performance rating, the highest possible rating.

Borough Council commended the staff involved in the operation of the water treatment plant, under the direction of Luke Byrne, for their dedication and professionalism in assuring that water is being delivered to the community in a safe manner.



## **Ebensburg Welcomes Officer Aaron Leyo**

Officer Leyo is a graduate of Mount Aloysius College with a degree in criminology. He has over four years of experience as a full-time police officer in Portage Borough. He has also served in Hagerstown, Maryland; Cambria Township and South Fork Borough. Officer Leyo began his duties with Ebensburg Police, as a full-time police officer, on June 24th. Please join us in welcoming Officer Leyo to Ebensburg!



## **EBENSBURG'S ALLEY WAYS**

The most common question asked of borough government by residents involves alleys. Several times each month there seems to be a property dispute concerning usage rights to an alley.

Across Ebensburg, alleys were included in a street plot many years ago but were never formally ordained or opened by the borough. The borough has long since lost any right to now open the alley or ordain it as a street. These non-ordained alleys were commonly used to haul coal into and ashes out of a residence. Some provide access to a garage that may have been constructed at the rear of the property. Some of the streets are cinder-based and utilized by traffic, and others remain grass and are never traveled. If the public has previously been permitted to utilize the alley, they cannot now be deprived of that right of use.

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# SEWER COMPLIANCE & SURCHARGES

As everyone already knows, as the sewer project is completed across the service area, customers are required to have their private sewer laterals pressure tested, and/or replaced as necessary. This is being required by Federal and State agencies, in order that the two existing combined sewer overflows (CSO) can be eliminated. Those CSOs currently discharge sewage directly into Howells Run during periods of heavy rain, when massive amounts of storm water enter the sewer system.

Borough Council and the Ebensburg Municipal Authority both fully appreciate the financial hardship this represents for customers. Fortunately, the Authority did not require that customers perform under-slab repairs. Instead, they elected to limit work to outside of the foundation wall, saving customers considerable expense.

The compliance rate has been remarkable. Customers in the township, who were the first to receive compliance notices, have already achieved near 100% compliance. Nearly all customers north of Highland Avenue and in the south section of the borough have completed repairs. The Authority is under its own State-imposed deadline to remove the CSOs, and that cannot be accomplished until storm water is removed from the sewer system. Customers who fail to make repairs before their own deadline are being assessed a 35% surcharge on their bi-monthly sewer bill. Every two months, that surcharge increases to 50%, then 75% and up to 100%. That allows more than one year for a customer to comply. If repairs are not made by that time, the Authority has no choice but to terminate water and sewer service to the property. No customers have reached that final ultimatum.

## GAS LINE PROJECT

Peoples Gas will complete the installation of new gas lines south of High Street this summer. They are repairing streets as they go. Once completed on the south side, they will cross High Street and follow the route of the sewer project through areas north of High Street.



## 2020 CENSUS

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](http://2020census.gov).

## CENSUS JOBS

The Census Bureau will be hiring thousands of workers to complete the 2020 Census. Job seekers can apply now. The first jobs will begin August 2019 conducting address canvassing.

[www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs)  
-or- 1-855-JOB-2020.

**JOIN THE 2020 CENSUS TEAM**

**APPLY ONLINE!**



[2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs)

# STREET PAVING UPDATE

All construction projects south of High Street will be completed in July. At that time, Council will advertise for bids for street resurfacing. All primary streets, and several secondary streets will be milled curb to curb, and the new blacktop applied. In other words, 1½ inches of old blacktop, including all recent patches, will be removed from the surface of the entire street, and then 1½ inches of new blacktop will be applied. The street will then look like new, without all of the haphazard construction patches.

This major street resurfacing project will cost approximately \$500,000. Borough Council has anticipated that cost, and planned for it by reserving funds over several years. In addition, Council has made arrangements with Peoples Gas to assist with funding, and has also reserved Sate liquid fuels funds.

In 2020, following completion of the gas and sidewalk projects north of High Street, the same type of full-width milling and resurfacing will occur across the north side of town.

## LED Streetlights

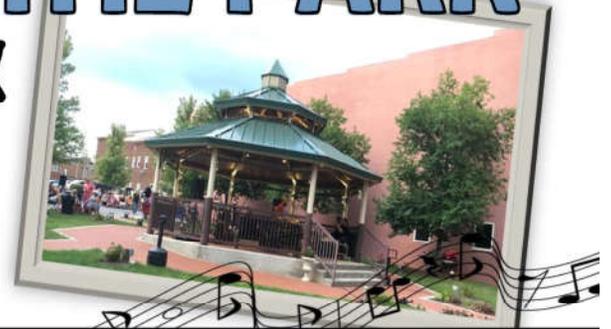
Residents probably haven't even noticed the ongoing changes to the downtown streetlights, but they have all gradually been converted to LED. All parks have also been converted. The resulting savings in energy costs, plus the rebate from Penelec, will pay for the cost of conversion in just over four years. The Borough will then be saving on energy costs for years to come.



# Ebensburg Main Street Partnership Presents CONCERTS IN THE PARK PENN EBEN PARK

6 PM TO 9 PM

Every Friday Night!



August 2<sup>nd</sup>

August 9<sup>th</sup>

August 16<sup>th</sup>

August 23<sup>rd</sup>

August 30<sup>th</sup>

Backyard Kings



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# Sidewalk Project

The 2019 sidewalk and curb project on South Caroline Street, South Marian Street and West Triumph Street is complete. Those property owners are encouraged to have their assessments paid as soon as possible.

Plans for the 2020 sidewalk project on Sample Street, Crawford Street, Horner Street, and Caroline Street are completed. That project is expected to be advertised for bids in January, with construction starting in the spring. This is a relatively large sidewalk project, so it has been separated into two contracts; one for the east side of town and one for the west.

## YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS IN THE CROSSWALK — IT'S THE LAW!

Section 3542 of the Motor Vehicle Code requires all drivers to yield to pedestrians at non-signalized intersections. Failure to yield carries a fine of \$50 and 2 points.



## TAX COLLECTOR CORNER

Keep in mind that school real estate tax bills and school per capita bills were mailed on July 1st. 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, 2019.

## SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

The installation of new sewer main line is nearly completed. Crews will continue to work on extending lateral lines to remaining properties.

Quaker Sales is sub-contracted to make street repairs. They are continuing to remove temporary street patches and replace with the permanent blacktop.

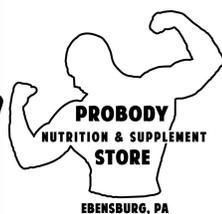
The restoration of yards has been slowed due to all of the wet weather this spring. As soon as weather allows, all yards will be repaired.

Customers are reminded to 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, 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.

## New Stop Signs

Residents may have already noticed the addition of new stop signs at the intersections of Caroline and Sample Street, and Julian and Ogle Streets. These two intersections had previously been only 2-way stop intersections. Because most other intersections on primary streets were already 4-way, these two intersections were resulting in confusion for drivers. It was not uncommon for a driver to pull out from a stop sign, believing that oncoming traffic would stop at their own stop sign. Since the oncoming traffic had no stop sign, near collisions were common. By making these two intersections 4-way stops, traffic safety is improved.

# EBENSBURG WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES



128 West High Street  
814-419-8411  
highstreetbodyshop.com  
*Fitness - Nutrition*



915 West Ogle Street  
814-937-6649  
doubleplayebg.com  
*Baseball/Softball  
Training Center*

**Ebensburg Alley Ways** - Continued from front page

If the alley constitutes the sole access to a particular parcel of property, that parcel cannot now be denied that access. No property owner is permitted to construct anything on the alley, as that would violate zoning setbacks. No property owner is permitted to store any materials on the alley, or to park a vehicle on the alley, as the property is not his/hers. Property owners abutting an alley are responsible for its maintenance, just as they are a sidewalk in front of their property.

There have been occasions in the past in which ALL property owners contiguous to the alley have agreed to petition to have the alley abandoned. Generally speaking, the borough does not object to such a joint effort. The borough has no ownership interest in the alley, and would in most cases support such a joint petition by waiving any interest it has or may have. An exception would be a case in which a borough-owned water or sewer line is located in the alley. The petition is actually filed with the courts, and if successful, the alley is divided between the contiguous properties.

In short, the borough does not own the alleys and does not provide long-term or winter maintenance to any of them. The adjacent property owners do not own them either, but nonetheless, are responsible for maintaining them. The adjacent owners all have access rights to the alleys.

## Homecoming Schedule Saturday, July 27th

## Community Yard Sale

Time	Event	Location
8 am	Community Yard Sale	Throughout Ebensburg
8 am - 3 pm	Multi-Family Yard Sale, Bake Sale & Baskets	Bishop Carroll High School
8 am - 4 pm	Community Yard Sale	CEPTO - Ebg Boro Bldg
9 am - 12 pm	Farmer's Market	Penn Eben Park
9 am	Homecoming 5K & 15K	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
10:30 - 11:30	Free Yoga	Borough Pool or YPCC
11:30 am	Homecoming Duathlon	Ghost Town Trail - YPCC
10 am -12 pm	Curve Baseball Clinic	Lake Rowena
6 pm - 7 pm	Children's Games	Lake Rowena
6 pm - 9 pm	Basket Raffle & 50/50	Lake Rowena
7 - 10 pm	Live Music	Lake Rowena
Dusk	Fireworks	Lake Rowena

- 8 am to 5 pm throughout Ebensburg
- \$5 Registration Fee
- Checks payable to EMSP
- Must have an Ebensburg address



To register and be placed on the map, please send your name, address, sale times, phone number and/or email, and \$5 to:  
 Ebensburg Homecoming  
 300 W. High Street  
 Ebensburg, PA 15931

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). Limited to first 50 registrants.

### **GARBAGE REMINDER**

Please have your trash and recycling out by 6 am to ensure timely pick-up!



## **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

\*(5:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.)

### Pool Passes

Individual	Resident \$120	Non.-Res. \$150
2 Person	\$160	\$185
Add on person	\$25	\$25
Nanny/Babysitter	\$25	\$25

### Private Pool Rental Availability

Monday -Thursday 7 pm - 9 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 6th and will end September 21st. The Market is held every Saturday, from 9 am to noon in Penn Eben Park. This year's market will feature items from local growers including: fruits, veggies, eggs, herbs, fresh-cut flowers, honey, nuts and delicious home baked goodies!

Follow the "Ebensburg Farmer's Market" on Facebook!



# Ebensburg Tennis Center



The summer tennis season has begun at the Ebensburg Tennis Center. If you are looking to tune up your game or just get started, the center offers both individual and group lessons by USPTA certified professional, Jamie Taylor. Ask about our junior tennis program or take part in an adult clinic. In need of someone to play with? Join a "flex league". These leagues are available for juniors or adults of all ability levels. The tennis center also offers court rental for play on the indoor and outdoor courts. The center is open for member and non member play.

Tennis memberships at the Ebensburg Tennis Center will provide you with 24 hour access to the facility and an online court reservation book. Listed below are memberships costs-memberships are based on an annual fee.

Out of town memberships are for those who live 40 miles away from the center.

Summer memberships are available. The summer membership gets you full membership privileges and began May 23 and runs thru September 10. The summer membership is perfect for students in town for the summer or someone interested in trying tennis for the first time. All memberships can be pro-rated to an annual membership after the summer memberships expire. Our membership rates are below.

Visit [www.ebensburgtenniscenter.com](http://www.ebensburgtenniscenter.com) or call 814-471-2980 for more information.

## ANNUAL RATES

Single	\$160	Out of Town Single	\$70
Family	\$210	Out of Town Family	\$125
Junior	\$65		

## SUMMER SPECIALS

Single	\$60
Family	\$100
Junior	\$35

## Bike Rentals Now Available at YPCC

- Bike rentals include a helmet.
- Anyone under the age of 12 is required to wear a helmet per Pennsylvania Law.
- One-hour minimum rental.
- No cash refunds
- Must sign Waiver of Liability form before renting.
- Must provide driver's license and leave car keys.



PRICING:	<u>Adult:</u>	1 Hour	\$8	<u>Youth:</u>	1 Hour	\$6
		Full Day	\$32		Full Day	\$24



# 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

### Monthly Gym Membership Fees:

Single/Adult \$30.00  
Seniors (55+)/Military/Student \$25.00

~ See website for current group and family rates. ~

### \* DISCOUNT SPECIAL \*

PURCHASE 3 MONTHS & RECEIVE THE 4TH FREE!  
PURCHASE 6 MONTHS & RECEIVE 2 FOR 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.

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

## Summer Clinics at the Ebensburg Tennis Center

Interested in taking up the sport of a lifetime? If so, you should visit the Ebensburg Tennis Center. There are clinics and individual lessons for students of all ages and ability levels. Here is a detailed list of clinic times for juniors and adults:

**Pee-Wee Beginner Clinic** - This clinic is for children ages 5 thru 8 that have little tennis experience. Children will focus on scoring, court layouts and etiquette. Participants will learn tennis through a variety of drills games and mini competitions. Appropriate size tennis balls and racquets will be used for first time players. The clinic will take place on **Wednesdays from 12-1 pm, Saturdays from 9 am to 10 am starting June 1<sup>st</sup> and ending August 24<sup>th</sup>.**  
\* There will not be clinic held on June 5<sup>th</sup>.\*

**Junior Beginner Clinic** - This program is designed for children who are new to the sport, ranging in age from 7 to 12 years old, some tennis playing experience is helpful. This clinic will take place on **Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am starting the week of June 9<sup>th</sup> and ending August 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Advanced Junior Clinic**-This clinic is for students who play at an advanced level and are interested in playing U.S.T.A. tournaments. **The clinic will meet Wednesday mornings from 11 am to 1 pm stating June 12<sup>th</sup> and ending the week of August 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Teenager Training Workshop** - This program is designed for students who currently have some tennis playing experience and are trying to take their game to a more advanced level. This program is ideal for boys and girls looking to play high school tennis at an elite level. This clinic will take place **Mondays 11 am to 12:30 pm and Fridays 11 am to 12:30 pm starting the week of June 9<sup>th</sup> and ending August 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Adult Intermediate/Advanced Clinic** - This clinic places emphasis on establishing the correct technique on all of the shots: forehand, backhand, volley, etc. In these clinics there will be a focus on match play situations. An NTRP rating of 3.0 to 4.0 is recommended for this clinic. This clinic will take place on **Mondays - 11 to 12:30 pm, Wednesdays - 5 to 6:30 pm, Saturdays - 10 to 11:30 am and Sundays - 4 to 5:30 pm starting the week of June 3<sup>rd</sup> and ending August 25<sup>th</sup>.**

### CLINIC PRICES

<b><u>1 Hour Clinics</u></b>	<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Member</u></b>	<b><u>1.5 Hour Clinics</u></b>	<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Member</u></b>
	\$13	\$14		\$18	\$20

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# Ebensburg Community Events

## Downtown Shutdown\*

Friday, July 26th, 7pm - 11pm

**Downtown Ebensburg**

## Ebensburg Homecoming\*

Saturday, July 27th, ALL DAY

**Ebensburg Area & Lake Rowena**

## Farmer's Market\*

Every Saturday, 9am - 12pm

July 6th - September 21st

**Penn Eben Park**

## Concerts in the Park\*

August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 6pm - 9pm

**Penn Eben Park**

## Ebensburg Beer & Wine 5k

Saturday, August 10th

**YPCC - Lake Rowena**

## 28th Annual PotatoFest\*

Saturday, September 28th, 9am - 5pm

**Downtown Ebensburg**

## American Legion County Fair

~ Always the Week of Labor Day ~

September 1 - September 7

**[www.cambriacofair.com](http://www.cambriacofair.com)**

## Spirit Night: The Finale

Friday & Saturday, Sept. 13th & 14th

**Cambria County Historical Society**

**[www.cambriacountyhistorical.com](http://www.cambriacountyhistorical.com)**

## Fall Foliage Ride\*

Sunday, October 6th, 2 pm

**Ghost Town Trail**

## Ebensburg Turkey Trot

Hosted by Ebensburg Area Running Club

Thursday, November 28th

**[www.ebensburgrunners.org](http://www.ebensburgrunners.org)**

## Dickens of a Christmas\*

Friday, December 6th - Sunday, December 8th

**Downtown Ebensburg**

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