

EBENSBURG BULLETIN

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EBENSBURG BOROUGH CERTIFIED AS GOLD LEVEL SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

Ebensburg Borough is among a select group of high performing municipalities to become certified through the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification program. Ebensburg Borough is recognized at the Gold level of certification for meeting

the program's rigorous performance criteria which track 131 policies and practices that define a sustainable community.

The Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification, managed by the Pennsylvania Municipal League in partnership with Sustainable Pittsburgh, is designed for municipalities that are working to save money, conserve resources, and serve vibrant communities. The certification is implemented statewide, recognizing boroughs, municipalities, cities, and home rule municipalities across the Commonwealth. The Pennsylvania Municipal League and Sustainable Pittsburgh applaud municipalities for their demonstrated commitment and sustainability performance.

In earning the Gold certification, Ebensburg Borough is acknowledged for its progress in such areas as community design and land use, energy efficiency, health and wellness, intergovernmental cooperation, recycling and waste reduction, fiscal controls, and internal management and operations. Details about Ebensburg Borough's certification performance within these topics can be found on the certification program's website: http://www.sustainablepacommunitycertification.org/users/certified_municipalities.

EBENSBURG WELCOMES COOK AS NEW BOROUGH MANAGER

In March of this year, Ebensburg's Borough Manager, Dan Penatzer, retired after serving in this role for the past 24 years. Prior to Penatzer's retirement, Borough Council formed a search committee and evaluated a number of qualified candidates. With more than 25 years of municipal management experience and degrees in public administration and political science, Ms. Kelly Cook quickly emerged as the lead candidate. Council approved the hiring of Ms. Cook as Ebensburg Borough's new manager at their January meeting



and she joined the borough staff in late February. Cook previously served as the Township Manager for both Tobyhanna Township, located in Poconos Pines, PA and Kingston Township, located in Luzerne County, PA. Most recently, she was employed as the City Administrator for 10 years with the City of Lower Burrell, PA. We hope you will join us in welcoming Ms. Kelly Cook to Ebensburg Borough!



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EBENSBURG SKATE PARK PROJECT



A group of concerned citizens has recently formed an Ebensburg Skate Park Committee and is working to build a skate park in Ebensburg. The committee has researched the need for a park and has provided the following information:

We estimate that there are approximately 225 individuals in Ebensburg who are passionate about this sport (riding skateboards, trick bikes and trick scooters)

but don't have a place to do it safely. Many of these athletes are not drawn to team sports and therefore have been underserved, for many years, in our community. These athletes need a safe, sanctioned place to practice and develop their skills, not unlike those who play baseball, football, basketball, soccer, etc. Without a safe environment to practice their sport, this group uses what is available, which often includes sidewalks and streets. According to the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, irregular surfaces and vehicular traffic are the two most common reasons for injuries related to skateboards, scooters or trick bikes. Skate parks draw skateboarders away from traffic and can be considered a valuable component of public safety.

The Skate Park Committee, with the support of the Ebensburg Borough and Recreation Committee, has identified a site by the Ebensburg Swimming Pool for the proposed 5,000 square foot skate park. A cost estimate to build a safe, concrete park of this size is approximately \$225,000. The financial goal is high yet the committee feels the safety of the citizens is priceless.

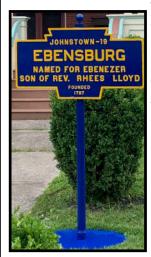
Donations are now being accepted through a GoFundMe page: (https://gofund.me/ d5864066) which can be found on the *Ebg Skate Park* Facebook page or by hovering over the QR code shown here. Checks may be mailed to Juliana Horvath, at 709 E. Sample Street, Ebensburg and may be made payable to the Ebensburg Skate Park, Young Peoples Community Center. Donations will go into a separate skate park account.



If you have any questions regarding this project or fund management, you may contact EBG_SkatePark@outlook.com.

EBENSBURG'S HISTORIC KEYSTONE MARKER BACK ON DISPLAY

Ebensburg's historic Keystone Marker has been restored and placed back out on display. These iconic signs were produced in the 1920s by the Pennsylvania Department of Highways. Thousands were placed all across the state for many purposes, and several hundred remain today, most explaining the origins of the town names. Ebensburg's marker had been placed in storage after an accident had damaged it many years ago. It



was recently rediscovered and the Keystone Marker Trust was contacted for guidance on the restoration. Mr. Mike Wintermantel, of the Trust, was able to complete the restoration himself, which included a new collar on the back, a new finial on the top, replacement of missing letters and a new coat of paint. There are thought to have originally been two markers — one at each end of town. Borough staff is unaware of a second marker, but if anyone may know if

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EBENSBURG BOROUGH INSTALLING SECURE DROP BOX

A secure payment and/or document drop box will be placed on the front steps of the Ebensburg Municipal Building next month. Items may be securely dropped off any time of day. The box will be in view of the borough's existing security cameras.





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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 vour 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.

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 cinderbased 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.

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.

Ebensburg Welcomes New Businesses



Keystone Woodworx 706 Ben Franklin Highway 881 Hills Plaza Drive 814-312-7972 Custom Woodworking



Anytime Fitness Suite 570 814-615-5550 **Fitness Center**



AX'D UP 1104 W. High Street 814-419-8358 Axe Throwing & Lounge



Lloyd Street Brewing Company 601 W. Lloyd St. 814 - 419 - 8559 Craft Brewery



Keystone Vision Development Center 611 W. High Street 814-419-8379 Vision Development & Rehabilitation Clinic



Homecoming Schedule Saturday, July 31st

Time	Event	Location	
7 am - 2 pm	Indoor Yard Sale, Basket Raffle, Bake Sale & Breakfast/Lunch	Bishop Carroll High School *Hosted by Girl's Soccer Team	
8 am	Community Yard Sale	Throughout Ebensburg	
8 am - 2 pm	Book Sale		
8 am - 4 pm	Outdoor Flea Market	Ebensburg Public Library	
9 am - 2 pm	The Grove Food Truck/ Concession Stand		
9 am - 2 pm	Basket Raffle		
8 am - 3 pm	Indoor Flea Market	Holy Name Church Hall	
9 am	Homecoming 5K & 15K	Ghost Town Trail— YPCC Trailhead *Hosted by Friends of CCXC	
9 - 10 am	Free Yoga at the Pool	Borough Pool Rain Location: YPCC	
9 - 11 am	Kid's Fishing Derby	Lake Rowena *Hosted by Lions Club	
9 am - 12 pm	Farmer's Market	Penn Eben Park	
9 am - 5 pm	Free Tennis	Ebensburg Tennis Center	
11 am	Free Backpack Giveaway (While supplies last)	Lake Rowena Pavilion *Hosted by Cambria Summit ABATE	
5 pm - 8 pm	Basket Raffle & 50/50		
7 pm - 10 pm	Live Music by Flood City Brass	Lake Rowena *Hosted by Ebensburg Main Street Partnership	
Dusk	Fireworks Show on the Lake		
Sunday, August 1st 12 - 2 pm & 3 - 5 pm	Sunflower Stroll	Innovative Extracts by Golden Farms 1146 Munster Road, Por- tage	

Downtown Shutdown

Friday, July 30th 7 pm to 11 pm

Live Music Starting at 8 pm

by:

Be sure to bring your chairs, blankets, coolers & friends!

REMINDER - GARAGE SALE & OTHER SIGNS

Posting signs for garage sales, lost & found or any other purpose on telephone poles or sign or light posts is PROHIBITED. Get a permit before holding any type of yard sale. They're **FREE**! The permit explains the rules regarding what type and number of signs are permitted. Signs attached to utility or street poles are removed by borough staff as soon as they are noticed. Be sure to follow these guidelines so you don't waste your time and money.

OUTDOOR BURNING RESTRICTIONS

Outdoor burning is ONLY permitted in the Borough on **Tuesdays between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm** and on **Saturdays between 8:00 am and 12:00 pm**. Burning must be done in metal receptacles, stoves or fire places constructed for that purpose.

TAX COLLECTOR CORNER

Keep in mind that school real estate tax bills were mailed on July 1st. 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, 2021. Please note, the school no longer has a per capita tax.

Ebensburg Swimming Pool Information

Multi-Visit Passes Admission Rates Five Day Minimum Purchase				
\$25/\$5 day				
\$15/\$3 day				
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Resident/ NonRes.
\$120/\$150
\$100/\$130
\$160/ \$185
\$25/\$25



Free admission with valid military ID.

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This year's Farmer's Market will begin on Saturday, July 10th and will end September 18th. 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, herbs, fresh-cut flowers, honey, nuts, maple syrup and delicious home baked goodies!

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



C 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 June 1 and runs thru September 6. 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 or call 814-471-2980 for more information.

Single	\$160
Family	\$210
Junior	\$65

ANNUAL RATES Out of Town Single Out of Town Family

Single \$70 Family \$125

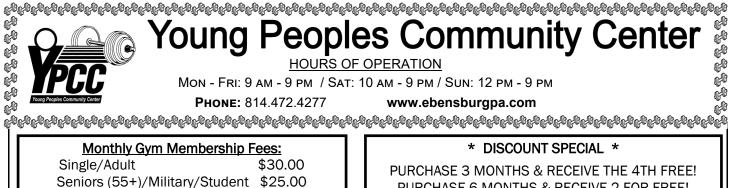
SUMMER SPECIALS				
Single	\$50			
Family	\$90			
Junior	\$30			

Bike & Pedal Boat Rentals Available

- Bike rentals include a helmet. Children 12 and under are required to wear a helmet per PA Law.
- Pedal boat rentals include life jackets. Children 12 and under are required to wear a life jacket per PA Law.
- Must sign Waiver of Liability form before renting.
- Must provide driver's license and leave car keys.

BIKE PRICING: Adult/1 Hour/\$8 Full Day/\$32 PEDAL BOAT: \$8/Hour per boat Youth/1 Hour/\$6 Full Day/\$24





~ See website for current group and family rates. ~

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

Pee-Wee Beginner Clinic- This clinic is for children ages 5 thru 9 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. **Tues/Thurs 10-11 AM June 22 thru August 26, 2021** (Taught by Sam Archangelo)

Elite Training Clinic-This clinic is for students who play at an advanced level and are interested in playing U.S.T.A. tournaments and play collegiate tennis . **Wednesdays 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM June 9 thru Aug 4, 2021** (Taught by Jamie)

High School 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 or who might already play high school tennis. Thurs 11 AM - 12:30 PM June 17 thru Aug 5, 2021 (Taught by Jamie)

Intermediate Junior Tennis Clinic-This clinic is a continuation clinic from the Saturday morning 10 AM to noon clinic held by Sam Fulcherio in the Spring. A strong emphasis will be placed on improving stroke production and match play situations for singles and doubles. **Wed/Fri 11 AM - 1 PM June 16 thru Aug 6, 2021**.

Adult Intermediate/Advanced Clinic-This clinic places emphasis on establishing the correct technique on all of the shots: forehand, backhand, volley, etc. Focus on match play situations. NTRP rating of 3.0 to 4.0 is recommended for this clinic. Mondays 11 AM - 12:30 PM, Wed. 5 - 6:30 PM June 7th thru Aug 23rd, 2021 (Taught by Jamie)

Beginner Clinic-The beginner tennis clinic is back! This clinic will focus on teaching students the correct technique and form. An emphasis will be placed on getting the student ready to play the game. Drills will focus on match and game plan scenarios. This clinic is available to adults and juniors, recommended age for juniors is 14 and above. If there are questions about the clinic or what level is necessary to take part in the clinic please reach out to me or a front desk staff member to help you. **Tuesday 5 to 6 PM June 8 thru Aug 31, 2021** (Taught by Jamie)

CLINIC PRICES

<u>1 Hour Clinics</u> <u>2 Hour Clinics</u>	<u>Member</u> \$14 <u>Member</u> \$28	<u>Non-Member</u> \$15 <u>Non-Member</u> \$30	<u>1.5 Hour Clinics</u>	<u>Member</u> \$20	<u>Non-Member</u> \$22	
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Ebensburg Community Events

Farmer's Market*

Saturdays, 9 AM - 12 PM July 10 - September 18 Penn Eben Park

Downtown Shutdown

Friday, July 30, 6 - 11 PM Downtown Ebensburg

Ebensburg Homecoming*

Saturday, July 31 Ebensburg Area & Lake Rowena

Concerts in the Park*

July 16, 23, August 6, 13, 20 & 27 6 pm - 9 pm at Penn Eben Park

Ebensburg Beer & Wine 5k

Saturday, August 7 YPCC - Lake Rowena

American Legion County Fair

Always Labor Day Week September 5 - 11 Cambria County Fairgrounds

Festival of Books in the Alleghenies

September 18, Downtown Ebensburg www.festivalofbooks.com

30th Annual PotatoFest*

Saturday, September 25, 9 AM - 5 PM

Fall Foliage Ride*

Sunday, October 10 Ghost Town Trail

Halloween Parade & Trick-or-Treat Sunday, October 31

Ebensburg Turkey Trot

Hosted by Ebensburg Area Running Club Thursday, November 25 www.ebensburgrunners.org

<u>Small Business Saturday*</u> Saturday, November 27

Dickens of a Christmas* December 3 - 5 Downtown Ebensburg

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