



EBENSBURG BULLETIN

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Ebensburg Borough Welcomes New Faces

Mr. Will Westrick, a lifelong Ebensburg Borough resident has been sworn in as Ebensburg Borough's Junior Councilor. The Junior Councilor position was first created by Council in 2002. Council recognized the importance of involving residents of all ages in the decision-making process, and that, while not yet able to vote for its elected representatives, youth nonetheless have an interest in the operation of borough government. The position was last occupied in 2012 and there have been no applicants since then. The term is June– May. The junior member is permitted to attend all meetings of Council (except executive sessions) and all committee meetings and is permitted to participate fully in those proceedings, except shall not be afforded the right to vote.



Mr. Westrick is currently a junior at Central Cambria High School and is a varsity athlete in football, basketball, baseball and is an avid outdoorsman.

"I took the opportunity to become a junior member of Borough Council because I wanted to get more involved in local government and it was the perfect chance to do so." - Will Westrick

OLDHAM & PROKOP JOIN PUBLIC WORKS CREW

Mr. Caleb Oldham and Mr. Logan Prokop joined the Borough public works crew in February and August, 2020, respectively. They joined veteran crew members

Randy Lauer, Tim Frank, Josh Surkovich and Public Works Director, Jeff Evans.



Caleb Oldham



Logan Prokop



L to R: Tim Frank, Jeff Evans, Logan Prokop, Josh Surkovich, Caleb Oldham.

Absent: Randy Lauer

Council Adopts 2021 Budget - Borough Council has adopted a \$6,063,450 budget for 2021. The budget avoids a tax increase for the 11th consecutive year. There are several projects planned in 2021 including:

- 1) Replacement of a police cruiser.
- 2) Replacement of the signal housings on the Manor Drive traffic signal.
- 3) Enhance security at the water treatment plant.
- 4) Upgrades at the swimming pool including new deck chairs and tile repairs.
- 5) Repairs at Lake Rowena including a French drain, pier repairs and remodeling of the concession stand.

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A Successful 2020

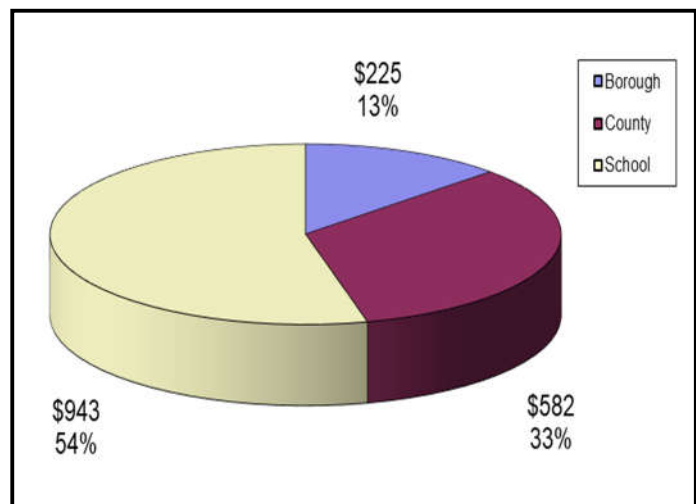
Council and staff were able to complete many projects during 2020:

1. Made extensive improvements to the playing surfaces at Memorial Field.
2. Coordinated the opening of the reservoir property for recreational use.
3. Worked with Inclusive Ebensburg to help ensure equality for all citizens.
4. Awarded contracts for sewer line extensions near West Horner Street.
5. Awarded a contract for repairs to the reservoir drain valve.
6. Obtained certification in the PA Sustainable Community Program.
7. Completed a full re-appraisal of Borough and Authority property.
8. Completed installation of new curbs and sidewalk on Caroline Street, Horner Street, Crawford Street and Sample Street.
9. Milled and resurfaced all streets in northeast quadrant of town.
10. Replaced a dump truck.
11. Approved plans for a Dog Park at Lake Rowena.
12. Resurfaced the airport runway.
13. Obtained a grant for resurfacing of airport taxiway.

COMPARISON OF TAXING AUTHORITIES

The average Ebensburg Borough taxpayer pays approximately \$226 (13 mills) per year for borough services. This pays for the most basic borough services such as police protection, fire protection, street sweeping, snow plowing, street resurfacing, traffic signals, recreation, leaf collection, playgrounds, street lighting and other similar activities.

The borough's real estate tax represents only 13% of the total property tax bill paid by borough taxpayers. Thirty-three (33%) percent of taxes paid by borough taxpayers goes to county government (33.5 mills), and fifty-four (54%) percent goes to the local school district (54.25 mills).



EBENSBURG WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES

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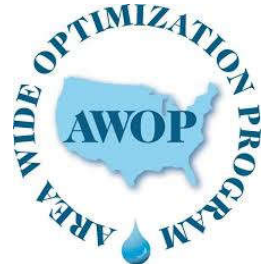
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and find us on Facebook!

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Smoker's Square, 1104 W. High Street, Ste. B
Phone: 814-846-5133
Specialty tobacco and tobacco products
shop featuring a skill game lounge.

Ebensburg Water Treatment Plant Receives AWOP Award

The PA Department of Environmental Protection has selected Ebensburg's water treatment plant to receive an Area Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) Award. AWOP is a national filter plant optimization effort among various states, the EPA and the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators. The award recognizes outstanding efforts toward optimizing filter plant turbidity performance. This year the 31 top-performing filter plants received the award.





Ebensburg Borough Health & Wellness Facility

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 9 am - 9 pm
 Saturday 10 am - 9 pm
 Sunday Noon - 9 pm

Phone: 814-472-4277
www.yfccrec.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: Lisa, Justin & Sheila. Classes are open for drop-ins at a rate of \$5.00/class or \$30.00/month. The YPCC is also affiliated with SilverSneakers, Silver & Fit, Prime and Affinity. (Check with your insurance provider to see if you qualify for the benefit.)

Monthly Fitness Membership Fees:	
Adult	\$30
Seniors (55+ years)	\$25
Student/Military	\$25
Family (1 Adult & 1 Student)	\$50
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 \$10.

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.

Bike Rental Program: In a partnership with Ebensburg Bicycle Shop owner, Tim Illig, and Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority, the YPCC started a bike rental program in 2018. Rentals can be hourly (\$8/adult or \$6/youth) or full day (\$32/adult or \$24/youth). Rentals include a helmet and anyone under the age of 12 is required by PA law to wear a helmet. A waiver of liability must be signed before renting. Check out more details of the program at www.yfccrec.com.

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 \$50.00. 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.

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. In addition to the outdoor Borough Pool, the YPCC is also managing swimming lessons and open swims at the Central Cambria High School Pool.

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

Ebensburg Borough Pool	Hours of Operation:
Opens May 29, 2021	Monday - Thursday 12 pm - 7 pm
	Friday - Sunday 12 pm - 6 pm

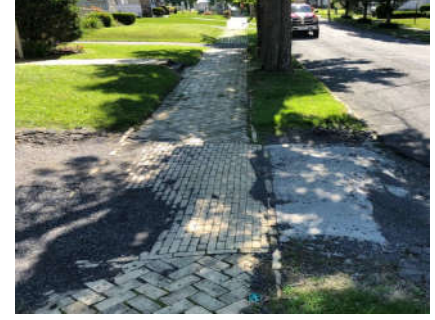
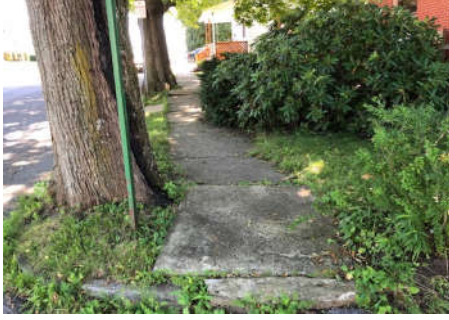
Pending COVID-19 restrictions, Daily Rates and Multi-Visit Passes may be available.

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; rorycoleman@gmail.com for more information.

Resident of Ebensburg Borough Seasonal Rates	
Individual Adult	\$120
Individual Child or Senior	\$100
Add on per Person	\$35
Non-Resident of Ebensburg Borough Seasonal Rates	
Individual Adult	\$150
Individual Child or Senior	\$130
Add on per Person	\$40

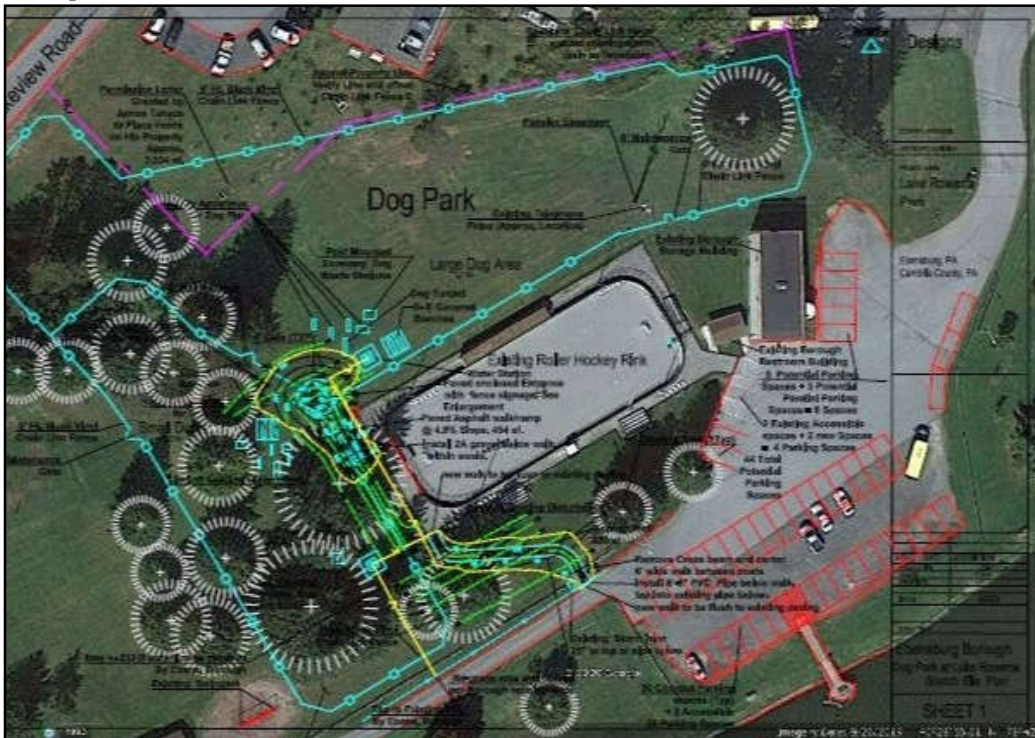
2021 SIDEWALK PROJECT

The 2021 sidewalk and curb project will affect West Sample Street, West Crawford Street and West Horner Street. All work is limited to those blocks between West Street and Center Street. The contract for this year's project is expected to be awarded in February, with construction starting as soon as weather permits. This year's project is about one-third the size of last year's project and should be completed by mid-summer. Once completed, all streets in that quadrant of town will be milled and resurfaced.



EBENSBURG ROTARY DOG PARK PLANS ARE UNDERWAY

Ebensburg Rotary Club members have been working hard planning a great new project for our community - The Ebensburg Rotary Dog Park! We are still very much in the preliminary planning stages but we need your help to bring it to fruition! The dog park will be paid for and built by the Ebensburg Rotary Club with money raised specifically for this project. It will be built on Borough property near Lake Rowena and the Borough will maintain it. The dog park will have two sections - one for large dogs and one for small dogs. It will also include water stations, waste stations, obstacles, benches, and perimeter fencing. We are hoping to have the Dog Park completed in 2021.



A GoFundMe page has been set up for anyone who wishes to make a donation to the project: www.gofundme.com/f/ebensburg-rotary-dog-park.

Donations may also be mailed to:
Rotary Club of Ebensburg,
P.O. Box 231,
Ebensburg, PA 15931.

Donation boxes will also be set up in several businesses throughout Ebensburg in the next few weeks.

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Ebensburg for their efforts in bringing this Dog Park to our community!

WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

All customer water meters were replaced in 2012 and 2013 with updated electronic meters capable of transmitting meter readings directly to the borough office.

Those electronic meters have a life of approximately ten years. In order to avoid a large capital expenditure in a single year, borough crews will begin an ongoing program of gradually replacing meters over the next few years. Each year crews will replace 100 to 200 water meters.



Ebensburg Borough Ordinance requires that property owners clear sidewalks after the end of a snowfall within 12 hours.

- Shovel the sidewalks full width to the bare pavement.
- Sprinkle a little sand to help prevent slipping on frosty sidewalks.
- DO NOT shovel snow into streets and alleys.
- Clear curb cuts at corners and crosswalks.
- Arrange for someone to shovel if you are unable or on vacation.

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

What are Chlorination Byproducts?

The Ebensburg Water System has repeatedly notified customers over the past two years of an issue dealing with high levels of byproducts of the disinfection process. Those byproducts are Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5).

This problem is affecting only a handful of customers along the Route 22 corridor near the airport. That area is served by water we purchase from the Greater Johnstown Water Authority's Saltlick Reservoir in Mineral Point. The remainder of our water system, including customers in the borough, are served by water from Ebensburg's own reservoirs, and treated at our own water treatment facility. Those customers are not affected at all by byproducts. Unfortunately, if the high level of byproducts are detected anywhere in the distribution system, then all customers on the system must be notified.

The Johnstown Water Authority has taken steps aimed at eliminating this problem, and we hope the issue is now resolved. There is no need for customers to boil water or take any other precautions. Again, only customers near the airport are affected.

Ebensburg Borough Volunteer Opportunities

Ebensburg Borough has many boards and commissions for which residents and non-residents can volunteer to serve.

Volunteer opportunities open up from time to time, and there is now a process by which individuals can submit a Statement of Interest for consideration of appointment to one these board or commissions.

Meetings are generally held once a month, though some are on an as needed basis. If you are interested in getting more involved in local government, please visit www.ebensburgpa.com/boards-commissions/ to find a "Statement of Interest."





PRO DISPOSAL 2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
1288 Washington Avenue, Summerhill, PA 814-487-7033

Reminder: All garbage & recycling must be curbside by 6 am regardless of the day it is being picked up. Weekly pick-ups happening after a scheduled holiday will be moved forward one day.

2021 GARBAGE COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- New Year's Day - Friday, January 1, 2021 - All Thursday collections will run on schedule. Friday will be picked up on Saturday, January 2nd.**
- Memorial Day - Monday, May 31, 2021 - All collections will be picked up one day late.**
- Independence Day - Sunday, July 4, 2021 - No change in collections.**
- Labor Day - Monday, September 6, 2021 - All collections will be picked up one day late.**
- Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 25, 2021 - All collections will be picked up one day late.**
- Christmas Day - Friday, December 25, 2021 - No change in collections.**

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The Cambria County Solid Waste Authority, located at 507 Manor Drive in Ebensburg, accepts electronics for recycling during business hours - Monday - Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. You may contact their office with any questions at 814-472-2109 or visit cambriarecycles.org.

COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLES - The following materials are recyclable:

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

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



Ebensburg Main Street Partnership - Join the Movement!

Is your business a member of the Ebensburg Main Street Partnership? If not, we ask that you consider joining for just \$50.00 a year! The Partnership works hard toward making Ebensburg an enjoyable, desirable and fun place to live and work.

Here are just some of the accomplishments of the Partnership this past year:

- Received National Accreditation for 6th straight year from Main Street America.
 - Awarded the Cambria Regional Chamber's Cultural Affairs Award.
 - Dispersed \$16,246.00 in matching grants secured through the PA DCED for façade improvement projects.
 - Assisted members with business promotions, advertising, ribbon-cuttings, announcements and events.
 - Hosted community events like: Concerts in the Park (extended series), Farmer's Markets, Movie in the Park, Homecoming, Spud Stroll and a Roving Christmas Parade.
 - Hosted "Save Our Shops" Contests, Small Business Saturday Contest and Christmas Decorating Contests.
- Visit us at ebensburgmainstreet.com for more information or reach out to Danae Koss at dkoss@ebensburgpa.com or 814-472-8414.



Sign-up for Our Email List of Ebensburg Happenings

Would you like to receive emails with specials, events, promotions happening at our local businesses? Contact Danae Koss at dkoss@ebensburgpa.com and request to be added to the Ebensburg Main Street Partnership email distribution list. Emails contain information on Ebensburg events, as well as local happenings with our Ebensburg Main Street Partnership business members.



Sign Up for our Email List

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 & 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 or call 814-471-2980.

TENNIS LESSON RATES

Private Lessons		Clinics/Group Lessons	
1 hour private lesson	\$60	1 hour clinic	\$14
1/2 hour private lesson	\$35	1 1/2 clinic	\$20
*1 hour private lesson	\$65	*1 hour clinic	\$15
*1/2 hour private lesson	\$37	*1 1/2 hour clinic	\$22

**Prices are for students who are non-members of the tennis center.*

TENNIS MEMBERSHIP RATES

Single - \$160

Family - \$210 (includes immediate family members)

Junior - \$65 (17 and under)

***Out of Town Membership** - \$70 Single

***Out of Town Membership** - \$125 Family

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

Fall/Winter All You Can Play Pass

Cost:

Single - \$360

Family - \$550

* Pass runs from Sept 8th thru May 16th, 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 one week in advance.

Fall/Winter Court Rates for Indoor Play

Mon - Fri 9 am - 4 pm \$25
4 pm - 9 pm \$27
9 pm - 9 am \$12

Sat - Sun 9 am - 2 pm \$24
2 pm - 7 pm \$22
7 pm - 9 am \$12

* 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 \$4.



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

2020 has come and gone and I can no longer accept tax payments for that year. If you owe real estate taxes from 2020, you can contact the Tax Claims Office at the Cambria County Courthouse at 814-472-1445 to set-up payments. If you did not pay your school per capita tax for 2020, Berkheimer Associates will contact you with the amount due. If you moved during 2020 (in or out of Ebensburg Borough), be sure to contact the tax office to update your information so your current year tax bills are mailed to the correct address. 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.

Shovelers and Grass Cutters

The borough office often receives calls from residents searching for someone to hire to shovel sidewalks in the winter or cut grass in the summer. The office staff would like to maintain a list of persons interested in performing such work. Anyone interested in picking up some work shoveling or mowing can call the borough office and have their name and number added to the list.



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Ebensburg Community Events

Art in Bloom Spring Art Show*

April 24 & April 25
Cambria County Courthouse

Ebensburg Borough Spring Clean-Up

Thursday & Friday, April 29 & 30th

Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

Monday, May 31, 10 am - Veteran's Memorial Park

17th Annual Wheels & Wings*

Thursday, June 24, 5 pm - 10 pm
Downtown Ebensburg

Movie in the Park*

Friday, July 9, 8:30 pm - Veteran's Memorial Park

YPCC Golf Outing

Friday, June 11, Ebensburg Country Club

Downtown Shutdown*

Friday, July 30, 6 pm - 11 pm
Center of Downtown Ebensburg

Ebensburg Homecoming*

Saturday, July 31, ALL DAY
Ebensburg Area & Lake Rowena

Concerts in the Park*

Aug. 6, 13, 20 & 27 - 6 pm to 9 pm
Penn Eben Park

Farmer's Market*

Every Saturday, 9 am - 12 pm - Penn Eben Park
July 10 - September 18

YPCC Beer & Wine 5K

August 7, Lake Rowena

American Legion County Fair

Always Labor Day Week
September 5 - 11
Cambria County Fairgrounds

Festival of Books in the Alleghenies

September 17 - 18, 2021
Downtown Ebensburg
www.festivalofbooks.com

30th Annual PotatoFest*

Saturday, September 25, 9 am - 5 pm
Downtown Ebensburg

Fall Foliage Bike 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

Small Business Saturday*

Saturday, November 27

16th Annual Dickens of a Christmas*

Friday, December 3 - Sunday, December 5
Downtown Ebensburg

**Sponsored by Ebensburg Main Street Partnership*