

## EBENSBURG BULLETIN

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## **Ebensburg Enjoys a Successful 2024**

Council and staff were able to complete many projects during 2024:

- Supported the Municipal Authority in implementing the first phase of a multiphased project to replace old waterlines in town.
- Completed the first phase of the Borough Swimming Pool renovation project.
- The Borough became compliant in the Lead-Copper Rule, mandated by the EPA.
   This required an inventory of all waterpipes in the Borough for the federal government.
- Supported the Municipal Authority in a sewer line replacement project for Lovell Avenue and Manor Drive and a stormwater drainage system in the northwest quadrant of town.
- Completed hiring search for new Recreation Director.
- Hired a full-time police officer to replace a retiring officer.
- Oversaw installation of a Historic Ebensburg mural to beautify High Street.
- Installed a thermal barrier at the Tennis Center to prevent condensation from forming on the courts.
- Purchased the previously-leased "Municipal Parking Lot" at the corner of W. High Street & S. Cherry Street, insuring its use in perpetuity.
- Secured grants for a new police reporting system, façade improvement projects and installation of a rapid flashing beacon to improve pedestrian safety.
- Purchased a new police cruiser.

#### MEET EBENSBURG'S NEW RECREATION DIRECTOR

Rebecca Williamson joined the borough team in August as the new recreation director. Rebecca was born and raised in Ebensburg and continues to reside here with her husband and two children. Rebecca is a registered, licensed dietitian who has worked at Indiana Regional Medical Center for fourteen years developing community wellness programs and providing nutrition education to a wide variety of individuals. Her past experience within the community includes serving as the vice president of the CCHS Golf Boosters, volunteering for the CES PTO for many years,



and volunteering at downtown events including Wheels & Wings and Homecoming.

"Ebensburg is truly blessed to have such a widespread recreation department. The YPCC alone has endless opportunities for the growth and development of our school-aged children as well as educational and wellness opportunities for our senior population. We are fortunate to have an operating community pool that not only serves the Ebensburg area but also surrounding communities. As the new recreation director, I am excited to continue the success of the recreation department as well as bring new opportunities and programming to the area."

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# EBENSBURG WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES



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Pop-Up Shop in Ebensburg!
Spring & Summer Sale - April 24 - 27, 2025
American Legion County Fairgrounds
replaypopupconsign@gmail.com
www.replaypopupconsignment.com



#### Join us for regularly scheduled programming:

Sprouts Storytime (Ages birth- 3): First Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Pick-Up Sticks (Crochet/Knit): First Friday of the month at 11 a.m.

Storytime (Ages 3-5): Third Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m.

Little Builders (Ages 2-5): Third Friday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

Lego Club (Ages 6-12): Last Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m.

Book Club: Last Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Game Day for Adults and Seniors: Last Friday of the month at 1 p.m.

All programming is subject to change.

Stay tuned for our Summer Events: 2025 SummerQuest, Music on the Patio, Used Book Sale/Yard Sale during Ebensburg Homecoming, and much, much more!

> Website: cclsys.org/ebensburg-cambria Facebook: @EbensburgPublicLibrary Instagram: @ebencamlibrary

## RECYCLE CANS AVAILBALE

When the borough made the switch to the new "toter" cans required by Pro Disposal, there were still around 50 recycle cans in storage in the borough garage. While we can no longer use these to set out our recyclables, some



people may want to use them as a trash can or to gather yard waste, etc. If that is the case, these cans are available, at no cost to borough residents, on a first-come, first-served basis. Stop by the front office of the borough building to pick up a can, while supplies last.



## **Ebensburg Borough Health & Wellness Facility**

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 9 am - 9 pm

Phone: 814-472-4277 Saturday 10 am - 9 pm Sunday Noon - 9 pm www.ypccrec.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. Classes are open for drop-ins at a rate of \$5.00/class or \$35.00/month. Check the website or Facebook page for a current class schedule.

The YPCC is also affiliated with SilverSneakers, Silver & Fit, Renew Active and FitOn Health. (Check with your insurance provider to see if you qualify for the benefit.)

Monthly Fitness Membership Fees:		
Adult	\$35	
Seniors (55+ years)	\$30	
Student/Military/1st Respon.	\$30	
Family (1 Adult & 1 Student)	\$60	
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 \$15.

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.

Cross-Country Ski & Bike/E-Bike Rental Programs — Both cross-country skis/equipment and bike rentals are now offered through the YPCC at an hourly rate of \$8/adult or \$6/youth; or full day rate of \$32/adult or \$24/youth. A waiver of liability must be signed before renting. E-Bikes rentals are offered at a rate of \$15/hour or \$60/day.

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 \$125.00. A \$25.00 cleaning deposit is now required. This will be refunded as long as space is cleaned at the completion of the event. 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 its renovation in 2011, the Borough 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.

For additional information on all of our facilities, be sure to Like Us on Facebook or visit ebensburgpa.com

**Ebensburg Borough Pool Information** Hours of Operation: Monday - Thursday 12 pm - 7 pm Opening Day - Saturday, May 24, 2025 Friday - Sunday 12 pm - 6 pm

2024 Pool Rates	Adult	Seniors 55+	Children (4-18)
Walk-in	\$7	\$5	\$5
Multi-Visit (Min. 5 Passes)	\$30	\$20	\$20
Season Pass	\$150	\$125	\$125
Add-on/person to season pass	\$50		

#### **YPCC SWIM CLUB**

A swim club has been formed for kids to train/develop and compete against other local outdoor swim clubs throughout the Summer. Contact Rory Coleman for more information at: roryccoleman@gmail.com.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Free Admission for Children Under 3 and Free Admission with Military ID\*\*

<u>Council Adopts 2025 Budget</u> - Borough Council has adopted a \$7,436,845 budget for 2025. The general fund budget is balanced without an increase in real estate taxes. There are several projects planned in 2025, some of which will include:

- Install new report management system in the police department that will automatically report data to the PA State Police and the FBI monthly.
- 2. Install two Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons to improve pedestrian crosswalk safety at the intersection of W. High & Julian Streets.
- 3. Conduct a Community Outreach Survey for borough residents.
- 4. Develop and implement a safety program for all borough employees.
- 5. Complete a street resurfacing project in select areas.
- 6. Continue inspection of water lines and laterals to comply with federally mandated Lead-Copper Rule.

## WINTER REMINDERS FROM THE EBENSBURG BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 1. All vehicles must be parked WITH the flow of traffic. This means that your passenger side door is to be against the curb and driver side door must be open to the roadway. This violation, by itself, carries a fine of \$15.00 and will be enforced YEAR ROUND.
- 2. If the sidewalk is part of your driveway, you cannot park on the sidewalk part of your driveway. A fine of \$15.00 for blocking the sidewalk may be incurred.
- 3. When shoveling snow from your sidewalk or driveway, you cannot throw the snow onto the street. A fine of up to \$600.00 may be incurred.
- 4. You must clear your sidewalk within 12 hours after cessation of snow, sleet, or ice. A fine of up to \$600.00 may be incurred.
- 5. You are not allowed to plow snow from your property onto borough streets. A fine of up to \$600.00 may be incurred.
- 6. Shovel the sidewalks full width to the bare pavement and clear curb cuts at corners and crosswalks.
- 7. When Winter Parking is in effect and you move your car to the opposite side of the street, try to avoid lining it up directly across from another car, in case emergency vehicles need to get through.
- 8. Winter Parking regulations will once again be in effect when staff deems it necessary. This will be posted on the borough website, the *Ebensburg Borough & Community* Facebook page, and by calling the office and selecting option #5 to hear a recording of the status of winter parking. You may also ask borough staff during office hours of 8 am to 4 pm, Monday Friday.

Additionally, if there are neighbors on your street who are elderly, have a disability or may have a hard time shoveling for any reason, please 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.

#### Tree Lawn Care & Maintenance — What is a Tree Lawn?

A tree lawn is a strip of planted land found between a sidewalk and its parallel street. In residential neighborhoods, grass is most commonly planted. Tree lawns help to beautify neighborhoods, serve as a buffer between pedestrians on the sidewalk and moving cars in the street, and provide natural habitats for insects and other wildlife. They also offer practical purposes, such as helping to harvest rainwater. Though the borough will from time to time undertake tree replacement projects, property owners



are tasked with the care and maintenance of tree lawns adjacent to their properties, including but not limited to mowing, branch pruning and removal of dead/dying trees or any tree deemed to be a hazard.



BUDGET

## **BOROUGH INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT UPDATES & FAQ's**

Over the past year, there were many projects happening simultaneously in the borough and we wanted to address some of the questions that we often heard at the office:

Why don't we dig up the roads and replace everything at once? There are several reasons, but the primary reason is funding. The borough takes every opportunity to apply for grants and low interest loans for water, sewer and stormwater projects when funding sources are made available. Applying for and receiving these funds saves the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. The project timeline is dictated by when the funding becomes available from the state, and when the borough is able to sufficiently funding becomes available from the state.

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**After the road is torn up, why don't you repave the roads from curb to curb?** The grant/loan funding is awarded with a strict set of guidelines, and the funding does not usually cover repaving curb to curb, oftentimes it only covers repaving of the ditch line.

Why doesn't the borough work alongside other utility companies when there are projects happening in the same area at the same time? Each utility company has its own set of policies and regulations in place to protect them. When we are able to work in conjunction with other companies, we do take advantage.

Why do paving projects sometimes not get completed until spring? Plants stop producing hot asphalt once the cold weather sets in. When that happens, we will use cold patch for smaller fixes, but street paving can't resume until the weather warms back up.

When will the current projects be completed? Phase 1 of the waterline replacement project is set to finish at the end of January. However, restoration work will continue through Spring. The stormwater project, happening in the northwest quadrant of town, is set to be completed in May—June timeframe.

#### EBENSBURG MAIN STREET PARTNERSHIP CONTINUES TO FOSTER VIBRANCY IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Each year, the Main Street Partnership works hard toward making Ebensburg an enjoyable, desirable and fun place to live, work and visit!

We wanted to take a moment to share just some of the 2024 accomplishments:

- Hosted Lt. Governor Austin Davis for a press conference and downtown walking tour.
- Funded the "Historic Downtown Ebensburg" Mural project on High & Cherry Street.
- Received National Accreditation for 10th straight year from Main Street America.
- Purchased new "Funbrella" at the Borough Swimming Pool and new downtown lamppost banners.
- Obtained a \$50k Façade Project Grant to help facilitate improvements to business exteriors located in the Central Business District.
- Hosted Art in Bloom, Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony, Wheels & Wings, JSO 4th of July Concert, Concerts in the Park, Farmer's Markets, Movie in the Park, Downtown Shutdown, Homecoming, PotatoFest, Fall Foliage Ride on the Ghost Town Trail, Trick or Treat and Dickens of a Christmas.
- Named Ebensburg Woman's Club as "Volunteer of the Year" and hosted Volunteer Appreciation Night and Main Street Member Networking Nights.
- Facilitated the painting of Halloween designs on downtown storefront windows by the students of Cambria & Jackson Elementary Schools.
- Hosted a series of contests including Small Business Saturday Contest, Courthouse Decorating Contest, Business Decorating Contest and Christmas Parade Float Contest.
- Hosted Ribbon Cuttings/Grand Openings at six new businesses and at the new Rock Labyrinth Trail.
- Funded a Memorial Scoreboard Project at Lake Rowena Ball Field in memory of Mr. Justin Yahner.

We couldn't do all that we do without our business members & sponsors! Please join us in becoming a member for just \$50.00 a year! Contact Danea Koss at dkoss@ebensburgpa.com or 814-472-8414 for more information.



### REMINDERS FOR TRASH REMOVAL GUIDELINES:

- It is recommended that cans are placed curbside the night before your scheduled pick-up.
- PRODISPOSAL ....
- Cans may be placed 24-hours prior to pick-up and must be removed from the curb within 24 hours of the pick-up day.
- DO NOT place cans on the road. Police have begun to enforce ticketing for this.
- Be sure the tops of your toter cans are closed so that garbage doesn't blow out.

## PRO DISPOSAL 2025 Garbage Collection Holiday Schedule 243 Rubisch Road, Ebensburg, PA 814-736-3631

TRASH PICK UP is on FRIDAYS for all residents.

RECYCLE PICK UP will be EVERY OTHER WEEK on THURSDAY.

Example: TRASH will be picked up on Saturday 1/4/25, Friday 1/10/25, Friday 1/17/25, etc. RECYCLING will be picked up on Friday 1/3/25, Thursday 1/17/25, Thursday 1/31/25, etc.

- New Year's Holiday Wednesday, January 1, 2025 Collections will be picked up one day late.
- Memorial Day Holiday- Monday, May 26, 2025 Collections will be picked up one day late.
- Independence Day Holiday Friday, July 4, 2025 Collections will be picked up one day late.
- Labor Day Holiday Monday, September 1, 2025 Collections will be picked up one day late.
- Thanksgiving Holiday Thursday, November 27, 2025 Collections will be picked up one day late.
- Christmas Holiday Thursday, December 25, 2025 Collections will be picked up one day late.

Please Note – If your every other week recycle falls during one of these holiday weeks, recycle pick up will be one day late.

During All Holiday Weeks – We will pick up trash & recycling earlier than normal due to landfill closings. Please place toters out the night before.

2025 Spring Clean-Up Schedule - Friday, May 2, 2025

Collection of Recyclables - the following materials will be collected in your blue recycle bins:

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

Please note, recycling works! We ask all residents to recycle and protect our environment!

#### EBENSBURG BOROUGH POLICE GETS STATE FUNDING FOR REPORTING SOFTWARE UPGRADE

Ebensburg Borough Police Department was awarded a \$40,000 grant from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency to improve crime reporting and to upgrade equipment. The upgrade will bring the department into compliance with the National Incident-Based Reporting System, known as NIBRS, which became the national standard for law enforcement crime date reporting in 2021. Once implemented, uniform crime reports and NIBRS information will be automatically reported to the Pennsylvania State Police and to the FBI on a monthly basis. The upgrade will allow officers access to the reporting system while out on patrol, rather than having to return to the office. The new software will save time as what now takes hours to tabulate and enter will be done in a matter of minutes. Compliance will also help when applying for federal grants.



## **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, tennis professional, Jeff Livermore, or tennis assistant, 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, find us on Facebook or call 814-471-2980.

#### TENNIS LESSON RATES

Private Lessons w/ J. Taylor		Clinics/Group Lessons	
M	em/Non		Mem/Non
1 hour member lesson	\$65/70	1 hour clinic	\$16/18
1/2 hour lesson	\$38/40	1 1/2 clinic	\$22/25
-		2 hour clinic	\$32/35

Private Lessons w/Livermore or Fulcherio Mem/Non 1 hour member lesson \$54/57 1/2 hour lesson \$33/36

\*Clinic and lesson packages are available. Ask at front desk.

#### **TENNIS MEMBERSHIP RATES**

Single - \$190

Family - \$250 (includes immediate family members) Junior - \$80 (17 and under) \*Out of Town Membership - \$90 Single \*Out of Town Membership - \$150 Family

\*Out of town memberships are for anyone living outside a 40-mile radius from the center. All memberships run one calendar year, unless otherwise specified.

Out of Town Junior - \$60

## Fall/Winter All You **Can Play Pass**

Cost: Single - \$390 Family - \$590

- \* Pass runs from Sept 3rd thru May 11th, 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 seven days in advance.

## Fall/Winter Court **Rates for Indoor Play**

Mon - Fri	9 am - 4 pm	\$28
	4 pm - 9 pm	\$30
	9 pm - 9 am	\$15
Sat - Sun	9 am - 2 pm	\$27
	2 pm - 7 pm	\$25
	7 pm - 9 am	\$15
Outdoor a	\$15	

- \* All tennis rates are based on an hourly rate.
- You may play as a nonmember three times per vear.
- Non-members will pay an additional court fee of \$7. Non-members can only the facility 3 times a year.



#### **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 .

2025 has come and gone and I can no longer accept tax payments for that year. If you owe real estate taxes from 2023, you can contact the Tax Claims Office at the Cambria County Courthouse at 814-472-1445 to set-up payments.

Tax bills are mailed out for the County/Borough on March 1. If you do not receive your tax bill by March 15, please call me at the number below and I will send you another copy.

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.

Please note; the per capita tax that has been collected by the school district in the past is no longer being collected. The school board opted to do away with it in 2021.

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# **Ebensburg Community Events**

Art in Bloom Spring Art Show\*

Saturday & Sunday, April 26 & April 27 Cambria County Courthouse

**Ebensburg Borough Spring Clean-Up** Friday, May 2

**Ebensburg Borough Pool Opening Day** Saturday, May 24 (*Tentative*)

Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony\* Monday, May 26, 10 am - Veteran's Memorial Park

21st Annual Wheels & Wings\*

Thursday, June 26, 5 pm - 10 pm Historic Downtown Ebensburg

Movie in the Park\*

Fridays, June 20th & July 11th Veteran's Memorial Park

Farmer's Market\*

Every Saturday, 9 am - 12 pm, Penn Eben Park July 5 - September 20

**Concerts in the Park\*** 

July 18, August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Penn Eben Park - 6 pm to 9 pm

**Downtown Shutdown\*** 

Friday, July 25, 6 pm - 11 pm Center of Downtown Ebensburg Ebensburg Homecoming\*

Saturday, July 26, ALL DAY Ebensburg Area & Lake Rowena

**American Legion County Fair** 

Always Labor Day Week
August 31 - September 6
American Legion County Fairgrounds

34th Annual PotatoFest\*

Saturday, September 27, 9 am - 5 pm Historic Downtown Ebensburg

Fall Foliage Bike Ride\*

Sunday, October 5, Ghost Town Trail

Halloween Parade & Trick-or-Treat\* Sunday, October 26th

**Ebensburg Turkey Trot** 

Hosted by Ebensburg Area Running Club Thursday, November 27

Small Business Saturday\*

Saturday, November 29

20th Annual Dickens of a Christmas\*

Friday, December 5 - Sunday, December 7 Historic Downtown Ebensburg

\*Hosted by Ebensburg Main Street Partnership