



EBENSBURG BULLETIN

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Ebensburg Enjoys a Successful 2025

Council and staff were able to complete many projects during 2025:

- Celebrated the Borough's 200th Anniversary of incorporation.
- Opened 1975 Time Capsule and buried a new time capsule to be opened in 2075.
- Installed a new report management system in the police department that will automatically report data to the PA State Police and the FBI monthly.
- Installed two Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFPs) to improve pedestrian crosswalk safety at the intersection of W. High & Julian Streets.
- Conducted a Community Outreach Survey for borough residents.
- Completed a street resurfacing project in select areas.
- Continued inspection of water lines and laterals to comply with federally mandated Lead-Copper Rule.
- Installed thermal barrier at YPCC to prevent condensation from forming on courts.
- Replaced bollard lighting in Penn Eben Park.
- Partnered with CCHS students to implement "Brighten the Burg" Clean-Up Day.
- Worked with PA Tourism Signing Trust to get "Historic Downtown Ebensburg" and "Ghost Town Trailhead" signs installed along 22 and exits.
- Awarded a matching \$25,000 endowment fund from Community Foundation for the Alleghenies.
- Secured a \$4.093 million dollar grant for the dredging of Lake Rowena with various upgrades to the surrounding park.
- Completed hiring search for new Public Works Director and crew member.
- Purchased a new hook truck and leaf vacuum.
- Initiated a parking study to identify appropriate fee and enforcement strategies.
- Administered matching funds for five completed façade projects.

MEET EBENSBURG'S NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Jerry Poruban was hired as Ebensburg Borough's Public Works Director in October after serving as the interim director since August. Jerry first joined the borough as a laborer with the Public Works department in September of 2021.

"I'm proud to serve the Borough of Ebensburg as Public Works Director and to work for such a great community. I've spent years in the field alongside our crews, and that hands-on experience shapes how I lead. I believe in leading by example, supporting the people doing the work, and being accountable to the residents we serve."

"My focus is on maintaining and improving Ebensburg as a whole. Public works should be visible, approachable, and transparent, and I look forward to working closely with borough council, staff, and residents."

Jerry and his wife Jordan live in Portage with their two sons.



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EBENSBURG WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES



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The Loft at Winterset
931 Manor Drive
Phone: 814-408-5174
Opening Spring 2026 -
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EBENSBURG INSTALLS TWO RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACONS (RRFBs)

Two RRFBs have been installed on each side of W. High Street at the Julian Street intersection. **PA law requires drivers to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.**

Pedestrians also have a responsibility not to enter traffic suddenly when vehicles cannot safely stop. Crosswalks are shared safety zones. Right-of-way is a legal obligation, not a courtesy—and it depends on awareness from all involved. Those who do not obey the laws of the crosswalk will be subject to a fine.



Winter Events & Programming

30 Books Reading Challenge

The 30 Books Reading Challenge is made up of 30 unique reading prompts. The goal is to match one book to each reading prompt. Think of it like a literary scavenger hunt! Try those books outside your comfort zone! This challenge runs January 1 – December 31, 2026. All books must be read in 2026. Sign-up at ebensburg.beanstack.org.

Join us for regularly scheduled programming in the winter:

Sprouts Storytime (ages birth – 3)
First Tuesday of the month @ 6 pm

Pick-Up Sticks (Crochet/Knit)
First Friday of the month at 1 pm

Storytime (ages 3-5)
Dates to be determined.

Little Builders (ages 2-5)
Third Friday of the month @ 11:30 am

LEGO Club (ages 6-12)
Last Tuesday of the month @ 5 pm

Book Club
Last Wednesday of the month @ 7 pm

Game Day for Adults and Seniors
Last Friday of the month @ 1 pm

All programming is subject to change.

Stay tuned for new programming in 2026, in addition to our Summer Events:
2026 SummerQuest, Used Book Sale/Yard Sale, Premium & Elite Basket Raffle during Ebensburg Homecoming, Music on the Patio, and much more!

website: cclsys.org/ebensburg-cambria

Facebook: @EbensburgPublicLibrary
Instagram: @ebencamlibrary

SIGN UP FOR AUTO PAY AND NEVER PAY A LATE FEE!

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. If you'd like to the application emailed to you, please call the office at 814-472-8780. Save yourself the worry of having to mail or drop off a check.



Ebensburg Borough Health & Wellness Facility

Hours of Operation:
Phone: 814-472-4277

Monday - Friday 9 am - 9 pm
Saturday 10 am - 9 pm
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. 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 with an active membership 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. 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. Removable pickleball nets are available for those who would like to play pickleball.

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

Opening Day - Saturday, May 23, 2026

Hours of Operation: Monday - Thursday 12 pm - 7 pm

Friday - Sunday 12 pm - 6 pm

| 2026 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: rorycoleman@gmail.com.

Free Admission for Children Under 3 and Free Admission with Military ID

Council Adopts 2026 Budget - Borough Council has adopted a \$7,670,745.00 budget for 2026. The general fund budget is balanced without an increase in real estate taxes. There are several projects planned in 2026, some of which will include:

1. Complete hiring process for a new borough manager.
2. Undertake dredging and improvements project at Lake Rowena.
3. Complete field restoration project at Memorial Field Complex.
4. Purchase and outfit the borough building with an emergency generator.
5. Introduce a borough-wide safety program for all employees.
6. Initiate fundraising campaign for the Ebensburg Endowment Fund.
7. Celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary with a 4th of July ceremony.
8. Participate in regional police study to be conducted by DCED to assess the potential for consolidation of services with neighboring municipalities.
9. Apply for a grant for the Jencks Dam area.
10. Seek out grants to continue with playground upgrades for Memorial Field Park.
11. Purchase new deck chairs, table umbrellas and non-skid surface mats.



TIPS FOR PEDESTRIANS FROM THE EBENSBURG BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Cross only at crosswalks. Don't cross between parked cars.
- Drivers are not required to yield until you begin to step into the crosswalk.
- Pedestrians should not walk or run unexpectedly into the path of a moving vehicle.
- Pedestrians should not assume drivers will see or yield. Look left, right then left again and keep looking.
- Wait for a gap in traffic, then step one foot off the curb or fully enter crosswalk and make eye contact with approaching drivers.
- Always obey traffic signs and signals especially pedestrian count down timers.
- See and be seen – drivers need to see you to avoid you. Wear bright clothing during the day and wear reflective materials or carry a flashlight at night.
- Watch for turning vehicles at intersections, even if you have the right-of-way and proceeding lawfully.
- Watch children. Children can't judge a vehicle's speed/distance and need the help of an adult to be safe.
- On streets with multiple lanes in each direction, be aware of what drivers in both near lanes are doing. If one driver is allowing you to cross, the other might not see you.
- If no sidewalk is available, walk as far on the side of the road as you can, and always walk against traffic.



TIPS FOR MOTORISTS FROM THE EBENSBURG BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Slow down when approaching a crosswalk or intersection. Watch for pedestrians and be prepared to yield to them.
- When a pedestrian crosses the street in a crosswalk, the driver must yield.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks – the law requires motorists to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks at signalized and non-signalized intersections.
- Travel at a prudent speed. Don't try to beat the light.
- Watch for mid-block crosswalks. Pedestrians have the right-of-way in mid-block crosswalks, so yield to them.
- Expect the unexpected – look out for children who may dart out between cars or buses or cross mid-block without a crosswalk.
- Drivers on streets with multiple lanes in each direction should be aware that pedestrians may be crossing all lanes.
- It is illegal for drivers to pass a vehicle that is stopped for a pedestrian in a crosswalk, as the second driver may not see the pedestrian in the crosswalk.

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 2025 accomplishments:

- Received National Accreditation for 11th straight year from Main Street America.
- Celebrated Ebensburg's 200th Anniversary of Incorporation.
- Worked with borough officials, staff and Central Cambria students to facilitate the "Brighten the Burg" town-wide clean-up project.
- Funded five façade improvement projects for downtown businesses.
- Worked with borough officials to facilitate retrieval of the 1975 time capsule from Veteran's Memorial Park and hosted a ceremony to place a new 2025 time capsule.
- Hosted Art in Bloom, Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony, Wheels & Wings, JSO 4th of July Concert, Concerts in the Park, Farmer's Markets, Movies 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 Rotary Club as "Volunteer of the Year" and hosted Volunteer Appreciation Night and Main Street Member Networking Nights.
- Facilitated Halloween window painting project on downtown storefront windows by the students of Cambria & Jackson Elementary Schools.
- Granted our first "Community Connections" scholarship to CCHS 2025 graduate, Audrey Gokey.
- 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 several new businesses.
- Funded downtown hanging flower baskets.
- Set up an online Ebensburg merchandise store.



We couldn't do all that we do without our business members & sponsors! Please join us in 2026 by becoming a member for just \$50.00 a year! Contact Danea Koss at dkoss@ebensburgpa.com or 814-472-8414 for more information.

INVEST IN EBENSBURG! HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$25K

Ebensburg Friends – we are trying to raise \$25k to set up an endowment fund for Ebensburg! If successful, the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies (CFA) will **GIVE** us a matching donation – dollar for dollar – of up to \$25k to establish and grow this fund! Once established, a portion of the fund's earned interest will be given back to us annually to undertake projects related to:

- Beautification
- Public Art Installation
- Recreational Amenities
- Community Improvements & More

Help us keep Ebensburg moving forward by making a donation today! With the help of the CFA, we can help set-up qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) and more. **Any amount helps us reach our goal!**

Scan QR Code Here:



Or contact Danea Koss
for a direct link.



Contact 814-472-8414 or dkoss@ebensburgpa.com

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REMINDERS FOR TRASH REMOVAL GUIDELINES:

- Trash and recycling should be placed the night before your scheduled pick-up.
- 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.



PRO DISPOSAL - 2026 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.**

- New Year's Holiday - Thursday, January 1, 2026 - Collections will be picked up one day late.
- Memorial Day Holiday - Monday, May 25, 2026 - Collections will be picked up one day late.
- Independence Day Holiday - Saturday, July 4, 2026 - Collections will be picked up as normal.
- Labor Day Holiday - Monday, September 7, 2026 - Collections will be picked up one day late.
- Thanksgiving Holiday - Thursday, November 26, 2026 - Collections will be picked up one day late.
- Christmas Holiday - Friday, December 25, 2026 - 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.

2026 SPRING CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE - FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

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 TO HOST 4th of JULY EVENT CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250TH

Plans are underway for Ebensburg—the seat of Cambria County—to host a parade and ceremony celebrating America's 250th Anniversary! On July 4th, the America 250 PA Cambria County Committee, along with the Ebensburg Main Street Partnership, will host events centered on marking this historic occasion in our nation's history. The event will include a parade, performances by the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra, remarks by local officials, a reading from the America 250 PA essay contest winners and more! Details are still being finalized and updates will be shared through local media outlets, the Ebensburg Borough & Community Facebook page, and the EbensburgPA and Visit Johnstown websites. Any questions can be directed to Danea Koss, Community Development Director at dkoss@ebensburgpa.com or 814-472-8414. We're hoping for a great turnout for this momentous occasion to celebrate the birth of our nation. Other America 250 PA events will be held through the year and a 250th kick-off rally is planned for Friday, January 23rd at the Cambria County Courthouse. Stay tuned to our pages for information!



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

| <i>Private Lessons w/ J. Taylor</i> | | <i>Clinics/Group Lessons</i> | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
| | Mem/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 |

| <i>Private Lessons w/ Livermore or Fulcherio</i> | |
|--|---------|
| | 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 Junior - \$60

**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.*

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 anytime per hr | | \$15 |

* 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 \$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 2025, 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 25 & April 26
Cambria County Courthouse

Ebensburg Borough Spring Clean-Up

Friday, May 1

Ebensburg Borough Pool Opening Day

Saturday, May 23

Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony*

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

22nd Annual Wheels & Wings*

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

America 250 PA 4th of July Parade & Ceremony

Saturday, July 4th
Cambria County Courthouse

Movie in the Park*

Friday, June 19 (Tentative)
Veteran's Memorial Park

Farmer's Market*

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

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*

August 7, 14, 21 & 28
Penn Eben Park - 6 pm to 9 pm

American Legion County Fair

Always Labor Day Week
September 6 - 12
American Legion County Fairgrounds

35th Annual PotatoFest*

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

Fall Foliage Bike Ride*

Sunday, October 4, Ghost Town Trail

Halloween Parade & Trick-or-Treat*

Saturday, October 31

Ebensburg Turkey Trot

Hosted by Ebensburg Area Running Club
Thursday, November 26

Small Business Saturday*

Saturday, November 28

21st Annual Dickens of a Christmas*

Friday, December 4 - Sunday, December 6
Historic Downtown Ebensburg