



# **EBENSBURG BULLETIN**

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## **Nathan's Divide Nature Center Making Progress**

Nathan's Divide is a nature center planned in the area of Ebensburg's reservoir. It is an independent group whose mission is to protect and conserve water while making the Ebensburg region a destination for water-related environmental education and outdoor recreation. They have been working with the Ebensburg Municipal Authority to open the reservoir for kayaking and canoeing and boats without gasoline engines. They have already installed a new float dock accessible from North Center Street, and hiking trails are currently being improved.

The Ebensburg Municipal Authority has approved boating on the reservoir. Fishing is allowed from boats or from the shore. Persons are not permitted to stand or swim in the water. No fishing or other activity is permitted on or from the breast. The intake tower is off limits to all, including boats. The entire reservoir property is available for hiking. Anyone using the reservoir property is asked to care for the property, keeping it clear of trash.



The Borough contracts with the PA Fish & Boat Commission to patrol Ebensburg's reservoirs, Lake Rowena and Jenck's Dam; therefore all of the Commission's established fishing and boating regulations must be followed. Those can be found at [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com).

For more information on Nathan's Divide, visit [www.nathansdivide.org](http://www.nathansdivide.org).

## **Borough Council Adopts Resolution Denouncing Hate Speech - Proclaims Confederate Flag Inconsistent with Borough Values**

Following the display of a confederate flag by an individual in the 2020 Memorial Day Parade, Borough Council received many complaints. Council later conducted a town hall, giving residents the opportunity to express their feelings on the controversial subject. Council also sought a legal opinion on the subject.

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## **Borough Resolution, continued from front page**

The display of the confederate flag, while offensive to many, is protected as free speech under the 1st Amendment. Anyone is free to display it, and government, including local government, is unable to limit the expression of free speech or to ban such displays.

At its next meeting, Council took several steps regarding the display of any offensive materials in parades and events. First, Ebensburg Borough will no longer serve as the sponsor of parades or events and will have no role in organizing them. Instead, all parades and events will now be organized by separate individuals, private groups, civic organizations or entities not affiliated with local government. For example, the Main Street Partnership has historically sponsored the PotatoFest, Dickens of a Christmas, Concerts in the Park, movie nights, Art in Bloom, Wheels & Wings, Homecoming Weekend and the farmers markets. The Partnership is a 501(c)3 organization separate from borough government. They will continue to sponsor those same events, and as a private entity may establish any rules for those events that they wish.

Second, an Ordinance will be developed that will require a permit in order to conduct any parade or event on public property. This will assure Council knowing who is responsible for the event and inform Council of any possible need for increased police protection, street sweeping or other borough services.

Third, Borough Council adopted a formal Resolution rejecting any efforts to intimidate any of its residents and visitors; denouncing hateful or violent speech directed at any individual or group based on their race or ethnicity; and proclaiming that the public display of the confederate flag is inconsistent with the values of the Borough, our Commonwealth, the United States, and with the very essence of the Memorial Day Holiday.

A group of borough residents has formed "Inclusive Ebensburg" to act as a citizen advisory board on diversity-related topics. Borough staff has begun meeting with that group.

## **2020 CENSUS - BE COUNTED!**

The 2020 Census is underway. 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.

As of June 29<sup>th</sup>, Ebensburg Borough's response rate was only 72%. That's more than 8% below 2010's rate. Please take just a few minutes right now to go on-line and respond to the census at [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov).



For those that haven't responded in some fashion, census takers will begin visiting homes in mid-August. Here are some ways you can verify an individual is a Census Bureau employee:

- The census taker or field representative will present an ID badge that includes their name, their photograph, a Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.
- They will have an official bag and Census Bureau-issued electronic device, such as a laptop or smartphone, bearing the Census Bureau logo.
- Census takers and field representatives will conduct their work between the hours of 9am and 9pm.

## **SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATION**

The Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification is a voluntary performance recognition program designed to help municipalities achieve sustainability goals, which in turn will allow them to save money, conserve resources, and encourage innovation. The program is intended to bring recognition to municipalities that are applying the policy and practice of sustainability; municipalities that incorporate sustainable practices into their operations also foster community prosperity. The program provides communities with an online structure and performance platform for recognition as they adopt sustainable policies and practices.

Borough Council formed a committee to review this borough's existing policies and practices and was pleased to discover that Ebensburg Borough would already qualify for Gold Certification, the next to the highest certification level for sustainability. Council will be applying for Gold Certification as we continue to adopt practices to improve our operation toward Platinum Certification, a certification level that is extremely difficult for small towns to achieve.

## **EBENSBURG DOG PARK**

One of the most frequent suggestions received from residents during previous citizen surveys was that a dog park be constructed. The Ebensburg Rotary Club is stepping up and making a dog park a reality. Borough Council has granted the club permission to construct a dog park on property at Lake Rowena. It will be situated on ground between the hockey rink and the Ebensburg Animal Hospital. Work on the project is expected to begin in 2021.



## **Ebensburg Main Street Partnership Presents**

# **CONCERTS IN THE PARK**

**PENN EBEN PARK**

**6-9 PM**



**July 31**

**August 7**

**August 14**

**August 21**

**August 28**

**The Hallmarks  
Polka Band**



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## SIDEWALK PROJECT

The 2020 sidewalk project is well underway. Work has been completed on East Crawford Street and has started on Caroline Street. East Horner Street is up next followed by East Sample Street. Several stormwater improvements were made in those areas in advance of the new sidewalks and curbs. Following completion of the new curbs, the blacktop will be milled down approximately 1½ inches and then the streets will be resurfaced in late fall.

Property owners in the northwest corner of town on West Sample Street, West Crawford Street and West Horner Street are reminded that sidewalk improvements in their neighborhood are still scheduled for spring 2021. The property owner assessments for the sidewalks are significant and should be planned for.

## SEWER PROJECTS

Borough Council has awarded two contracts totaling \$29,000 to Snyder Excavating to complete two relatively small sewer projects near West Horner Street. One project will extend a new sewer main at the rear of houses in the 200 block of West Horner Street. The other will extend a new sewer main along the 400 block of North Cherry Street beside the Holy Name School. Both projects will be completed before fall.



### MEMORIAL FIELD PROJECT

Borough crews have undertaken a project to improve the three baseball/softball fields at Memorial Field. The concrete in one of the dugouts had suffered severe cracks over the years and has been replaced. The grass in two of the infields has been removed in favor of dirt infields. Four inches of the three infield surfaces have been removed and is being replaced with an infield mix comprised of sand and clay specifically designed for infield use. The baselines and infield arc are also being delineated. Special durable pads are being installed into the new playing surface at the pitcher's mound, batting boxes and catcher's area to prevent the normal wear and tear in those areas. The project will result in a safer field for young ball players to enjoy.

### COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Covid-19 is still here. Residents are urged to continue to comply with all guidelines offered by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) including the wearing of face masks. Pennsylvania has been successful in slowing the spread of the virus, and the gradual reopening of the state has not resulted in increased cases such as is occurring in other states.

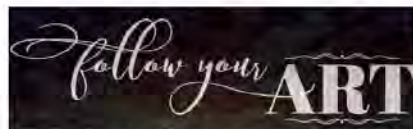
The wearing of face masks is the best way to slow the spread of the virus. Whether required or not by certain businesses, please continue to wear a mask.

The borough office and all facilities have been reopened to the public, but face masks continue to be a requirement.

## EBENSBURG WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES



**Bettie's Closet**  
1153 West High Street  
814-270-7475  
**Clothing & Home  
Decor Consignment**



226 W. High Street  
814-419-5747  
**Art, Gift Shop,  
Gallery & Studio**



881 Hills Plaza Dr, Suite 555  
814-419-8222  
**Japanese Steakhouse  
Sushi & Hibachi**

**RESERVOIR DRAIN VALVE REPLACEMENT**

Borough Council has awarded a \$41,000 contract to Laurel Management Company to replace the drain valve on the borough’s small reservoir. The drain valve is rarely used but is required to be functional. The project will require that the reservoir be drained again so that the valve can be installed at the base of the control tower. The borough’s water system does not rely on the small reservoir, so the project will not result in any disruption to water distribution. This project will be completed before fall.

**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. Don’t waste your time and money. Do it right.

**WORKER SAFETY**

One of the most dangerous tasks that municipal workers and emergency responders perform is traffic control. More workers are injured and killed nationally in traffic accidents than by any other means. The Borough asks drivers to follow a few simple safety measures when driving through work or emergency zones.



- 1) Don’t shout at, joke with or try to talk with workers, and certainly don’t beep your horn while passing workers that you know. It can startle the worker who should be concentrating on oncoming traffic.
- 2) Drive slowly through work or emergency zones.
- 3) When driving through an emergency zone, move to the other lane if possible, and SLOW DOWN. It’s the law!

**Homecoming Schedule  
Saturday, July 25th**

Time	Event	Location
8 am	Community Yard Sale	Throughout Ebensburg
8 am - 2 pm	Multi-Family Yard Sale, Bake Sale & Baskets	Bishop Carroll High School
8 am - 4 pm	Outdoor Flea Market	Ebensburg Public Library
8 am - 3 pm	Flea Market	Holy Name Church Hall
9 - 10 am	Free Yoga	Borough Pool
9 - 11 am	Kid’s Fishing Derby	Lake Rowena
9 am - 12 pm	Farmer’s Market	Penn Eben Park
9 am - 2 pm	Open House - Food & Prize Giveaway	Gary’s Country Crafts/ Farmer’s Insurance
9 am - 5 pm	Free Tennis	Ebensburg Tennis Center
11 am	Cornhole Tournament	YPCC
12 - 4 pm	Basket Raffle Hot Dogs, Baked Goods	First Baptist Church of Ebensburg
1 pm - 6 pm	Goodwill Donation Drop-Off Site	Ebensburg Library Provided by CEPTO

**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 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, 2020.

**Pool Restrictions** - Covid-19 delayed the opening of the swimming pool until June 13th. The pool was able to be opened only by implementing policies intended to keep attendees safe.

**Ebensburg Swimming Pool Information**

**Multi-Visit Passes Admission Rates  
Five Day Minimum Purchase**

Adult (19-54 yrs. old)	\$25/\$5 day
Child (4-18 yrs. old)	\$15/\$3 day
Senior (55+ yrs. old)	\$15/\$3 day

Pool Passes	Resident/ Non-Res.
Individual Adult	\$120/\$150
Individual Child/Sr.	\$100/\$130
2 Person	\$160/ \$185
Add on person	\$25/\$25

**Free admission with valid military ID.**

With social distancing employed, the maximum capacity of the pool facility is 200 persons. In order to assure that we remain below that limit, walk up passes are not permitted this year. Instead, attendance is limited to annual or multi-day passes. In addition, the sale of passes will be limited to those residing within the Central Cambria Schod District.



This year's Farmer's Market will begin on Saturday, July 11th and will end September 19th. 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 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 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](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	\$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

Youth/1 Hour/\$6  
Full Day/\$24

PEDAL BOAT: \$8/Hour per boat



# 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:

**Junior Match Play Clinic** - This program is designed for children who are looking to start playing competitive tennis in match play situations. There will be a strong emphasis on learning how to play singles and doubles matches. Clinics will focus strongly on footwork and conditioning exercises. The recommended age is 9 thru 15. Clinics will be held on Thursdays at 11 am-12:30 pm and Saturdays from 11:30am to 1 pm. These clinics will begin on June 4 and end the week of August 16, 2020.

**Elite Training Clinic** - This clinic is designed for players training at a very high level and are looking to play collegiate tennis. A N.T.R.P. 4.5 playing level is recommended. The clinic will meet Wednesday mornings from 11:00am to 1:00pm starting June 3 and ending the week of August 9, 2020

**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 on Mondays 11am-12:30pm and Fridays 11am-12:30pm starting the week of June 1 and ending the week of August 9, 2020.

**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 from 11am to 12:30 pm, Wednesdays from 5 to 6:30 pm and Sundays from 1 to 2:30pm starting the week of June 1st, and ending August 30, 2020.

**Cardio Tennis** - The cardio tennis program is back! This clinic will focus on keeping the student moving and active! The recommended level of play for this clinic is an N.T.R.P. rating of 3.0 or higher. Adults and juniors can both attend. The only prerequisite is that you are ready to work out! This clinic will meet on Saturday mornings from 10 to 11:30 am starting June 6 and ending the week of August 30, 2020.

### CLINIC PRICES

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

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# Ebensburg Community Events

Due to gathering restrictions in place by the PA Department of Health and the CDC, this year's Downtown Shutdown and PotatoFest have been cancelled. We are happy to report that, as of now, the following events will continue as scheduled. We will continue to update the "Events" section of our website with any modifications to the events or to the schedule.

## **Farmer's Market\***

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

## **Ebensburg Homecoming\***

Saturday, July 25th  
**Ebensburg Area**

## **Concerts in the Park\***

July 31, August 7, 14, 21 & 28  
6 pm - 9 pm  
**Penn Eben Park**

## **Ebensburg Beer & Wine 5k**

Saturday, August 8th  
**YPCC - Lake Rowena**

## **YPCC Golf Tournament**

Friday, September 11th  
**Ebensburg Country Club**

## **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\***

December 4th - December 6th  
**Downtown Ebensburg**

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